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SANCTIONS INFORMATION NOTICE

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

c/o Cyprus Shipping Chamber
c/o Cyprus Union of Shipowners
c/o Cyprus Shipping Association

Subject: New European Union restrictive measures in view of the gravity of the situation in Ukraine

I refer to the above subject and further to SDM Circulars No.10/2014, No. 21/2014, No. 23/2014 and to Sanctions Information Notices (SINs) No. 15/2017 & No.7/2018 I wish to inform you of the recent adoption of the following additional European Union restrictive measures in view of the gravity of the situation in Ukraine reflected in twenty new legal acts adopted between 23.02.2022- 28.02.2022:

I. European Union restrictive measures amending Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine:

- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/265¹ of 23 February 2022:**
This Decision adds persons and entities to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/267² of 23 February 2022:**
This Decision adds members of Russia's State Duma to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP.

¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0265&from=EN>

² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0267&qid=1646038818469&from=en>



- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/329³ of 25 February 2022:**
This Decision amends Decision 2014/145/CFSP and in particular, the criteria of designation to include persons and entities supporting and benefitting from the Government of the Russian Federation as well as persons and entities providing a substantial source of revenue to it, and natural or legal persons associated with listed persons or entities.
- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/331⁴ of 25 February 2022:**
This Decision amends Decision 2014/145/CFSP to add to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP the members of the National Security Council who supported Russia's immediate recognition of the two self-proclaimed republics Donetsk and Luhansk. In addition, that list is amended to include the persons who facilitated the Russian military aggression from Belarus, as well as those members of the State Duma not yet included in that list who ratified the government decisions of the 'Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance between the Russian Federation and the Donetsk People's Republic and between the Russian Federation and the Luhansk People's Republic'.
- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/337⁵ of 28 February 2022:**
This Decision amends Decision 2014/145/CFSP to add 26 persons and one entity to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP.

II. *European Union restrictive measures amending or implementing Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine:*

- **Council Regulation (EU) 2022/259⁶ of 23 February 2022:**
This Regulation amends Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 in order to take regulatory action at the level of the Union to implement the amendments adopted by Decision (CFSP) 2022/265 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP (referred to above) and introducing a derogation mechanism for certain operators falling under the assets freeze and the prohibition on making funds and economic resources available to them.
- **Council Regulation (EU) 2022/330⁷ of 25 February 2022:**
This Regulation introduces a few amendments to Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 in order to take regulatory action at the level of the Union to implement the amendments adopted by Decision (CFSP) 2022/329 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP (referred to above) and provides for amended listing criteria.

³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0329&qid=1646038557620&from=en>

⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0331&from=EN>

⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0337&from=EN>

⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0259&from=EN>

⁷ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0330&qid=1646045731027&from=en>

- **Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/260⁸ of 23 February 2022:**
This Regulation adds persons and entities to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures as set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.
- **Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/261⁹ of 23 February 2022:**
This Regulation adds members of Russia's State Duma to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures as set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.
- **Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/332¹⁰ of 25 February 2022:**
This Regulation amends Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 to add to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 the members of the National Security Council who supported Russia's immediate recognition of the two self-proclaimed republics Donetsk and Luhansk. In addition, that list shall include the persons who facilitated the Russian military aggression from Belarus, as well as those members of the State Duma not yet included in that list who ratified the government decisions of the 'Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance between the Russian Federation and the Donetsk People's Republic and between the Russian Federation and the Luhansk People's Republic'.
- **Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/336¹¹ of 28 February 2022:**
This Regulation amends Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 to add 26 persons and one entity to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.

III. European Union restrictive measures amending Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine:

- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/264¹² of 23 February 2022:**
This Decision imposes **restrictions on access to the capital market**, in particular by prohibiting the financing of Russia, its Government and its Central Bank.
- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/327¹³ of 25 February 2022:**
This Decision introduces a few amendments to Decision 2014/512/CFSP in order to implement certain measures deemed appropriate relating to the finance, defence, energy, aviation, and space sectors. The following are *inter alia* introduced:
 - (a) Existing **financial restrictions**, in particular, those on access by certain Russian entities to capital markets are expanded. The new measures

⁸ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0260&from=EN>

⁹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0261&from=EN>

¹⁰ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0332&qid=1646115488499&from=en>

¹¹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0336&from=EN>

¹² <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0264&from=EN>

¹³ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0327&from=EN>

significantly limit the financial inflows from Russia to the EU by prohibiting the acceptance of deposits exceeding certain values from Russian nationals or residents, the holding of accounts of Russian clients by EU central securities depositories, as well as the selling of euro-denominated securities to Russian clients;

- (b) Further restrictions on **exports of dual-use goods and technology** and on the provision of related services, as well as restrictions on exports of certain goods and technology which might contribute to Russia's technological enhancement of its defence and security sector, together with restrictions on the provision of related services. **Limited exemptions** to such restrictions are envisioned for legitimate and pre-determined purposes only. Under the amended **Article 3(1) of Decision 2014/512/CFSP**, the direct or indirect sale, supply, transfer or export of **all dual-use goods and technology listed in Annex I to Regulation (EU) 2021/821** to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia by nationals of Member States or from the territories of Member States **or using their flag vessels** or aircraft, **shall be prohibited whether originating or not in their territories**. The provision of relevant **technical assistance, brokering services and financing shall also be prohibited**;
 - (c) Restrictions on the sale, supply, transfer or export to Russia of **specific goods and technologies for use in oil refining**, together with restrictions on the provision of related services;
 - (d) An **export ban covering goods and technology suited for use in aviation and the space industry**, as well as the provision of insurance and reinsurance and maintenance services in relation to those goods and technology. Providing technical assistance and other related services as well as financing and financial assistance in relation to the goods and technology are prohibited as well.
- **Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/335¹⁴ of 28 February 2022:**
This Decision introduces the following restrictive measures:
 - (a) any transactions with the Central Bank of Russia are prohibited;
 - (b) Member States are required to deny permission to land in, take off from, or overfly, their territories to any aircraft operated by Russian air carriers, including as a marketing carrier, to any Russian-registered aircraft, and to non-Russian-registered aircraft which are owned or chartered, or otherwise controlled by a Russian legal or natural person.

¹⁴ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0335&from=EN>

IV. *European Union restrictive measures amending Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine:*

- **Council Regulation (EU) 2022/262¹⁵ of 23 February 2022:**
This Regulation introduces a few amendments to Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 in order to impose further restrictive measures prohibiting the financing of Russia, its government and its Central Bank. The adoption of this Regulation was required in view of the adoption of Decision (CFSP) 2022/264 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP (referred to above).
- **Council Regulation (EU) 2022/328¹⁶ of 25 February 2022:**
This Regulation introduces amendments to Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 in order to take regulatory action at the level of the Union to implement the amendments adopted by Decision (CFSP) 2022/327 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP (referred to above) and imposing further restrictive measures in various sectors, particularly defence, energy, aviation and finance. In particular for vessels, see “Category IV – Sensors and Lasers” and “Category VI – Marine” of revised Annex VII and revised Annex X.
- **Council Regulation (EU) 2022/334¹⁷ of 28 February 2022:**
This Regulation introduces amendments to Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 in order to take regulatory action at the level of the Union to implement the amendments adopted by Decision (CFSP) 2022/335 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP (referred to above).

V. *New Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/266¹⁸ of 23 February 2022 concerning restrictive measures in response to the recognition of the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine and the ordering of Russian armed forces into those areas.*

Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/266 provides that:

- (a) it shall be **prohibited to import** into the European Union of **goods originating in the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine**, with the exception of goods having been granted a certificate of origin by the Government of Ukraine.
- (b) **trade in goods and technology** for use in **certain sectors in the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk Oblasts of Ukraine shall be restricted**. Services in the sectors of **transport, telecommunications, energy** or the **prospecting, exploration and production of oil, gas and mineral resources**, as well as services related to **tourism activities** in the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine shall be prohibited.

¹⁵ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0262&from=EN>

¹⁶ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0328&from=EN>

¹⁷ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0334&from=EN>

¹⁸ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0266&from=EN>

In particular, Articles 6 and 9 of Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/266 introduce prohibitions relating to the transfer of goods and technology and the provision of services in the aforementioned sectors by vessels under the jurisdiction of Member States.

VI. *New Council Regulation (EU) 2022/263¹⁹ of 23 February 2022 concerning restrictive measures in response to the recognition of the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine and the ordering of Russian armed forces into those areas.*

Council Regulation (EU) 2022/263 was adopted in order to take regulatory action at the level of the Union to implement the amendments adopted by the **Decision (CFSP) 2022/266**, which is analysed above. Under **Article 15 (b) of Council Regulation (EU) 2022/263**, the Regulation shall apply **on board any aircraft or any vessel under the jurisdiction of Member States**.

VII. *New Council Decision (EU) 2022/333²⁰ of 25 February 2022 on the partial suspension of the application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas to the citizens of the European Union and the Russian Federation.*

2. The Shipping Deputy Ministry wishes to reiterate its recommendation (Circular DMS No. 20/2015 and No. 33/2021 are of relevance) to the owners, managers and operators of Cyprus flagged vessels to avoid, to the extent possible, any callings and transactions at ports/countries where political instability and/or armed/civil conflicts take place (or are evidently imminent). Increased vigilance and close communication should be maintained at all times with Port and Flag State authorities, Insurance Providers (Hull and Machinery and Protection & Indemnity) and local shipping agents.

It is noted that, as the situation currently stands:

- (a) the **Ukrainian sea ports** in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov have been **reported as closed**, and
- (b) the **Russian Federation** has issued a NAVTEX warning informing shipping that military exercises are being carried out in the Black Sea and the Sea of Azov area.

3. A regularly updated list of all the European Union restrictive measures may be found on the website of the Official Journal of the European Union (<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/oj/direct-access.html>) and on the **EU Sanctions Map** (<https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main>).

4. 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 Implementation of the Provisions of the U.N. Security Council Resolutions or Decisions (Sanctions) and the E.U. Council Decisions and Regulations (Restrictive Measures) Law of 2016 (Law 58(I)/2016)*, as well as the EU Instruments implemented by virtue thereof, and SDM Sanctions Information Notices.

This Sanctions Information Notice, which is intended solely as a guidance document, must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.

¹⁹ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R0263&qid=1646050546050&from=en>

²⁰ <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D0333&qid=1646052839388&from=en>



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