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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 UN and EU restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya**

I refer to the above matter and further to DMS Circulars No. 10/2011, No. 29/2011, No. 32/2011, No. 33/2012, No. 51/2012, No. 8/2014, No. 18/2014 No. 35/2014, No. 5/2015, No. 20/2015, No. 09/2016, No. 21/2016 and SIN. No. 10/2017 I wish to inform you as follows-

1. On 29 June 2017, the United Nations Security Council adopted Resolution **(UNSCR) 2362 (2017)** extending the application of measures to vessels loading, transporting or discharging petroleum, including crude oil and refined petroleum products, illicitly exported or attempted to be exported from Libya and further specifying the listing criteria. In response to the adoption of UNSC Resolution 2362(2017) on 4 August 2017, the European Union adopted the following-

- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/1427** amending **Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333** concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya; and
- **Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1419** amending **Regulation (EU) 2016/44** concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya.

The aforementioned EU Instruments *inter alia* provide as follows-

- i. It shall be prohibited to **load, transport or discharge petroleum, including crude oil and refined petroleum products** from Libya **on designated vessels flying the flag of a**



- Member State** unless authorised by the competent authority of that Member State after consultation with the Government of Libya focal point (see Article 15 of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 as amended);
- ii. Member States may, in accordance with paragraphs 5 to 9 of UNSCR 2146 (2014) and paragraph 2 of UNSCR 2362 (2017), **inspect on the high seas designated vessels**, using all measures commensurate to the specific circumstances, in full compliance with international humanitarian law and international human rights law, as may be applicable, **carry out such inspections** and **direct the vessel** to take appropriate actions **to return petroleum**, including crude oil and refined petroleum products, with the consent of and in coordination with the Government of Libya, to Libya (see Article 6 of Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 as amended);
  - iii. A **Member State** that is the **flag State of a designated vessel shall**, if the designation by the Committee has so specified, **direct the vessel not to load, transport, or discharge petroleum, including crude oil and refined petroleum products, illicitly exported from Libya aboard the vessel**, in the absence of direction from the Government of Libya focal point, as referred to in paragraph 3 of UNSCR 2146 (2014) (see Article 7 of Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 as amended).

2. Furthermore, you are hereby informed of the **addition** by the United Nations Security Council of below **vessel** to the list of entities and individuals subject to the restrictive measures (sanctions) against Libya-

**Name of Vessel: "CAPRICORN"**  
**FLAG: TANZANIA**  
**IMO: 8900878**

3. As a result of the listing of the above vessel by the UNSC, on 4 August 2017 the European Union adopted -

- **Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2017/1429** amending Annex V of **Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333** as amended;
- **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1423** amending Annex V of **Regulation (EU) 2016/44** as amended; and

Thus, the "CAPRICORN", designated by the UNSC and contained in Annex V of Regulation (EU) 2016/44 as amended and of Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333 as amended, is **prohibited** from **loading, transporting or discharging crude oil** from Libya, to **access ports** in the territory of the European Union, and to be provided with **bunkering or ship supply services**. The said designation is valid from 21 July to 21 October 2017. It is noted that as of 16 July 2017, this vessel was located offshore Cyprus.

4. The text of the aforesaid EU instruments may be obtained from <http://eur-lex.europa.eu> whereas, 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](http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures_en.pdf). The text of United Nations Security Resolutions may be found on <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/>.

5. 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.

6. 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 and 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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