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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: New United Nations Security Council Resolution (UNSCR) 2146 (2014):  
Banning illicit crude oil exports from Libya- Authorizing inspection of  
suspect ships on high seas**

1. I refer to the above subject and further to our DMS Circulars No. 10/2011, No. 29/2011, No. 32/2011, No. 33/2012, No. 51/2012 and No. 15/2013, I wish to inform you of the adoption by the United Nations Security Council of Resolution 2146 (2014).
2. UNSCR 2146 (2014) in essence condemns any attempt to illicitly export crude oil from Libya by imposing certain obligations on Flag States and U.N. Member States with respect to vessels designated by the ad hoc U.N. Sanctions Committee<sup>1</sup> which may be subject to all or some of the measures adopted by virtue thereof.

Therefore, DMS would like to draw to your attention of the following:

a) The Flag State of a designated vessel shall take the necessary measures to direct the vessel not to load, transport, or discharge crude oil from Libya aboard the vessel, absent direction from the Government of Libya focal point;

b) All U.N. Member States are required to take all necessary measures to prohibit vessels designated by the Sanctions Committee from entering their ports, unless such entry is necessary for the purpose of an inspection, in the case of emergency or in the case of return to Libya;

c) All U.N. Member States shall take the necessary measures to prohibit the provision by their nationals or from their territory of bunkering services, such as provision of fuel or supplies, or other servicing of vessels, to vessels designated by the Sanctions Committee unless provision of such services is necessary for humanitarian purposes,

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<sup>1</sup> established pursuant to UNSCR 1970 (2011).

or in the case of return to Libya; in which case the Member State shall notify the Committee;

d) All U.N. Member States shall take the necessary measures to require their nationals and entities and individuals in their territory not to engage in any financial transactions with respect to such crude oil from Libya aboard vessels designated by the Sanctions Committee.

3. Furthermore, UNSCR 2146(2014) authorizes under its paragraph 5 U.N. Member States to inspect on the high seas vessels designated by the Sanctions Committee and authorizes Member States to use all measures commensurate to the specific circumstances, in full compliance with international humanitarian law and international human rights law, as may be applicable, to carry out such inspections and direct the vessel to take appropriate action to return the crude oil, with the consent of and in coordination with the Government of Libya, to Libya. U.N. Member States before taking such measures must first seek the consent of the vessel's flag State.
4. The text of United Nations Security Resolution may be found on <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/>.
5. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of the aforementioned U.N. instrument, as well as of national Prohibition of transportation Order P.I. 195/2012.

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



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