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### SANCTIONS INFORMATION NOTICE

To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers  
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag

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

*c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber*  
*c/o Cyprus Union of Shipowners*  
*c/o Cyprus Shipping Association*

**Subject: Additional UN and EU restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK)**

1. I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circulars No.6/2010, No. 13/2013, No. 18/2013, No.11/2016, No.21/2016 and to Sanctions Information Notices SIN No. 1/2017, No. 4/2017, No. 8/2017 and No. 13/2017, I wish to inform you of the **very recent** adoption of the following **additional** UN and EU restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea ("DPRK")-

- **United Nations Security Council Resolution ("UNSCR") 2375 (2017)** of 11 September 2017;
- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1562** of 14 September 2017 amending Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;
- **Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1548** of 14 September 2017 amending Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;
- **Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1573** of 15 September 2017 implementing Decision (CFSP) 2016/849 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea;



- **Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1568** of 15 September 2017 implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

2. The text of the United Nations Security Resolutions may be found on <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/> whereas a regularly updated list of all the European Union restrictive measures may be found on the European Commission's website [http://eeas.europa.eu/archives/docs/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures\\_en.pdf](http://eeas.europa.eu/archives/docs/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures_en.pdf).

3. **UNSCR 2375 (2017)** further **reinforces** the economic sanctions against the DPRK and it reaffirms previous UNSCRs including UNSCR 1718 (2006), 1874 (2009), 2087 (2013), 2094 (2013), 2270 (2016), 2321 (2016), 2356 (2017) and 2371 (2017). **UNSCR 2375 (2017)** *inter alia* provides for the following measures -

- **all vessels** are subject to **inspection on the high seas** by a State, with the consent of the flag State, if such a State has information that provides reasonable grounds to believe that the **cargo of such vessels** contains items the supply, sale, transfer or export of which is **prohibited** by the relevant UNSCRs;
- the direct or indirect **supply, sale or transfer** to the DPRK, through the territories or by the nationals, or **using the flag vessels** of the Member States, and whether or not originating in their territories, **of all refined petroleum products is prohibited**;
- **all vessels** are prohibited from engaging in the procurement of textiles (including but not limited to fabrics and partially or completed apparel products) from the DPRK;
- the Sanctions Committee established under UNSCR 1718 (2016<sup>1</sup>) may **designate vessels** for which it has information indicating they are, or have been, **related to activities prohibited** by the relevant resolutions. All States are required to **prohibit the entry** into their **ports** of such **designated vessels**;
- **all vessels** are **prohibited** from **facilitating or engaging in ship-to-ship transfers** to or from **DPRK-flagged vessels of any goods or items** that are being supplied, sold, or transferred to or from the DPRK.

4. **Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1562** introduces a few amendments to **Decision (CFSP) 2016/849** in order to implement certain measures deemed necessary as a result of the UNSCRs and in particular of UNSCR 2371 (2017).

5. **Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1548** amending the recently adopted Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 (SIN No. 13/2017 is of relevance) introduces new restrictive measures against the DPRK. It provides that it shall be prohibited to-

- import, purchase or transfer, directly or indirectly, **seafood, including fish, crustaceans, molluscs, and other aquatic invertebrates in all forms**, as listed in **Annex XIa**, from the DPRK, whether or not originating in the DPRK (see new Article 16(a) of Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 as amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1548);

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<sup>1</sup> Information on the Sanctions Committee's work and relevant material and Resolutions can be retrieved from the Committee's website <https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/1718>.

- import, purchase or transfer, directly or indirectly, **lead and lead ore**, as listed in **Annex XIb**, from the DPRK, whether or not originating in the DPRK (see new Article 16(b) of Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 as amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1548);
- **own, lease, operate, charter, insure or provide vessel classification services or associated services, to any vessel flagged to the DPRK** (see new Article 43(c) and exception to this prohibition provided under Article 44.2 of Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1509 as amended by Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1548).

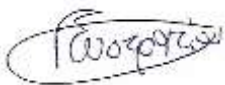
**6. Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1573 and Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1568** amend the Annexes to said EU Instruments listing the natural and legal persons subject to restrictive measures as a result of the amendments introduced by **UNSCR 2375(2017)**.

**7.** It is recalled that the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus, has enacted in April 2016 the *Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions or Decisions (Sanctions) and the European Union Council Decisions and Regulations (Restrictive Measures) Law of 2016 (Law 58(I)/2016)*.<sup>2</sup> The purpose of Law 58(I)/2016 is to set out the obligations of any person or entity in the Republic of Cyprus to abide and comply with all the provisions of the UNSCRs and /or the relevant EU Decisions and Regulations. Under this Law all UN and EU instruments are incorporated and adopted into the national legal order without the need of enacting Prohibition Orders (as was the practice in the past years), and are thus automatically applicable and binding.

For further information on this Law, as well as information on the relevant penalties please refer to our DMS Circular No. 16/2016.

**8.** 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 relevant UN Instruments and EU Instruments as well as the national Prohibition Order P.I. 228/2016 and the DMS Circulars and Sanctions Information Notices.

**This Sanctions Information Notice must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.**



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<sup>2</sup> Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 4564, Supplement I (I) dated 25/4/2016.

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