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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 Council Instruments concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine adopted on 31 July 2014: Prohibitions on the transportation to/ from Russia of arms and related materiel as well as of dual -use goods/ technology and technologies suited to the oil industry**

1. I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you of the very recent adoption by the European Union of the following instruments concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine:

- **Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP** of 31 July 2014; and
- **Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014** of 31 July 2014.

2. The text of the aforementioned European Union instruments may be found on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu> whereas 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](http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures_en.pdf).

3. **Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP** introduces the following prohibitions:

- the direct or indirect sale, supply, **transfer** or export of **arms and related materiel of all types**, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment, and spare parts **to Russia** by nationals of Member States or from the territories of Member States or **using their flag vessels** is prohibited;
- the provision or relevant insurance and reinsurance related to such sale, supply, transfer or export of arms and related materiel is also prohibited;
- the import, purchase or **transport of arms and related materiel of all types**, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment,

paramilitary equipment, and spare parts **from Russia** by nationals of Member States or **using their flag vessels** is prohibited.

4. Under **Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP** the above prohibitions are without prejudice to the execution of contracts or agreements concluded before 1 August 2014, and to the **provision of spare parts and services necessary to the maintenance and safety of existing capabilities within the EU**.

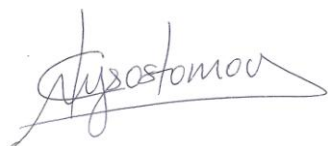
5. **Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP** further prohibits the direct or indirect sale, supply, **transfer** or export of all **dual-use goods and technology** for military use in Russia or for any military end-user in Russia by nationals of Member States or from the territories of Member States or **using their flag vessels**. Again these prohibitions are without prejudice to the execution of contracts or agreements concluded before 1 August 2014.

6. **Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014** provides that it shall be **prohibited to** sell, supply, **transfer** or export, directly or indirectly, **dual-use goods and technology**, whether or not originating in the Union, **to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia**, if those items are or may be intended, in their entirety or in part, **for military use** or for a military end-user.

Furthermore, this EU Instrument provides that a **prior authorisation** shall be required for the sale, supply, **transfer** or export, directly or indirectly, **of technologies as listed in Annex II**, whether or not originating in the Union, **to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia** or in any other country, if such equipment or technology is for use in Russia. Annex II to **Council Regulation (EU) No. 833/2014** includes certain technologies suited to the **oil industry** for use **in deep water oil exploration** and production, Arctic oil exploration and production, or shale oil projects in Russia.

**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. It is recalled that DMS Circulars No. 10/2014 and No. 21/2014 relate to a different aspect of EU restrictive measures on the matter i.e. on the targeting of entities subject to restrictive measures/ asset freeze, whereas, DMS Circulars No. 20/2014 and No. 22/2014 relate to EU restrictive measures on the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol.**

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



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