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To all Owners, Managers, Representatives and Agents in Cyprus of Ships, irrespective of flag they are flying, calling at Cyprus ports

#### Subject: <u>New European Union restrictive measures in view of the gravity of the situation</u> in Ukraine (10<sup>th</sup> Package of restrictive measures)

- 1. I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you of the recent adoption of the following additional European Union restrictive measures in view of the gravity of the situation in Ukraine reflected in new legal acts adopted on 25 February 2023 (10<sup>th</sup> Package of restrictive measures):
  - I. European Union restrictive measures amending Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine:

### • Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/432<sup>1</sup> of 25 February 2023:

This Decision, inter alia:

- adds 87 persons and 34 entities responsible for actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP;
- extends to three newly-listed banks derogations from the asset freeze and from the prohibition on making funds and economic resources available that were applicable to already-listed banks, and to allow the processing of payments by the Jewish Claims Conference through one of them;

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023D0432&from=EN</u>



- allows the release or the making available of certain frozen funds or economic resources necessary for the disposal or the transfer of securities by an entity established in the Union currently or previously controlled by a specific listed entity;
- allows the release or the making available of certain frozen funds or economic resources necessary for the termination of operations, contracts or other agreements with a listed entity, and extends by three months the deadline for the derogation to allow the sale and transfer of proprietary rights in a legal person, entity or body established in the Union owned by a listed natural or legal person, entity or body.

# II. European Union restrictive measures implementing Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine:

#### • Council Regulation (EU) 2023/426<sup>2</sup> of 25 February 2023:

This Regulation introduces amendments to Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 in order to take regulatory action at the level of the Union to implement the amendments adopted by Decision (CFSP) 2023/432 as analysed above.

#### • Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/429<sup>3</sup> of 25 February 2023:

This Regulation adds 87 persons and 34 entities responsible for actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.

# III. European Union restrictive measures amending Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine:

• Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/434<sup>4</sup> of 25 February 2023

This Decision introduces certain exemptions for Union operators to provide pilot services to vessels in innocent passage as defined by international law which are necessary for reasons of maritime safety.<sup>5</sup>

In addition, this Decision, inter alia:

- restricts the possibility to hold any posts in the governing bodies of critical entities, European critical infrastructure, and critical infrastructure;<sup>6</sup>
- prohibits the provision of gas storage capacity in the Union to Russian nationals, natural persons residing in Russia or legal persons or entities established in Russia;<sup>7</sup>
- prohibits the transit via the territory of Russia of dual-use goods and technology and of arms exported from the Union;<sup>8</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R0426&from=EN</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R0429&from=EN

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023D0434&from=EN

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Articles 1aa and 4s of Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Article 1I of Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>7</sup> Article 1m of Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Articles 3 and 4m of Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

- adds 96 entries to the list of legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Annex IV to Decision 2014/512/CFSP;
- provides for rules on the release by the customs authorities of the Member States of goods which are physically in the Union and which had already been presented to customs authorities when they became subject to such restrictions;<sup>9</sup>
- extends the list of partner countries which are applying a set of export control measures substantially equivalent to those set out in Decision 2014/512/CFSP.

## IV. European Union restrictive measures amending Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine:

• Council Regulation (EU) 2023/427<sup>10</sup> of 25 February 2023:

This Regulation introduces amendments to Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 in order to take regulatory action at the level of the Union to implement the amendments adopted by Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/434.

Accordingly, this Regulation provides for certain exemptions for Union operators to provide **pilot services to vessels in innocent passage** as defined by international law which are necessary for reasons of maritime safety<sup>11</sup>.

2. The European Commission has issued relevant "Questions and Answers" regarding the 10th package of restrictive measures which is obtainable from below link:

https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/ganda\_23\_1187

3. A regularly updated list of all the European Union restrictive measures may be found on the website of the Official Journal of the European Union (<u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/oj/direct-access.html</u>) and on the **EU Sanctions Map** (<u>https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main</u>).

In addition, the "European Union Consolidated Financial Sanctions List", regularly updated by DG FISMA, may be found on below link <a href="https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/fsd/fsf/public/files/pdfFullSanctionsList/content?token">https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/fsd/fsf/public/files/pdfFullSanctionsList/content?token</a> =dG9rZW4tMjAxNw .

In view of the gravity of the situation in Ukraine, it is stressed that, the relevant restrictive measures are subject to constant review by the European Union thus, it is advisable to regularly consult the aforementioned links.

- Furthermore, additional information in view of the gravity of the situation in Ukraine may be found on the **specialised link** created on the SDM website titled "Information in view of the gravity of the situation in Ukraine": (<u>https://www.dms.gov.cy/dms/shipping.nsf/all/75954F9E737CE2DCC225880E00321DEB?ope</u> ndocument).
- 5. All recipients of the present Sanctions Information Notice are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of *The Implementation of the Provisions of the U.N.* Security Council Resolutions or Decisions (Sanctions) and the E.U. Council Decisions and Regulations (Restrictive Measures) Law of 2016 (Law 58(I)/2016), as well as the EU Instruments implemented by virtue thereof, and SDM Sanctions Information Notices.

<sup>10</sup> <u>https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R0427&from=EN</u>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> Articles 4k and 4t of Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> Articles 5aa and 12d of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 as amended.

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