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### SANCTIONS INFORMATION NOTICE

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 European Union Council Instruments concerning the situation in Ukraine:  
Derogation for payments to Crimean Sea Ports- Amendments to the list of entities  
subject to the funds freezing provisions**

1. I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circulars No. 10/2014 and No. 21/2014,  
I wish to inform you of the recent adoption of the following European Union restrictive measures  
concerning the situation in Ukraine-

- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1561** of 14 September 2017 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine;
- **Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1547** of 14 September 2017 amending Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine;
- **Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1549** of 14 September 2017 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.

A regularly updated list of all the European Union restrictive measures may be found on the  
European Commission's website

[http://eeas.europa.eu/archives/docs/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures\\_en.pdf](http://eeas.europa.eu/archives/docs/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures_en.pdf).

2. **Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1561** introduces the following new paragraph 7 to Article  
2 (provision on the **freezing of funds**) of Decision 2014/145/CFSP:



*“By way of derogation from paragraph 2, a Member State **may authorise payments to the Crimean Sea Ports for services provided at the ports of Kerch Fishery Port, Yalta Commercial Port and Evpatoria Commercial Port, and services provided by Gosgidrografiya and by Port-Terminal branches of the Crimean Sea Ports.**”*

The same provision has also been included in Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 as amended (see new Article 6a introduced by virtue of **Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1547**).

**3.1** Additionally, **Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1561** amends the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP whereas **Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1549** amends Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014. Consequently, the following **entities** are now on to the list of natural and legal persons that are subject to the **freezing of funds** provisions of Decision 2014/145/CFSP as amended and of Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 as amended:

- **The State Unitary Enterprise of the Crimean Republic “Crimean Sea Ports” including branches- Feodosia Commercial Port, Kerch Ferry and Kerch Commercial Port,**
- **The State Unitary Enterprise of the City of Sevastopol, ‘Sevastopol seaport’ (formerly known as State enterprise ‘Sevastopol commercial seaport’.**

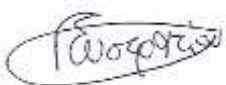
**3.2** Moreover, the following **entities** have been **removed** from the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP as amended and Annex I of Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 as amended:

- **Limited Liability Company ‘Port Feodosia’,**
- **State ferry enterprise ‘Kerch ferry’,**
- **Company ‘Kerch seaport’/‘Kamysh-Burun’.**

**4.** It is recalled that the House of Representatives of the Republic of Cyprus, has enacted in April 2016 the *Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Security Council Resolutions or Decisions (Sanctions) and the European Union Council Decisions and Regulations (Restrictive Measures) Law of 2016 (Law 58(I)/2016)*.<sup>1</sup> The purpose of Law 58(I)/2016 is to set out the obligations of any person or entity in the Republic of Cyprus to abide and comply with all the provisions of the UNSCRs and /or the relevant EU Decisions and Regulations. Under this Law all UN and EU instruments are incorporated and adopted into the national legal order without the need of enacting Prohibition Orders (as was the practice in the past years), and are thus automatically applicable and binding. For further information on this Law, as well as information on the relevant penalties please refer to our DMS Circular No. 16/2016.

**5.** All recipients of the present Sanctions Information Notice are invited to take note of its content and should strictly abide by the provisions of the relevant EU Instruments as well as the DMS Circulars and Sanctions Information Notices.

**This Sanctions Information Notice must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.**



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<sup>1</sup> Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 4564, Supplement I (I) dated 25/4/2016.

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- Attorney General of the Republic
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- Permanent Secretary, Ministry of Defence
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