

REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS



DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING LEMESOS

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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

c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber c/o Cyprus Union of Shipowners c/o Cyprus Shipping Association

Subject: <u>European Union restrictive measures against the Democratic People's</u> <u>Republic of Korea ("DPRK") – Sanctions Lists</u>

1. I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circulars No. 6/2010, No. 18/2011, 13/2013 and No. 18/2013, I wish to inform you of the following adoption by the European Union of the following instruments concerning restrictive measures against DPRK :

(i) EU Council Decision 2014/700/CFSP dated 8th October 2014 amending decision 2013/183/CFSP; and
(ii) Council Regulation (EU) No. 1059/2014 dated 8th October 2014 amending regulation (EC) No. 329/2007.

The impact of the aforementioned instruments is the inclusion of the following entity into the list of targeted entities subject to restrictive measures:

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- 2. In general, It has been brought to our attention that the number of entities that are being included in the lists of targeted entities subject to EU as well as UN restrictive measures, has significantly increased. Therefore it is imperative that all owners, bareboat charterers, managers and representatives of ships under the Cyprus flag as well as of ships, irrespective of flag, calling Cyprus ports, or managed from Cyprus, study thoroughly the said sanctions lists before entering into any agreement/transaction.
- The EU sanctions lists, relating to restrictive measures against DPRK are set out in the Annexes of EU Council Decision 2013/183/CFSP as lastly amended as well as EU Council Regulation (EC) No. 329/2007 as lastly amended (in their latest version – please consult the latest consolidated version from <u>www.eur-lex.europa.eu</u>).

The UN sanctions list is set out on the United Nations website at the following link http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1718/sanctions_list.shtml

- 4. A regularly updated list of all the European Union restrictive measures in force can be found at <u>http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures-en.pdf</u>
- 5. It is recalled that EU instruments have a direct effect and are binding on shipowners/ ship operators and any violation may expose them to relevant penalties under the Cyprus legislation or the legislation of any other EU Member State.
- 6. Owners, bareboat charterers, managers and representatives of ships under the Cyprus flag as well as of ships, irrespective of flag, calling Cyprus ports, or managed from Cyprus, are advised to strictly abide by the prohibitions on transportation contained in the applicable EU and UN instruments as well as in DMS Circulars, with respect to DPRK.

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

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