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**DEPARTMENT  
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING  
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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers  
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag

To all Owners, Managers and Representatives of ships, irrespective of flag,  
calling Cyprus ports or sailing within the territorial sea of the Republic of Cyprus  
*c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber*  
*c/o Cyprus Union of Shipowners*  
*c/o Cyprus Shipping Association*

**Subject: New European Union restrictive measures against Syria- Council Decision 2012/634/CFSP of 15 October 2012 amending Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria**

I refer to the above matter and further to DMS Circulars No. 38/2011, No.13/2012, No.30/2012, No. 36/2012, No. 37/2012 and No. 52/2012, I wish to inform you of the recent adoption by the Council of the European Union of **Council Decision 2012/634/CFSP** amending Decision 2011/782/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria.

2. Council Decision 2012/634/CFSP introduces a new Article 2a amending **Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP** which prohibits the transport of arms and related material of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, **from Syria or originating in Syria**. This prohibition is already reflected in national Prohibition Order P.I. 281/2012\* of which you were informed in preceding DMS Circulars.

3. Furthermore, Amending Decision 2012/634/CFSP now provides that it shall be prohibited to provide, directly or indirectly, financing or financial assistance, including financial derivatives, as well as **insurance and reinsurance**, and brokering services related to

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\* the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel, of Syrian Denominated Banknotes and Coinage, of Crude Oil and Petroleum Products and of Luxury Goods to and from Syria) Order of 2012, published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4583, Supplement III (I), dated 27.07.2012.



insurance and reinsurance, **for any transport** of the items referred to in the above paragraph, from Syria or originating in Syria (see paragraph 2. of new Article 2a introduced in initial Decision 2011/782/CFSP).

4. The text of the aforesaid EU instrument may be obtained from <http://eur-lex.europa.eu/>. A regularly updated list of all the European Union restrictive measures in force can be found at [http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures\\_en.pdf](http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures_en.pdf).

5. It is recalled that EU instruments have a direct effect and are binding on shipowners /ship operators and any violation may expose them to relevant penalties under the Cyprus legislation or the legislation of any other Member State.

6. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content (in addition to the content of previous Circulars on the matter) and should strictly abide by the provisions of the EU Instruments imposing restrictive measures against Syria and by Order P.I. 281/2012.

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



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