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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 response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol adopted on 30 July 2014

1. I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circular No. 20/2014 I wish to inform you of the very recent adoption by the European Union of the following instruments concerning restrictive measures in response to the illegal annexation of Crimea and Sevastopol:

- **Council Decision 2014/507/CFSP of 30 July 2014** amending **Decision 2014/386/CFSP**;
- **Council Regulation (EU) No, 825/2014 of 30 July 2014** amending **Regulation (EU) No. 692/2014**.

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.

3. By virtue of **Council Decision 2014/507/CFSP** additional measures have been imposed against Crimea and Sevastopol. A new Article 4a has been inserted to **Decision 2014/386/CFSP** as amended, which prohibits the supply or transfer of key equipment and technology for the creation, acquisition or development of infrastructure projects in the following sectors in Crimea and Sevastopol, by nationals of Member States, or from the territories of Member States, or using vessels under the jurisdiction of Member States:

- (a) transport;
- (b) telecommunications;
- (c) energy.

4. Furthermore, a new Article 4b has been inserted to **Decision 2014/386/CFSP** as amended, which prohibits the supply or transfer of key equipment and technology for the exploitation of the following natural resources in Crimea and Sevastopol, by nationals of Member States, or from the territories of Member States, or using vessels under the jurisdiction of Member States:

- (a) oil;
- (b) gas;
- (c) minerals.

5. **Decision 2014/386/CFSP** as now amended further provides that the prohibitions set out in Articles 4a and 4b shall be without prejudice to the execution, until 28 October 2014, of contracts concluded before 30 July 2014 or ancillary contracts, necessary for the execution of such contracts, to be concluded and executed no later than 28 October 2014.

6. **Council Regulation (EU) No. 825/2014**, *inter alia*, introduces new Article 2c to **Regulation (EU) No. 692/2014** which prohibits the, supply, transfer, export, directly or indirectly, of key equipment and technology as listed in Annex III to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Crimea or Sevastopol or for use in Crimea or Sevastopol. New Annex III to **Regulation (EU) No. 692/2014** as amended lists such key equipment and technology related to the creation, acquisition or development of infrastructure in the following sectors:

- (a) transport;
- (b) telecommunications;
- (c) energy;
- (d) the exploitation of oil, gas and mineral reserves in Crimea and Sevastopol.

It is stressed that “*floating or submersible drilling or production platforms*” as well as “*seagoing light vessels, fire floats, floating cranes and other vessels, the navigability of which is subsidiary to their main functions*” are amongst the prohibited key equipment and technology related to the creation, acquisition or development of infrastructure in Crimea and Sevastopol (new Annex III introduced by **Council Regulation (EU) No. 825/2014**).

7. **Council Regulation (EU) No. 825/2014** further provides that the prohibitions shall not apply to the execution, until 28 October 2014 of transactions required by a trade contract concluded before 30 July 2014 concerning key equipment or technology as listed in Annex III or by ancillary contracts necessary for the execution of such contracts provided that the natural or legal person, entity or body seeking to engage in such transactions, or to provide assistance to such transactions, has notified, at least 10 working days in advance, the transaction or assistance to the competent authority of the EU Member State in which it is established.

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.

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



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