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**DEPARTMENT
OF MERCHANT SHIPPING
LEMESOS**

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

Subject: New European Union instruments in connection with the deterioration of the human rights situation in Iran: Amending Decision 2012/810/CFSP and Amending Regulation (EU) no. 1245/2012

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, No. 55/2012 and No. 63/2012, I wish to inform you of the adoption of the following amending instruments by the Council of the European Union:

- a) Council Decision 2012/810/CFSP of 20 December 2012 amending Decision 2011/235/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran.*
- b) Council Regulation (EU) No 1245/2012 of 20 December 2012 amending Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran;*

2. Said amending EU Instruments provide that the transportation of certain equipment which might be used for internal repression in Iran may be authorised by the competent authorities of the EU Member States, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, provided that the equipment is intended solely for the protective use of the personnel of the Union and its Member States in Iran. Therefore, this new exception must be read in conjunction with national Prohibition Order P.I. 435/2012 and Part II of DMS Circular No. 17/2012 as well as DMS Circular No. 63/2012 are of relevance to the EU restrictive measures currently in force in connection with the deterioration of the human rights situation in Iran.



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.

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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