

## REPUBLIC OF CYPRUS MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS



## DEPARTMENT OF MERCHANT SHIPPING LEMESOS

Circular No.42/2014

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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>United Nations and European Union restrictive measures against Iran</u> (*Iran*'s *Nuclear Programme*) – Sanctions Lists

- I refer to the above subject 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. 05/2013<sup>1</sup>, No. 09/2013, No. 03/2014 and No. 24/2014, I wish to advise you on the following matter:
- 2. It has been brought to our attention that the number of entities engaged in shipping and oil and gas sectors, that have been included in the lists of targeted entities subject to EU and 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 with Iranian entities.
- 3. The EU sanctions lists are set out in the Annexes of EU Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP as lastly amended as well as EU Council Regulation (EU) No. 267/2012 as lastly amended (in their latest version please consult the latest consolidated version from <a href="https://www.eur-lex.europa.eu">www.eur-lex.europa.eu</a>).

The UN sanctions list is set out on the United Nations website at the following link <a href="http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1737/sanctions">http://www.un.org/sc/committees/1737/sanctions</a> list.shtml

4. 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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> 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.

- 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 Iran.

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

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