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Circulars No. 10/2014, 21/2014, 23/2014 and 3/2023

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8/2022, 11/2022, 12/2022, 13/2022, 15/2022, 16/2022, 2/2023 and
3/2023

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

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

**Subject: New European Union restrictive measures in view of the gravity of the situation
in Ukraine (11th 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 five new legal acts adopted on 23 June 2023:

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) 2023/1218¹ of 23 June 2023:**

This Decision, *inter alia*:

- adds 71 persons and 33 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;
- introduces further derogations from the asset freeze and from the prohibition on making funds and economic resources available;

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023D1218>



- with a view to safeguarding maritime safety, it **introduces an exemption from the asset freeze and the prohibition on making funds and economic resources available to allow for the provision of pilot services** in specific circumstances. In particular, in **Article 2**, the following paragraph is added:

“27. The prohibitions set out in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to funds or economic resources that are needed for the provision of pilot services to vessels in innocent passage as defined by international law which are necessary for reasons of maritime safety.”

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) 2023/1215² of 23 June 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) 2023/1218 as analysed above.

- **Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1216³ of 23 June 2023:**

This Regulation adds 71 persons and 33 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) 2023/1217⁴ of 23 June 2023:**

This Decision introduces further restrictive measures which, *inter alia*, include the following:

New prohibition regarding maritime navigation, goods and technology

In Article 4h(2), the following point is added:

“(c) sell, license or transfer in any other way intellectual property rights or trade secrets as well as grant rights to access or re-use any material or information protected by means of intellectual property rights or constituting trade secrets related to the goods and technology referred to in paragraph 1 and to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of those goods and technology, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia.”

New access to ports and locks prohibition: Vessels performing ship-to-ship transfers

The following new Article is inserted:

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R1215>

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R1216>

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023D1217>

“Article 4hb

1. It shall be prohibited, as of 24 July 2023, to provide access to ports and locks in the territory of the Union by any vessel performing ship-to-ship transfers, at any point of the voyage to a Member State’s ports or locks, if the competent authority has reasonable cause to suspect that the vessel is in breach of the prohibitions set out in Article 4o (1) and (2) and Article 4p(1) and (4).

2. A competent authority shall not grant access if a vessel does not notify the competent authority **at least 48 hours in advance about a ship-to-ship transfer occurring within the Exclusive Economic Zone of a Member State or within 12 nautical miles from the baseline of that Member State’s coast.**

3. Paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply in the case of a vessel in need of assistance seeking a place of refuge, of an emergency port call for reasons of maritime safety, or for saving life at sea.

4. By way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 2, the competent authorities may authorise a vessel to access a port or lock in the territory of the Union, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, after having determined that such access is necessary for humanitarian purposes.

5. Upon refusal of a port access call in accordance with paragraphs 1 and 2, the competent authorities concerned shall immediately inform the other competent authorities of the Member States. The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission without delay.

6. For the purposes of paragraphs 1 and 2, the competent authorities shall use, in addition to any national system and information, the integrated maritime information available in the Union Maritime Information and Exchange System (SafeSeaNet) established in accordance with Directive 2002/59/EC of the European Parliament and of the Council.”

New access to ports and locks prohibition: Vessels illegally interfering with, switching off or otherwise disabling their shipborne Automatic Identification System

The following new Article is inserted:

“Article 4hc

1. It shall be prohibited, as of 24 July 2023, to provide access to ports and locks in the territory of the Union by any vessel which the competent authority has reasonable cause to suspect of illegally interfering with, switching off or otherwise disabling its shipborne automatic identification system, at any point of the voyage to a Member State’s ports or locks, in breach of SOLAS Regulation V/19, point 2.4, when transporting crude oil or petroleum products subject to the prohibitions set out in Article 4o(1) and (2) and Article 4p(1) and (4).

2. Paragraph 1 shall not apply in the case of a vessel in need of assistance seeking a place of refuge, of an emergency port call for reasons of maritime safety, or for saving life at sea.

3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the competent authorities may authorise a vessel to access a port or lock in the territory of the Union, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, after having determined that such access is necessary for humanitarian purposes.

4. Upon refusal of a port access call in accordance with paragraph 1, the competent authorities concerned shall immediately inform the other competent authorities of the

Member States. The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission without delay.

5. For the purposes of paragraph 1, the competent authorities shall use, in addition to any national system and information, the integrated maritime information available in the Union Maritime Information and Exchange System (SafeSeaNet) established in accordance with Directive 2002/59/EC.”

Derogations regarding vessels that have flown the Russian Federation flag under a bareboat charter registration initially effected prior to 24 February 2022

The following paragraph is inserted in **Article 4j**:

*“4a. By way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 2, the competent authorities may authorise **the sale or supply of a vessel falling under CN code 8901 10 00 or 8901 90 00, or the provision, until 31 December 2023**, of related technical or financial assistance to a legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, after having determined that:*

(a) the vessel is physically located in Russia on 24 June 2023 and for use in Russia;

(b) the vessel has flown the Russian Federation flag under a bareboat charter registration initially effected prior to 24 February 2022;

(c) the legal person, entity or body in Russia is not a military end user and will not use the vessel for military purposes;

(d) the sale or supply is not for the benefit of a person, entity or body listed in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP or subject to the restrictive measures provided for in this Decision.”

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) 2023/1214⁵ of 23 June 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) 2023/1217 which include the following:

- **New Article 3eb** (access to ports and locks prohibition: Vessels performing ship-to-ship transfers- Prohibition applies as of **24 July 2023**),
- **New Article 3ec** (access to ports and locks prohibition: Vessels illegally interfering with, switching off or otherwise disabling their shipborne Automatic Identification System - Prohibition applies as of **24 July 2023**),
- **New paragraph (c) in Article 3f(2)** (prohibition on maritime navigation, goods and technology), and
- **New paragraph 4a in Article 3h** (Derogations regarding vessels that have flown the Russian Federation flag under a bareboat charter registration initially effected prior to 24 February 2022).

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R1214>

2. 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 (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/oj/direct-access.html>) and on the **EU Sanctions Map** (<https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main>).

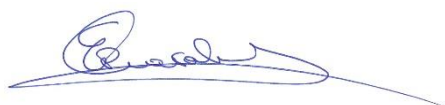
In addition, the “European Union Consolidated Financial Sanctions List”, regularly updated by DG FISMA, may be found on below link

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/fsd/fsf/public/files/pdfFullSanctionsList/content?token=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.

3. 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”:
(<https://www.dms.gov.cy/dms/shipping.nsf/all/75954F9E737CE2DCC225880E00321DEB?opendocument>).
4. 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.

This Sanctions Information Notice, which is intended solely as a guidance document, must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.



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