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SHIPPING DEPUTY MINISTRY TO THE PRESIDENT

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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 instruments concerning restrictive measures against the Central African Republic (“CAR”)

1. I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circulars No.5/2014, No. 18/2015, No. 10/2016, No. 21/2016 and SIN No. 6/2017 , I wish to inform you of the adoption by the United Nations Security Council and the European Union of the following instruments:
 - (a) **United Nations Security Council Resolution 2399 (2018) dated 30th January 2018;**
 - (b) **EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/391 of 12th March 2018 amending decision 2013/798/CFSP; and**
 - (c) **Council Regulation (EU) 2018/387 of 12th March 2018 amending regulation (EU) No. 224/2014.**
2. As a result the current sanctions regime against CAR is now governed by **UNSCRs 2127 (2013), 2134 (2014), 2196 (2015), 2262 (2016), 2339 (2017) and 2399 (2018), EU Council Decision 2013/798/CFSP as amended lastly by EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2018/699 and Council Regulation (EU) No. 224/2014 as amended lastly by EU Council Regulation (EU) 2018/698**, as well as National Prohibition Orders P.I. 428/2015¹ and 227/2016².
3. The aforementioned instruments amend the list of exceptions to the general prohibition of transportation of arms and related materiel rule. As a result paragraph 4 (a) of previous SIN No. 6/2017 now reads as follows:

¹ published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4911, Supplement III (I), dated 11.12.2015.

² published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4958, Supplement III (I), dated 5.08.2016.



“(a) arms and related materiel intended solely for the support of or use by the United Nations Multidimensional Integrated Stabilization Mission in the CAR (‘Minusca’), the Union missions and the French forces deployed in the CAR, as well as other UN Member States’ forces providing training and assistance as notified in accordance with point (b);”

Please refer to **Article 2 (a)** of **EU Council Decision 2013/798/CFSP** as amended as well as **paragraph 1 (a)** of **UNSCR 2399 (2018)**.

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://ec.europa.eu/dgs/fpi/what-we-do/sanctions_en.htm . 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)*.³

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 aforementioned UN and EU Instruments as well as of relevant national Prohibition Orders P.I. 428/2015 and 227/2016 and DMS Circulars No.5/2014, No. 18/2015, No. 10/2016, No. 21/2016 and SIN No. 6/2017.

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



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³ Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 4564, Supplement I (I) dated 25/4/2016.

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