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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 members of the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them.**

1. I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circulars No.19/2012 and 8/2016, I wish to inform you of the adoption by the European Union of ***EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 of 20th September 2016 concerning restrictive measures against members of the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida and persons, groups, undertakings and entities associated with them and repealing Common Position 2002/402/CFSP.***
2. As a result the current sanctions regime against the aforementioned is now governed by **UNCSRs 1267 (1999), 1333 (2000), 1390 (2002), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015)** as well as **EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/1693 as amended and Council Regulation (EC) No. 881/2002 as amended**, as well as National Prohibition Order P.I. 124/2012¹. It is worth noting that the EU Council has also adopted Council Regulation (EU) 2016/1686 of 20th September 2016, which at present does not provide for any specific restrictive measures relevant to maritime transport.
3. In a nutshell under the aforementioned instruments the transportation by Cyprus ships of arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts, irrespective of origin, to any individual, group, undertaking or entity designated by the UNSC pursuant to UNSCRs 1267 (1999), 1333 (2000) and 2253 (2015), as updated by the Committee established pursuant to UNSCR 1267 (1999) ('the

¹ The *Cyprus Ships (Prohibition of Transportation of Arms and Related Materiel to members of the Al-Qaida organisation and other individuals, groups, undertakings and other entities associated with them) Order of 2012*, published in the Official Gazette of the Republic No. 4556, Supplement III (I), dated 30.03.2012.



Committee'), or designated by the Council, or to those acting on their behalf or at their direction, is prohibited.

4. In addition to the above, it is worth mentioning once again some further matters sought to be dealt with, by virtue of UNSCR 2253 (2015), despite the arms embargo. Amongst the most relevant matters, Members States, in cooperation with the public and private sector, are called upon to take action in relation to the following:
- a. exercise vigilance over relevant transactions and improve information-sharing capabilities and practices;
 - b. promote awareness of the ISIL (Da'esh) & Al – Qaida Sanctions List and urge respective company, property and other relevant public and private registries to screen available databases against such List;
 - c. ensure that no economic resources are made available to ISIL (Da'esh), Al – Qaida and associated individuals, groups, undertaking and entities, including trading in oil and refined oil products, modular refineries and related material including chemicals and lubricants and other natural resources;
 - d. ensure that no donations to individuals and entities designated by the Committee or those acting on their behalf, take place;
 - e. promote enhanced vigilance by nationals, persons subject to their jurisdiction and entities incorporated in their territory or subject to their jurisdiction involved in the production, sale, supply, purchase, transfer and storage of all types of explosives, whether military, civilian or improvised explosives, as well as to raw materials and components that can be used to manufacture improvised explosive devices or unconventional weapons, including, but not limited to, chemical components, detonators, detonating cord, or poisons.
5. 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/>.

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

6. 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)*.²

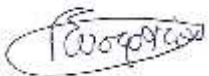
The purpose of Law 58(I)/2016 is to set out the obligations of any person or entity in the Republic of Cyprus to abide and comply with all the provisions of the UNSCRs. and /or the relevant EU Decisions and Regulations. Under this Law all UN and EU instruments are incorporated and adopted into the national legal order without the need of enacting Prohibition Orders (as was the practice in the past years), and are thus automatically applicable and binding.

² Published in the Official Gazette of the Republic of Cyprus No. 4564, Supplement I (I) dated 25/4/2016.

For further information on this Law, as well as information on the relevant penalties please refer to our DMS Circular No. 16/2016.

7. 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 & EU Instruments as well as of relevant national Prohibition Order P.I. 124/2012 and DMS Circulars No. No.19/2012 and 8/2016.

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



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