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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 in view of the situation in Belarus

1. I refer to the above subject and further to SDM Circulars No.62/2012 & No. 4/2013 and to Sanctions Information Notice (SIN) No. 7/2017, I wish to inform you of the recent adoption of the following additional European Union restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus reflected in legal acts adopted between 17/02/2022 – 09/03/2022:

I. European Union restrictive measures amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus:

• **Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/218¹ of 17 February 2022:**

This Decision amends Decision 2012/642/CFSP in order to provide certain clarifications that are necessary to ensure the proper application of the specific sectoral restrictions introduced by Decision (CFSP) 2021/1031².

Pursuant to the amendments introduced by Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/218 the following are *inter alia* prohibited:

- The purchase, **import or transfer**, directly or indirectly, from Belarus of **petroleum and gaseous hydrocarbon products** (subject to exceptions);

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0218&from=EN>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021D1031&from=EN>

- The **provision of insurance or re-insurance** to:
 - (a) the Republic of Belarus, its Government, its public bodies, corporations or agencies;
 - (b) any natural or legal person, entity or body acting on behalf or at the direction of a legal person, entity or body referred to in point (a) above.
- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/307³ of 24 February 2022:**
This Decision extends the restrictive measures until 28 February 2023 and amends the statements of reasons or the information for 27 natural and seven legal persons included in the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Decision 2012/642/CFSP.
- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/356⁴ of 2 March 2022:**
This Decision introduces further restrictions related to the **trade of goods** used for the production or manufacturing of tobacco products, mineral fuels, bituminous substances and gaseous hydrocarbon products, potassium chloride ('potash') products, wood products, cement products, iron and steel products and rubber products. It also imposes further restrictions on exports of **dual-use goods and technology** and on the provision of related services, as well as restrictions on **exports of certain goods and technology** which might contribute to Belarus's military, technological, defence and security development, together with restrictions on the provision of related services.

Under the amended **Article 2c** of 2012/642/CFSP, subject to exceptions, the direct or indirect sale, supply, transfer or export of **all dual-use goods and technology listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2021/821** to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Belarus or for use in Belarus by nationals of Member States or from the territories of Member States **or using their flag vessels** or aircraft, **shall be prohibited whether originating or not in their territories**. The provision of relevant **technical assistance, brokering services and financing shall also be prohibited**.

Amended Article 2d of 2012/642/CFSP provides that it shall be prohibited, subject to exceptions, to sell, supply, transfer or export, directly or indirectly, **goods and technology which might contribute to the military and technological enhancement of Belarus**, or to the **development of its defence and security sector**, whether or not originating in the Union, to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Belarus or for use in Belarus. The provision of relevant **technical assistance, brokering services and financing shall also be prohibited**.

Under new Articles 2o, 2p, 2q, 2r and 2s, the following prohibitions are introduced, subject to exceptions, with respect to **wood, cement, iron and steel products, rubber products and certain machinery**:

- (a) to import, directly or indirectly such products, into the Union if they:
 - (i) originate in Belarus; or
 - (ii) have been exported from Belarus;

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0307&from=EN>

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0356&from=EN>

- (b) to purchase, directly or indirectly, such products which are located in or which originated in Belarus;
- (c) to **transport** such products if they originated in Belarus or are being exported from Belarus to any other country;
- (d) to provide, directly or indirectly, technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, including financial derivatives, as well as **insurance and re-insurance**, related to the prohibitions.

- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/399⁵ of 9 March 2022:**

This Decision introduces additional restrictive measures related to the **financial sector**. In particular, it prohibits the listing and provision of services in relation to shares of Belarusian state-owned entities on Union trading venues; limits the financial inflows from Belarus to the Union; prohibits transactions with the Central Bank of Belarus; restricts the provision of specialised financial messaging services to certain Belarusian credit institutions and their Belarusian subsidiaries. It also **adds obligations on the Network Manager for air traffic management network functions of the single European sky** regarding overflight prohibitions.

II. European Union restrictive measures amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus:

- **Council Regulation (EU) 2022/212⁶ of 17 February 2022:**

This Regulation introduces amendments to Council Regulation (EU) No 765/2006 in order to take regulatory action at the level of the Union to implement the amendments adopted by Decision (CFSP) 2022/218 which introduces further restrictions mentioned above.

- **Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/300⁷ of 24 February 2022:**

This Regulation introduces amendments to Council Regulation (EU) No 765/2006 in order to take regulatory action at the level of the Union to implement the amendments adopted by Decision (CFSP) 2022/307 which introduces further restrictions mentioned above.

- **Council Regulation (EU) 2022/355⁸ of 2 March 2022:**

This Regulation introduces amendments to Council Regulation (EU) No 765/2006 in order to take regulatory action at the level of the Union to implement the amendments adopted by Decision (CFSP) 2022/356 which introduces further restrictions mentioned above.

- **Council Regulation (EU) 2022/398⁹ of 9 March 2022:**

This Regulation introduces amendments to Council Regulation (EU) No 765/2006 in order to take regulatory action at the level of the Union to implement the amendments

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0399&from=EN>

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0212&from=EN>

⁷ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0300&from=EN>

⁸ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0355&from=EN>

⁹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0398&from=EN>

adopted by Decision (CFSP) 2022/399 which introduces further restrictions mentioned above.

III. Corrigenda

The EU has adopted the following corrigenda:

- Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1030¹⁰ of 24 June 2021 amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006.
 - Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) 2022/398¹¹ of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006.
2. A regularly updated list of all the European Union restrictive measures may be found on the website of the Official Journal of the European Union (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/oj/direct-access.html>) and on the **EU Sanctions Map** (<https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main>).

In addition, the “European Union Consolidated Financial Sanctions List”, regularly updated by DG FISMA, may be found on below link:

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/fsd/fsf/public/files/pdfFullSanctionsList/content?toKen=dG9rZW4tMjAxNw> .

In view of the situation in Belarus, the relevant restrictive measures are subject to constant review by the European Union thus, it is advisable to regularly consult the aforementioned links.

3. 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 Implementation of the Provisions of the U.N. Security Council Resolutions or Decisions (Sanctions) and the E.U. Council Decisions and Regulations (Restrictive Measures) Law of 2016 (Law 58(I)/2016)*, as well as the EU Instruments implemented by virtue thereof, and SDM Sanctions Information Notices.

This Sanctions Information Notice, which is intended solely as a guidance document, must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.



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¹⁰ [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R1030R\(04\)&from=EN](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32021R1030R(04)&from=EN)

¹¹ [https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0398R\(01\)&from=EN](https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0398R(01)&from=EN)

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