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

Subject: (1) European Union Council Decision 2011/273/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria, as amended;
(2) European Union Council Regulation (EC) 442/2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria, as amended.

1. I refer to the above subject and wish to inform you of the recent adoption by the European Council of Decision 2011/273/CFSP as amended by Decision 2011/522/CFSP and Regulation 442/2011 as amended by Regulation 878/2011 imposing restrictive measures against Syria.

For the purposes of compliance with the above European instruments and in particular for the purposes of prohibiting the transportation of arms by Cyprus ships and related materiel to and from Syria, a new Prohibition Order is currently at the stage of being adopted by the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus, expected to be published in the Official Gazette of the Republic in the forthcoming days. Details as to the issue and contents of the Prohibition Order will follow via a separate Circular.

2. The aforementioned EU Instruments due to their recent amendment by Decision 2011/522/CFSP and Regulation 878/2011, apart from providing for specific transportation prohibition, further prohibit the transportation of crude oil or petroleum products if they originate in Syria or are being exported from Syria to any other country.

Regulation 878/2011 defines petroleum products as per the attached Annex. It furthermore provides that such prohibition shall not apply to the execution on or prior to 15 November 2011, of an obligation arising from a contract concluded before 2 September 2011, provided that the natural or legal person, entity or body seeking to perform the obligation concerned, has notified at least 7 working days in advance the activity or transaction to the competent authorities of the Member State in which it is established, as identified on the websites listed in Annex III of the amending Regulation.



3. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of European Council Decision 2011/273/CFSP as amended by Decision 2011/522/CFSP and Regulation 442/2011 as amended by Regulation 878/2011.
4. The text of the aforementioned European Union instruments may be found on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu>.

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



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 - Cyprus Shipping Chamber
 - Cyprus Union of Shipowners
 - Cyprus Shipping Association
 - Cyprus Bar Association

ANNEX

List of Petroleum Products and HS Code ¹

HS Code	Description
2709 00	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude:
2710	Petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, other than crude; preparations not elsewhere specified or included, containing by weight 70 % or more of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals, these oils being the basic constituents of the preparations; waste oils:
2711	Petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons:
2712	Petroleum jelly; paraffin wax, microcrystalline petroleum wax, slack wax, ozokerite, lignite wax, peat wax, other mineral waxes, and similar products obtained by synthesis or by other processes, whether or not coloured:
2713	Petroleum coke, petroleum bitumen and other residues of petroleum oils or of oils obtained from bituminous minerals:
2714	Bitumen and asphalt, natural; bituminous or oil-shale and tar sands; asphaltites and asphaltic rocks:
2715 00 00	Bituminous mixtures based on natural asphalt, on natural bitumen, on petroleum bitumen, on mineral tar or on mineral tar pitch (for example, bituminous mastics, cut-backs) ¹ .

¹ Annex IV of EU Council Regulation 442/2011 as amended.