



REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS
**MINISTRY OF
COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS**



**DEPARTMENT
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
LEMESOS**

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To all Owners, Managers and Representatives
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

To all Owners, Managers and Representatives
of Ships under a foreign flag calling Cyprus ports

To all Shipping Agents operating in Cyprus (c/o Cyprus Shipping Association)

To all Ship Managers operating in Cyprus (c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber)

To all Classification Societies operating in Cyprus

Subject : European Union Sanctions against IRAN / European Council Common Position 2008/652 of 7th August 2008 and European Council Regulation (EC) 423/2007 as amended by Regulation (EC) 1110/2008 and Regulation (EC) 680/2009

1. I refer to the above subject and further to my Circulars No. 15/2007 dated 2.7.2007 and No. 1/2009 dated 21.1.2009 with regard to the issuing by the Cypriot Authorities of relevant Prohibition of Transportation Orders P.I. 262/2007 and 10/2009 respectively, I wish to inform you that specific instruments of the European Union, namely, European Council Common Position 2008/652 as well as European Council Regulation (EC) 1110/2008 and Regulation (EC) 680/2009, provide for the following:

(a) Member States must inspect, in accordance with the powers of their national legal authorities and legislation and consistent with international law, in particular the law of the sea, at their seaports, the cargoes to and from Iran, of vessels owned or operated by the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Line (IRISL), provided there are reasonable grounds to believe that the vessel is transporting goods prohibited under the EU Instruments.

(b) Upon inspection of such vessels, Member States are requested to submit to the United Nations Security Council within five working days, a written report on the inspection containing, in particular, an explanation of the grounds for the inspection, as well as information on its time, place, circumstances, results and other relevant details.

- (c) Cargo vessels owned, operated or controlled by IRISL shall be subject to the requirement of additional pre-arrival or pre-departure information for all goods brought into or out of a Member State, to the competent customs authority of the Member State concerned. In addition, the representatives of these vessels shall declare whether the goods are covered by EU Regulation 428/2009, setting up a Community regime for the control of exports, transfer, brokering and transfer of dual-use items.
2. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its contents and should strictly abide by the above International law and EU law provisions.
3. I also wish to inform you that our Department is in the process of preparing a new Order to amend Orders P.I. 262/2007 and 10/2009, implementing further restrictions imposed by the aforementioned Common Positions and Regulations.

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