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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 and No. 21/2016, 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 2339 (2017) dated 27<sup>th</sup> January 2017;**  
**(b) EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/412 of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 amending decision 2013/798/CFSP; and**  
**(c) Council Regulation (EU) 2017/400 of 7<sup>th</sup> March 2017 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), and 2339 (2017), EU Council Decision 2013/798/CFSP as amended lastly by EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/412 and Council Regulation (EU) No. 224/2014 as amended lastly by EU Council Regulation (EU) 2017/400**, as well as National Prohibition Orders P.I. 428/2015<sup>1</sup> and 227/2016<sup>2</sup>.
3. In a nutshell under the aforementioned instruments the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related material of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, irrespective of origin, as well as of armed mercenary personnel, to CAR is prohibited.

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

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



4. The prohibition of transportation of arms and related materiel shall not apply to the transportation of:
- (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 African Union Regional Task Force ('AU-RTF'), and the Union missions and the French forces deployed in the CAR;
  - (b) non-lethal equipment and provision of assistance, including operational and non-operational training to the CAR security forces, including State civilian law enforcement institutions, intended solely for support of or use in the CAR process of Security Sector Reform ('SSR'), in coordination with Minusca, and as notified in advance to the Committee established pursuant to paragraph 57 of UNSCR 2127 (2013) ('the Committee');
  - (c) arms and related materiel brought into the CAR by Chadian or Sudanese forces solely for their use in international patrols of the tripartite force established on 23 May 2011 in Khartoum by the CAR, Chad and Sudan, to enhance security in the common border areas, in cooperation with Minusca, as approved in advance by the Committee;
  - (d) non-lethal military equipment intended solely for humanitarian or protective use, and related technical assistance or training, as approved in advance by the Committee;
  - (e) protective clothing, including flak jackets and military helmets, temporarily exported to the CAR by United Nations 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;
  - (f) small arms and other related equipment intended solely for use in international patrols providing security in the Sangha River Tri-national Protected Area to defend against poaching, smuggling of ivory and arms, and other activities contrary to the national laws of the CAR or the CAR's international legal obligations, as notified in advance to the Committee;
  - (g) arms and other related lethal equipment to the CAR security forces, including State civilian law enforcement institutions, intended solely for support of or use in the CAR process of SSR, as approved in advance by the Committee; or
  - (h) arms and related materiel, or provision of assistance or personnel, as approved in advance by the Committee.
5. In addition to the above, by virtue of Article 1a of **EU Council Decision 2013/798/CFSP** as amended lastly EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2017/412, as well as **UNSCRs 2127 (2013) and 2339 (2017)** Member States shall, upon discovery,

seize, register and dispose of (such as through destruction, rendering inoperable, storage or transferring to a State other than the originating or destination States for disposal) items the transfer of which is prohibited.

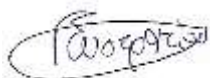
6. The text of the aforementioned European Union instruments may be found on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu> whereas the text of United Nations Security Resolutions may be found on <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/>.
7. A regularly updated list of all the European Union restrictive measures in force can be found at [http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures\\_en.pdf](http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures_en.pdf)
8. 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>3</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.

9. 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 and No. 21/2016.

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



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

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