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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: New European Union restrictive measures (sanctions) against Iran (relating to Iran's Nuclear Programme)

- **1.** I refer to the above matter and further to DMS Circulars No. 19/2010, No.30/2010, No.34/2010, No. 7/2012, No. 17/2012, No. 48/2012, No. 55/2012, No. 63/2012, No. 05/2013¹, No. 09/2013, No. 3/2014, No. 24/2014, No. 41/2014, No. 42/2014, No. 23/2015 and No. 3/2016 I wish to inform you of the adoption by the Council of the European Union of the following instruments relating to the sanction's on Iran's Nuclear Programme:
 - Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/974 of 8 June 2017 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran,
 - Council Regulation (EU) 2017/964 of 8 June 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 concerning restrictive measures against Iran.
- **2. Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/974** has amended Article 26c, paragraph 7 of Decision 2010/413/CFSP which now *inter alia* provides that the procurement by nationals of Member States, or using their **flagged vessels** of-
 - (i) items, materials, equipment, goods and technology contained in the Nuclear Suppliers Group list,

¹ It is recalled that DMS Circulars No. 17/2012 (Part II), No. 63/2012 and No.05/2013 relate to the deterioration of the human rights situation in Iran.



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(ii) any further item that could contribute to reprocessing- or enrichment-related or heavy water-related activities

from Iran shall be subject to **notification to the Joint Commission**, whether or not originating in the territory of Iran.

- **3.** Moreover, Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/974 has amended Article 26d, paragraph 3 of Decision 2010/413/CFSP which now provides that Member States engaging in the granting of **authorisations** on a case-by-case basis² shall ensure that they have obtained **information on the end-use and end-use location** of any supplied item.
- **4.** In relation to the granting of such authorisations by Member States, **Council Regulation (EU) 2017/964 provides that** a Member State **shall ensure** that (except for temporary exports) the applicant has submitted the **end-use statement** set out in **new Annex IIa titled "End-use statement"** of Regulation (EU) No 267/2012 as amended or an end-use statement in an equivalent document containing information on the end-use and, as a basic principle, end-use location of any supplied item.
- **5.** The text of the aforesaid EU instruments may be obtained from http://eur-lex.europa.eu whereas, 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.** 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).³ 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.

7. 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 EU Instruments 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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² for the direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer to Iran by its flag vessels, of items, materials, equipment, goods and technology not covered by Article 26c or Article 26e that could contribute to reprocessing- or enrichment-related, heavy water-related or other activities.

³ Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 4564, Supplement I (I) dated 25/4/2016.

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