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MARINE ADVISORY NOTE 01-2010

RE: General Guidance on Consideration of Carriage of certain Military Cargo

TO: All Owners/Operators and Masters of Liberian Flag Vessels

Dear Owner/Operator/Master:

This Advisory provides general guidance information concerning carriage of certain military cargo on board Liberian flag vessels in response to the increase number of inquiries on the validity of transportation of military cargo or whether trade restriction exist on transportation of such cargo. In this regard, the Administration notes that as a general matter, it will not interpose objection when a charterer has made a request to the ship owner/operator, provided the following consideration have been assessed and met:

1. Location (port country) from where the cargo will originate, and such country is not subject to any United Nations or appropriate U.S. sanction restricting trade;
2. Port location (country) of delivery of the cargo, and such country is not subject to any United Nations or appropriate U.S. sanction restricting trade;
3. In regards to source of the sanctions, interested ship operators should contact the UN or the US authorities in case they wish to obtain a preliminary confirmation of a particular country to which or from which the cargo is being shipped to see if that country is affected by a trade sanction.
4. Documentation of the specific type of cargo, military equipment or parts and whether the type of cargo meets IMDG Code requirement.
5. Provide the Liberian Administration with a copy of the documentation of compliance with the IMDG Code.
6. The identity of group or agent who will be taking custody of the cargo at the receiving/delivery port.

The following is Contact Information that is current as of the date of this Advisory:

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With an assessment made of the above and written confirmation made to the Administration, the Administration will not have objection to the transportation of the documented cargo.

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