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**SANCTIONS INFORMATION NOTICE**

Related Documents

Circulars No. 12/2010, No. 48/2011, No. 57/2012, No. 19/2013, No. 6/2014, No. 2/2015, No. 22/2015 and No. 10/2016

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

**Subject: New UN and EU restrictive measures against Somalia**

1. I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you that following the adoption on 17 November 2022 of the **United Nations Security Council Resolution 2662 (2022)** (UNSCR 2662 (2022)<sup>1</sup>), the European Union has adopted two new legal acts on 23 January 2023 in order to implement certain measures:

- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2023/160<sup>2</sup> of 23 January 2023 amending Decision 2010/231/CFSP:**

This Decision *inter alia*:

- reaffirms the **arms embargo on Somalia**;
- amends the application of derogations and exemptions concerning the delivery of arms and related materials** to Somalia's security and police institutions at the national and local level;
- reaffirms the **prohibition on the import of charcoal from Somalia**;
- confirms the **restrictions on the sale, supply and transfer of improvised explosive device (IED) components to Somalia**.

<sup>1</sup> <https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/sres26622022>

<sup>2</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023D0160&from=EN>

**Article 4a** is replaced by the following:

*Article 4a*

*Member States may, in accordance with paragraphs 11 to 21 of UNSCR 2182 (2014), inspect, in Somali territorial waters and on the high seas off the coast of Somalia extending to and including the Arabian Sea and Persian Gulf, acting nationally or through voluntary multinational naval partnerships, such as “Combined Maritime Forces”, in cooperation with the Federal Government of Somalia, vessels bound to or from Somalia which they have reasonable grounds to believe are:*

- (a) carrying charcoal from Somalia in violation of the charcoal ban;*
- (b) carrying weapons or military equipment to Somalia, directly or indirectly, in violation of the arms embargo on Somalia;*
- (c) carrying weapons or military equipment to individuals or entities designated by the Sanctions Committee;*
- (d) carrying improvised explosive device (IED) components identified in Part I of Annex C to UN Resolution 2662 (2022) in violation of the IED components ban.’.*

- **Council Regulation (EU) 2023/154<sup>3</sup> of 23 January 2023 amending Regulation (EC) No 147/2003:**

This Regulation introduces measures in order to take regulatory action at the level of the Union to implement the measures adopted by Resolution UNSCR 2662 (2022) and Decision (CFSP) 2023/160 as analysed above.

Specifically, this Regulation *inter alia* extends the scope of exemptions to the arms embargo and the related financing, financial assistance and technical assistance intended for certain recipients in Somalia.

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> .

The United Nations Security Council Consolidated List containing all individuals and entities subject to measures imposed by the Security Council may be found on below link:

<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/un-sc-consolidated-list>

3. 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.

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<sup>3</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32023R0154&from=EN>

**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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