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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag

Subject: New national prohibition Order on Iran (Order P.I. 435/2012) implementing European Union acts in connection with the deterioration of the human rights situation in Iran

I refer to the above matter and further to DMS Circulars No. 19/2010, No.30/2010, No.34/2010, No. 7/2012, No. 17/2012, No. 48/2012 and No. 55/2012, I wish to inform you that the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus, in exercising its powers under section 3 of the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation) Laws 1966-1971, issued the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Equipment and Related Materiel to Iran) Order of 2012*.

2. The aforementioned national prohibition Order P.I. 435/2012 prohibits the transportation by Cyprus ships of equipment included in Annexes III and IV of **Regulation (EU) No. 359/2011** concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran (as amended particularly by **Council Regulation (EU) No. 264/2012**). Order P.I. 435/2012 also reflects the restrictive measures imposed by **EU Council Decision 2012/168/CFSP**. Part II of DMS Circular No. 17/2012 is of relevance to these newly imposed prohibitions.

3. The text of the aforesaid EU instruments may be obtained from <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.

4. 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 Member State.

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5. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to abide by European Union Instruments imposing restrictive measures against Iran and by national Prohibition Orders P.I. 369/2010 and P.I. 435/2012.

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



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