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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 EU instruments concerning restrictive measures against Belarus

1. I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circulars No. 62/2012 and 4/2013, I wish to inform you of the adoption by the European Union of the following instruments:
 - (a) ***EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/350 of 27th February 2017 amending decision 2012/642/CFSP; and***
 - (b) ***EU Council Regulation (EU) 2017/331 of 27th February 2017 amending regulation (EC) No. 765/2006.***
2. As a result the current sanctions regime against Belarus is now governed by **EU Council Decision 2012/642/CFSP as amended lastly by EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/350** and **Council Regulation (EC) No. 765/2006 as amended lastly by EU Council Regulation (EU) 2017/331**, as well as National Prohibition Order P.I. 518/2012¹.
3. In a nutshell under the aforementioned instruments the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts, for the aforementioned, as well as equipment which might be used for internal repression including the equipment listed in Annex III of **Council Regulation (EC) No. 765/2006 as amended**, irrespective of origin, to Belarus, is prohibited.
4. Moreover, the prohibition of paragraph 3 above shall not apply to the transportation of:

¹ published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4613, Supplement III (I), dated 21.12.2012.



- (a) non-lethal military equipment or of equipment which might be used for internal repression, intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, or for institution building programmes of the United Nations (UN) and the Union, or for EU and UN crisis management operations;
- (b) non-combat vehicles which have been manufactured or fitted with materials to provide ballistic protection, intended solely for protective use of personnel of the Union and its Member States in Belarus;

on condition that such exports and assistance have been approved in advance by the relevant competent authority.

- (c) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to Belarus by UN personnel, personnel of the Union or its Member States, representatives of the media and humanitarian and development workers and associated personnel, for their personal use only.
- (d) biathlon equipment that complies with the specifications defined in the event and competition rules of the International Biathlon Union (IBU), rifles and their ammunition and sights that are listed in Annex IV of **Council Regulation (EC) No. 765/2006 as amended** and which also comply with the specifications for biathlon equipment as defined in the event and competition rules of the International Biathlon Union (IBU) and are intended exclusively for use in biathlon events and training.

- 5. Moreover Article 1a of **Council Regulation (EC) No. 765/2006 as amended** provides that equipment which might be used for internal repression, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, if they determine that such equipment is intended solely for humanitarian or protective use.
- 6. The text of the aforementioned European Union instruments may be found on <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

- 7. 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*).²

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.

² Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 4564, Supplement I (I) dated 25/4/2016.

8. 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 aforementioned EU Instruments as well as of relevant national Prohibition Order P.I. 518/2012 and DMS Circulars No. 62/2012 and 4/2013.

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



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