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### SANCTIONS INFORMATION NOTICE

#### Related Documents

Circulars No.10/2014, No. 21/2014 and No. 23/2014

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No.5/2022, No.7/2022, No.8/2022, No.11/2022, No.12/2022, No.  
13/2022 and No.15/2022

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

To all Owners, Managers, Representatives and Agents in Cyprus of Ships, irrespective of flag  
they are flying, calling at Cyprus ports

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

1. I refer to the above subject and 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 new legal acts adopted on 12 and 16 December 2022 (9th Package of restrictive measures):

**I. *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) 2022/2478<sup>1</sup> of 16 December 2022:**

This Decision *inter alia*:

- **adds certain entries to the list** of legal persons, entities and bodies set out in **Annex IV** to Decision 2014/512/CFSP;

<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D2478&from=EN>



- **adds the Russian Regional Development Bank** to the list of Russian State-owned or controlled entities that are subject to the transaction ban;

-**imposes a ban on Union nationals from holding any posts on the governing bodies of all Russian State-owned or controlled** legal persons, entities or bodies that are established in Russia but provides for the **possibility for competent authorities to grant an authorisation** to their nationals for holding such posts in certain circumstances e.g. when the holding of such a post is necessary for ensuring critical energy supply, or when the legal person, entity or body **is involved in the transit through Russia of oil originating in a third country**;<sup>2</sup>

-extends the existing prohibition on the provision of certain services to the Russian Federation and to legal persons, entities or bodies established in Russia by **banning the provision of advertising, market research and public opinion polling services, as well as product testing and technical inspection services**;<sup>3</sup>

- **expands the prohibition targeting new investments in the Russian energy sector** by additionally prohibiting new investments in the Russian mining sector, with the exception of mining and quarrying activities involving certain critical raw materials;<sup>4</sup>

-**introduces further restrictive measures to suspend the broadcasting activities of media outlets**, which are under the permanent direct or indirect control of the leadership of the Russian Federation, in the Union, or directed at the Union;

-clarifies that, as is **the case for the Member States importing Russian crude oil by pipeline, Bulgaria cannot sell petroleum products obtained from Russian crude oil imported on the basis of that derogation to buyers located in other Member States or in third countries**;<sup>5</sup>

-allows **Bulgaria to export to third countries certain refined petroleum products obtained from Russian crude oil imported on the basis of the derogations in question**;<sup>6</sup>

-**clarifies and amends the exemptions to the import ban on steel products** that either originate in Russia or have been exported from Russia;<sup>7</sup>

-**introduces or extends certain exemptions or derogations related to certain measures**, as well as to make certain technical corrections in the operative text.

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<sup>2</sup> Article 1aa of Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

<sup>3</sup> Article 1k of Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

<sup>4</sup> Article 4a of Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

<sup>5</sup> Article 4o of Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

<sup>6</sup> Article 4o of Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

<sup>7</sup> Article 4i of Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

II. **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) 2022/2474<sup>8</sup> of 16 December 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 Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/2478.

This Regulation excludes **natural gas condensates produced in liquefied natural gas (LNG) production plants** from the **restrictions** set out in **Articles 3m and 3n**, in order to ensure the security of the liquefied natural gas supply. In order to avoid circumvention and ensure that restricted natural gas condensate products under Articles 3m and 3n are not purchased, imported or transported into the Union or to third countries, this Regulation **introduces a reporting obligation for the operators engaged in transactions concerning natural gas condensate from LNG productions plants.**

**As a result of the aforementioned amendments adopted in relation to the natural gas condensates, ships flying the Cyprus flag carrying natural gas condensates need, with effect as from 17 December 2022, to provide to SDM salient information.**

III. **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) 2022/2432<sup>9</sup> of 12 December 2022:**

This Decision adds four individuals and four entities involved in the development and delivery of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Russia 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) 2022/2477<sup>10</sup> of 16 December 2022:**

This Decision adds 141 persons and 49 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) 2022/2479<sup>11</sup> of 16 December 2022:**

This Decision *inter alia*:

-introduces a new deadline for the derogation allowing the divestment by a specific listed entity;

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<sup>8</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R2474&from=EN>

<sup>9</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D2432&from=EN>

<sup>10</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D2477&from=EN>

<sup>11</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D2479&from=EN>

-extends to two newly listed entities the derogation from the asset freeze and from the prohibition to make funds and economic resources available, in order to allow the termination of operations, contracts, or other agreements, previously concluded with those entities;

-introduces a new derogation allowing to unfreeze assets of, and to make funds and economic resources available to, certain individuals who held a significant role in international trade in agricultural and food products, including wheat and fertilisers, prior to their listing.

#### **IV. *European Union restrictive measures 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 Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2430<sup>12</sup> of 12 December 2022:**

This Regulation adds four individuals and four entities involved in the development and delivery of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles to Russia to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.

- **Council Regulation (EU) 2022/2475<sup>13</sup> of 16 December 2022:**

This Regulation introduces 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) 2022/2479 as analysed above.

- **Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2476<sup>14</sup> of 16 December 2022:**

This Regulation adds 141 persons and 49 entities to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.

2. 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>).

In addition, the “European Union Consolidated Financial Sanctions List”, regularly updated by DG FISMA, may be found on below link

<https://webgate.ec.europa.eu/europeaid/fsd/fsf/public/files/pdfFullSanctionsList/content?token=dG9rZW4tMjAxNw> .

**In view of the gravity of the situation in Ukraine, it is stressed that, the relevant restrictive measures are subject to constant review by the European Union thus, it is advisable to regularly consult the aforementioned links.**

3. Furthermore, additional information in view of the gravity of the situation in Ukraine may be found on the **specialised link** created on the SDM website titled “Information in view of the gravity of the situation in Ukraine”:

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<sup>12</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R2430&from=EN>

<sup>13</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R2475&from=EN>

<sup>14</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R2476&from=EN>

<https://www.dms.gov.cy/dms/shipping.nsf/all/75954F9E737CE2DCC225880E00321DEB?opendocument>).

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.**



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