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

Subject: The Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms , Military Equipment and Related Materiel to Burma -Myanmar) Order 2002 /Implementation of EU Common Position 96/635/CFSP as amended by 2001/757/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 Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms , Military Equipment and Related Materiel to Burma -Myanmar)Order 2002 (Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No 3637,Supplement III(I)dated 20/09/02,P.I No 429/2002).
2. The above Order , in conformity with the European Council Common Position 96/635/CFSP as amended by 2001/757/CFSP, prohibits the transportation by Cyprus ships of:
 - a) arms , munitions, military equipment , including weapons designed to kill and their ammunition ,weapon platforms, non- weapon platforms and ancillary equipment;
 - b) all kinds of components or spare parts , destined for repairs and maintenance of military equipment and for transfer of military technology;
 - c) any cargoes transported to Burma-Myanmar, destined for development programmes but excluding those for humanitarian aid .
3. Exemptions from the provisions of subparagraph c) ,of paragraph 2 above , may be permitted for projects and programmes in support of human rights and democracy as well as for programmes concentrating on poverty alleviation and , in particular , on the provision of basic needs for the poorest section of the population ,in the context of decentralized cooperation between local civilian authorities and non –governmental Organizations.

4. 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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