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**GEORGIAN PORT AUTHORITIES CONFIRMED THE TRANSIT OF FRENCH BASTIONS TO ARMENIA**

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The APM Terminals Poti company confirmed to the Georgian service of Radio Liberty the transit of French weapons to Armenia through the port of Poti. According to media reports, the shipment includes Bastion multi-purpose armored vehicles.

In this particular case, the cargo arrived from an EU country – France and was sent to Armenia – a country that is not subject to sanctions, the company operating the port of Poti said in a statement. In addition, in the absence of clear instructions from the Government of Georgia and restrictions imposed by international regulators, APM Terminals Poti is deprived of the ability to unreasonably refuse to accept cargo that is not sanctioned.

Earlier, Azerbaijan strongly condemned Frances shipment of Bastion armored vehicles to Armenia, said Azerbaijani Foreign Ministry spokesman Aykhan Hajizadeh. The Azerbaijani portal Caliber.Az reported that on the night of November 11-12, Bastion armored vehicles manufactured by ACMAT were shipped to the port of Poti. Components for Bastion have also been sent – the sender is the French company ARQUUS, the message said.

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