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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: - New EU Council Decision 2014/386/CFSP and EU Council Regulation (EU) No. 692/2014 concerning restrictions on the import into the Union of goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol, in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol

1. I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you of the adoption by the European Union of the following instruments concerning restrictions on the import into the Union of goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol, in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol:
 - ***EU Council Decision 2014/386/CFSP of 23rd June 2014;***
 - ***EU Council Regulation (EU) No. 692/2014 of 23rd June 2014.***
2. The purpose of the aforesaid instruments is the prohibition of import into the European Union of goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol, as well as, inter alia, of any insurance and reinsurance related to such import.
3. The aforementioned instruments further provide that the above prohibition shall not apply:
 - (a) to the execution until 26 September 2014, of trade contracts concluded before 25 June 2014, or of ancillary contracts necessary for the execution of such contracts; and
 - (b) to goods originating in Crimea or Sevastopol which have been made available to the Ukrainian authorities for examination, for which compliance with the conditions conferring entitlement to preferential origin has been verified, and which have been granted a certificate of origin by the Government of Ukraine, in accordance with Regulation (EU) No 978/2012 and Regulation (EU) No 374/2014 (2) or in accordance with the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement.

4. EU Council Regulation (EU) No. 692/2014 further provides that the above exemption of paragraph 3 (a) shall apply provided that the natural or legal persons, entity or body seeking to perform the contract (as described in paragraph 3(a) above) have notified, at least 10 working days in advance, the activity or transaction to the competent authority of the Member State in which they are established.
5. The text of the aforementioned European Union instruments may be found on <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
6. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of the aforementioned EU Instruments.

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



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