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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 EU instruments concerning restrictive measures in view of the
situation in Venezuela**

1. I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you of the adoption by the
European Union of the following instruments:

- (a) ***EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/2074 of 13th November 2017; and***
- (b) ***EU Council Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 of 13th November 2017,***

concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Venezuela.

2. As a result of the afore mentioned instruments the following restrictive measures
apply:

A. Transportation of arms and related materiel:

A.1: The transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related materiel of all types,
including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary
equipment and spare parts, for the aforementioned, including equipment which
might be used for internal repression, as listed in **Annex I of EU Council
Regulation (EU) 2017/2063** of irrespective of origin, to Venezuela is prohibited.

A.2: The above prohibition shall not apply to the transfer of:

- (a) non-lethal military equipment or of equipment which might be used for
internal repression, intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, or for
institution building programmes of the United Nations (UN) and the Union
and its Member States or of regional and subregional organisations, or of
materiel intended for crisis-management operations of the UN and the Union
or of regional and subregional organisations;



- (b) demining equipment and materiel for use in demining operations;

on condition that such exports have been approved in advance by the relevant competent authority.

- (c) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Venezuela by UN personnel, personnel of the Union or its Member States, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel, for their personal use only.

B. Equipment for internet and telephone monitoring or interception:

B.1: The transportation by Cyprus ships of equipment, technology or software intended primarily for use in the monitoring or interception by, or on behalf of, the Venezuelan regime of the internet and of telephone communications on mobile or fixed networks in Venezuela, including the equipment listed in **Annex II of EU Council Regulation (EU) 2017/2063**, is prohibited.

B.2: Member States may authorise the transfer of the equipment, technology or software, if they have reasonable grounds to determine that the equipment, technology or software would not be used for internal repression by Venezuela's government, public bodies, corporations or agencies, or any person or entity acting on their behalf or at their direction.

The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisation granted under this paragraph, within four weeks of the authorisation.

3. 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 as well as a general description thereof may be found in www.sanctionsmap.eu

4. 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)*.¹

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.

¹ Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 4564, Supplement I (I) dated 25/4/2016.

5. 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 aforementioned EU Instruments.

This Sanctions Information Notice must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.



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