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All Owners, Managers and Representatives
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

Subject: The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to Sudan) Order of 2010

1. I refer to the above subject and further to my previous Circular No. 8/2005 (dated 05.05.2005) regarding the issuing of P.I. 205/2005, I wish to inform you that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus, in exercising its powers under section 3 of the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation) Laws 1966-1971, issued the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to Sudan) Order of 2010, P.I. 360/2010¹, which implements the United Nations Security Council Resolutions 1556 (2004) and 1591 (2005) as well as the European Union Council Common Position 2005/411/CFSP and Council Regulation (EC) 131/2004 as amended by Council Regulation (EC) 838/2005.
2. In implementing the aforementioned Instruments, Order P.I. 360/2010 prohibits the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related materiel, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, as well as of technical assistance related to military activities, whether originating or not from their territories, to Sudan and in particular, notwithstanding the said general prohibition, to any non- governmental entities and individuals, including the Janjaweed, operating in the territory of North, South and West Darfur of Sudan and to all the parties to the N'adjamena Ceasefire Agreement.
3. In conformity with the aforementioned Instruments, Order P.I. 360/2010 further provides that this prohibition does not apply in respect of the transportation of:
 - (1) (a) non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian, human rights monitoring or protective use, for institution building programmes of the UN, the African Union, the EU and the Community, or material intended for EU, UN and African Union crisis management operations; and

¹ Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4445, Supplement III (I), dated 06.08.2010.

(b) de-mining equipment and materiel for use in de-mining operations;

on condition that such deliveries have been approved in advance by the competent authority of the Member State in question; and

(2) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Sudan by the United Nations personnel, European Union personnel, of the Community or of its Member States, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel, for their personal use only.

4. Finally, Order P.I. 360/2010 repeals previous Order P.I. 205/2005.

5. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of Order P.I. 360/2010.

This Circular must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.

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