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



DEPARTMENT
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
LEMESOS

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

1. I refer to the above subject and further to my previous Circular No. 30/2006 (dated 11.12.2006) regarding the issuing of P.I. 359/2006, 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 Liberia) Order of 2010, P.I. 345/2010¹, which implements the United Nations Security Council Resolution 1903 (2009) as well as the European Union Council Common Position 2008/109/CFSP as amended by the European Union Council Decision 2010/129/CFSP.
2. In implementing the aforementioned Instruments, Order P.I. 345/2010 prohibits the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related materiel to any individuals or non- governmental entities operating in the territory of Liberia.
3. In conformity with the aforementioned Instruments, Order P.I. 345/2010 further provides that this prohibition does not apply in respect of the transportation of:
 - (a) arms and related materiel as well as technical training and assistance intended solely for support of or use by the United Nations Mission in Liberia;
 - (b) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Liberia by United Nations personnel, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel, for their personal use only;
 - (c) other non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, and related technical assistance and training, provided that such transportation has been communicated in advance to the Sanctions Committee².

¹ Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4443, Supplement III (I), dated 23.07.2010.

² Established pursuant to UNSCR 1521 (2003).

4. Order P.I. 344/2010 moreover provides that:
 - (a) the transportation of arms and related materiel as described in the preceding paragraphs 3 (a) and (c) shall be subject to an authorisation granted by the competent authority of the Republic of Cyprus; and
 - (b) the Sanctions Committee shall be notified in advance by the Republic of Cyprus, for any shipment of arms and related materiel to the Government of Liberia except those referred to in paragraphs 3 (a) and (b) of this Circular. The said notifications should include all relevant information, which the shipowner of a Cyprus ship is required to provide to the competent authority, including, where applicable, the type and quantity of weapons and ammunitions delivered, the end-user, the proposed date of delivery and the itinerary of shipments.
5. Finally, Order P.I. 345/2010 repeals previous Order P.I. 359/2006.
6. 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. 345/2010.

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

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