MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING LEMESOS

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To all Owners, Managers, Masters and Representatives of Ships under Cyprus flag.

Subject: The Arms and Related Materiel (Prohibition of Transportation by Cyprus Ships of Military Equipment to Zimbabwe)Order 2002/Implementation of EU Common Position 2002/145/CFSP.

- 1.I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus in exercise of the powers vested in it by Section 3 of the Cyprus Ships Prohibition of Transportation Laws 1966-1971(Law 26/66 as amended),adopted the Arms and Related Materiel (Prohibition of Transportation by Cyprus Ships of Military Equipment to Zimbabwe)Order 2002(Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No 3587,Supplement III(I)dated 22/03/02,P.I No 142/2002).
- 2. The Order P.I.No.142/2002 in conformity with the European Council Common Position 2002/145/CFSP, prohibits the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and relevant spare parts that are destined for Zimbabwe.

The prohibition does not apply to supplies of non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use and related technical assistance, as well as to protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets provisionally exported to Zimbabwe for the personal use of the UN personnel, representatives of the media and humanitarian workers and personnel.

3.Under Section 5 of the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation)Laws 1966-1971,the Master as well as the owner of any Cyprus ship which, in contravention of any prohibition Order issued under section 3 of said Laws ,transports any cargo or calls at prohibited ports, shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to imprisonment for a term not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding ten thousand pounds or to both such imprisonment and fine.

The Owners and Masters of Cyprus Ships are advised to strictly abide by the above Order.

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