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

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

**Subject: New EU instruments concerning restrictive measures against Syria:
Amending EU Council Decision 2013/109/CFSP and EU Council
Regulation (EU) no. 325/2013**

1. I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circulars No. 30/2012, No. 37/2012, No. 52/2012 and No. 1/2013, I wish to inform you of the adoption of the following instruments concerning restrictive measures against Syria:
 - a. ***EU Council Decision 2013/109/CFSP*** of 28th February 2013 amending *EU Council Decision 2012/739/CFSP*;
 - b. ***EU Council Regulation (EU) No. 325/2013*** of 10th April 2013 amending *EU Council Regulation (EC) no. 36/2012*.
2. The impact of the aforesaid EU instruments on the current restrictive measures scheme against Syria is to amend the list of exemptions to the prohibition of transportation of arms and related materiel clause. In particular:
 - (I) Amending ***EU Council Decision 2013/109/CFSP*** provides that the transportation prohibition shall not apply to the transfer of the following (amendments marked in bold):
 - (i) non-lethal military equipment or equipment which might be used for internal repression, intended for humanitarian or protective use **or for the protection of civilians**, or for institution building programs of the UN and the European Union, or for European Union and UN crisis management operations, **or for the Syrian National Coalition for Opposition and Revolutionary Forces intended for the protection of civilians**;
 - (ii) non-combat vehicles which have been manufactured or fitted with materials to provide ballistic protection, intended solely for the protective use of personnel of the European Union and its Member States in Syria, **or for the Syrian National Coalition for Opposition and Revolutionary Forces intended for the protection of civilians**.

- (II) In addition to the above, amending **EU Council Regulation (EU) No. 325/2013** provides that the competent authorities of the Member States may authorise the transfer of equipment which might be used for internal repression, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, if they determine that:
- (i) such equipment is intended for humanitarian or protective use or for institution building programmes of the United Nations (UN) and of the Union, or for the Union and UN crisis management operations; or
 - (ii) in the case of the Syrian National Coalition for Opposition and Revolutionary Forces such equipment is non-lethal and is intended for the protection of civilians.

In essence, the amendments introduced by the aforementioned instruments, seek to allow in a way the transfer of the said equipment for the protection of civilians and for use by the Syrian National Coalition for Opposition and Revolutionary Forces.

3. The text of the aforesaid **EU instruments** is obtainable from <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.

4. 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, other related European Union Instruments on Syria as well as national Prohibition Order P.I. 281/2012.

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



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