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MINISTRY OF
COMMUNICATIONS AND WORKS

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All Owners, Managers and Representatives
of Ships under the Cyprus Flag

Subject: Implementation of EU Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP, as amended, and of EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012, as amended, concerning restrictive measures against Syria

1. I refer to the above subject and further to my Circulars No. 33/2011 and No. 38/2011 (the latter regarding the issue of P.I. 426/2011), I wish to inform you of the adoption of the ***EU Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP¹ and EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012² concerning restrictive measures against Syria.***
2. The impact of the aforesaid EU instruments on the current restrictive measures scheme against Syria is as follows:

(A) Arms and related materiel

(A.1.) Prohibition:

The transportation by Cyprus ships from and to Syria of the following is prohibited:

- a. arms and related materiel, whether or not originating in the Union, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts as well as equipment which might be used for internal repression in Syria;
- b. equipment which might be used for internal repression as listed in Annex I of **EU Council Regulation (EU) No. 36/2012, as amended**, whether or not originating in the Union, to any person, entity or body in Syria or for use in Syria.

(A.2.) Exemptions:

For the list of exemptions please see paragraphs 3,4 and 5 of my Circular No. 38/2011 as well as Article 2 of **EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012, as amended**, and Article 2 of **EU Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP, as amended**.

¹ as amended by EU Council Decision 2012/122/CFSP.

² as amended by EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 168/2012.



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(B) Equipment used for monitoring or interception of internet or telephone communications in Syria

(B.1.) Prohibition:

The transportation by Cyprus ships to any person, entity or body in Syria or for use in Syria, of equipment as identified in Annex V of **EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012 as amended**, which may be used for monitoring or interception, by the Syrian regime or on its behalf, of internet or telephone communications in Syria, is prohibited.

(B.2.) Exemptions:

The competent authorities of the Republic may authorise the transportation of such equipment, unless they have reasonable grounds to determine that the equipment in question would be used for monitoring or interception, by the Syrian regime or on its behalf, of internet or telephone communications in Syria.

(C) Syrian denominated banknotes and coinage

(C.1.) Prohibition:

The transportation by Cyprus ships from and to the Central Bank of Syria of Syrian denominated banknotes and coinage printed or minted in the Union is prohibited.

(D) Crude Oil and Petroleum Products

(D.1.) Prohibition:

The transportation by Cyprus ships of crude oil or petroleum products, including those set out in Annex IV of **EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012 as amended** is prohibited if such originate in Syria, or are being exported from Syria to any other country.

(D.2.) Exemptions:

For the list of exemptions to this prohibition please see paragraph 7 of my Circular No. 38/2011 as well as Article 7 (a) of **EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012 as amended** and Article 5 of **EU Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP as amended**.

(E) Equipment for sectors of the oil and gas industry in Syria

(E.1.) Prohibition under EU Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP as amended:

The transportation by Cyprus ships of key equipment for the following key sectors of the oil and natural gas industry in Syria, or to Syrian or Syrian-owned enterprises engaged in those sectors outside Syria, is prohibited:

- a. refining;
- b. liquefied natural gas;
- c. exploration;
- d. production.

(E.2.) Exemptions under EU Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP as amended:

For the list of exemptions please see Article 7 (1) of **EU Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP as amended**.

(E.3.) Prohibition under EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012 as amended:

The transportation by Cyprus ships of equipment listed in Annex VI **EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012 as amended**, relevant to the following key sectors of the oil and natural gas industry in Syria, directly or indirectly, to any Syrian person, entity or body, or for use in Syria is prohibited:

- a. exploration of crude oil and natural gas;
- b. production of crude oil and natural gas;
- c. refining;
- d. liquefaction of natural gas.

(E.4.) Exemptions under EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012 as amended:

For the list of exemptions please see Article 10 (1) of **EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012 as amended**.

(F) Gold, precious metals and diamonds

(F.1.) Prohibition:

The transportation by Cyprus ships of the following is prohibited:

- a. gold, precious metals and diamonds, as listed in Annex VIII **EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012, as amended**, whether or not originating in the Union, to the Government of Syria, its public bodies, corporations and agencies, the Central Bank of Syria, any person, entity or body acting on their behalf or at their direction, or any entity or body owned or controlled by them;
- b. gold, precious metals and diamonds, as listed in Annex VIII **EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012 as amended**, whether the item concerned originates in Syria or not, from the Government of Syria, its public bodies, corporations and agencies, the Central Bank of Syria and any person, entity or body acting on their behalf or at their direction, or any entity or body owned or controlled by them.

(G) Equipment for construction or installation in Syria of new power plants for electricity production

(G.1.) Prohibition:

The transportation by Cyprus ships of equipment for the construction or installation in Syria of new power plants for electricity production, as set out in Annex VII of **EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012 as amended**, is prohibited.

(G.2.) Exemptions:

For the list of exemptions please see Article 12 (2) of **EU Council Regulation (EU) no. 36/2012 as amended**.

3. A new prohibition Order to be issued under section 3 of the Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation) Laws 1966-1971, reflecting the recent restrictive measures scheme as described above is currently under preparation.

4. The text of the aforesaid **EU instruments** is obtainable 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.

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 EU Instruments, other related European Union Instruments and Order P.I. 426/2011.

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



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