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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 (12th package of restrictive measures)**

1. I refer to the above subject and I wish to inform you of the recent adoption of the
following European Union restrictive measures in view of the gravity of the situation in
Ukraine reflected in five new legal acts adopted on 18 December 2023:

**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) 2023/2871¹ of 18 December 2023:**

This Decision, *inter alia* adds 61 persons and 86 entities responsible for actions
undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of
Ukraine 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=OJ:L_202302871



II. **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 Regulation (EU) 2023/2873² of 18 December 2023:**

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) 2023/2871.

- **Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2875³ of 18 December 2023:**

This Regulation adds 61 persons and 86 entities responsible for actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine 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) 2023/2874⁴ of 18 December 2023:**

This Decision, *inter alia*, introduces the following provisions:

Article 4ha

Paragraph 5 of this Article providing the exceptions to the access to ports and locks prohibition has been amended with the inclusion of the transport of nuclear fuel and other goods strictly necessary for the functioning of civil nuclear capabilities, such as the Paks II project (point (d) has been replaced).

Article 4p

A new paragraph (6a) has been added to this Article which introduces a requirement that **itemised price information for ancillary costs**, such as **insurance and freight**, be shared upon request throughout the supply chain of Russian oil trade. Paragraph 6a of Article 4p reads as follows:

*“6a. In application of paragraphs 4 and 6, point (a), for Russian crude oil or petroleum products listed in Annex XIII, loaded as of 20 February 2024, **service providers with no access to the purchase price per barrel laid down in Annex XI of such products shall collect itemised price information for ancillary costs as provided by operators further up the supply chain of Russian crude oil or petroleum product trade. Such itemised price information shall be provided to counterparties and competent authorities, upon their request, for the purpose of verifying compliance with this Article.**”*

² https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202302873

³ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202302875

⁴ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202302874

New Article 4u:

This Article imposes a **prohibition on the direct or indirect import, purchase or transfer of diamonds** from Russia.

New Article 4v:

This Article provides for a notification obligation for the sale of tankers to any third country and a derogation from the prohibition on the sale of tankers to Russian persons and entities, or for use in Russia. This new Article reads as follows:

“Article 4v

1. It shall be prohibited for any national of a Member State, natural person residing in a Member State, and legal person, entity or body which is established in the Union to sell, or otherwise transfer ownership, directly or indirectly, of tankers for the transport of crude oil or petroleum products listed in Annex XIII, falling under HS code ex 8901 20, whether or not originating in the Union, to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia.

2. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the competent authorities may authorise, under the conditions they deem appropriate, the sale or other transfer of ownership of tankers for the transport of crude oil or petroleum products listed in Annex XIII, falling under HS code ex 8901 20.

3. When deciding on requests for the authorisation referred to in paragraph 2 of this Article, the competent authorities shall not grant an authorisation for a sale or other transfer of ownership to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia, if they have reasonable grounds to believe that the tanker would be used to transport, or be re-exported to transport, crude oil or petroleum products as listed in Annex XIII, originating in Russia or exported from Russia for import into the Union in breach of Article 4o or for transport to third countries at a purchase price per barrel exceeding the price laid down in Annex XI.

4. Any sale or other arrangement entailing a transfer of ownership by a national of a Member State, a natural person residing in a Member State, and a legal person, entity or body which is established in the Union to any third country of tankers for the transport of crude oil or petroleum products listed in Annex XIII, falling under HS code ex 8901 20, with the exception of a sale or other transfer of ownership prohibited under paragraph 1, shall be notified immediately to the competent authorities of the Member State where the owner of the tanker is a citizen, a resident or is established.

The notification to the competent authority shall contain at least, the following information: the identities of the seller and the purchaser, and where applicable the incorporation documents of the seller and the purchaser including the shareholding and management; the IMO ship identification number of the tanker; and the Call Sign of the tanker.

5. Any sale or other transfer of ownership of tankers as referred to in paragraphs 1 and 4 after 5 December 2022 and prior to 19 December 2023

shall be notified to the competent authorities of the Member States before 20 February 2024.

6. The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisation granted under paragraph 2, and of any notification under paragraphs 4 and 5, within two weeks of the authorisation or notification.”

Article 4r

Paragraph 1 of this Article has been amended and it now provides that by way of derogation from Articles 3, 3a, 4, 4c, 4d, 4g, 4j and 4m, the competent authorities **may authorise the sale, supply or transfer of goods** listed in Annexes II, VII, X, XI, XVI, XVIII, XX and XXIII to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, **until 30 June 2024, where such sale, supply, transfer is strictly necessary for the divestment from Russia or the wind-down of business activities in Russia** (providing that certain conditions cited therein are met).

New Article 4s

This Article provides that the prohibitions laid down in this Decision shall not apply to the **provision of pilot services** which are necessary for reasons of maritime safety.

In addition to the above, this Decision:

- prolongs by an additional year specific derogations from the prohibition on imports from Russia of crude oil and petroleum products;
- adds 29 new entities to the list of legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Annex IV to Decision 2014/512/CFSP;
- expands the list of items which contribute to Russia’s military and technological enhancement or to the development of its defence and security sector;⁵
- introduces a list of partner countries which apply a set of restrictive measures on imports of iron and steel and a set of import control measures that are substantially equivalent to those in Decision 2014/512/CFSP and Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, and extends certain wind-down periods for the import of specific steel products;⁶
- imposes further restrictions on exports of goods which could contribute in particular to the enhancement of Russian industrial capacities;⁷
- introduces further restrictions on imports of goods which generate significant revenues for Russia, thereby enabling the continuation of its war of aggression against Ukraine, such as liquefied propane gas, pig iron and spiegeleisen,

⁵ ANNEX IV of Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

⁶ Article 4i of Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

⁷ Article 4m of Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

copper wires, aluminium wires, foil, tubes and pipes. Certain exceptions and transitional periods are provided for;

- extends the exemption provided for in relation to the Sakhalin-2 (Сахалин-2) Project, located in Russia, until 28 June 2024 to ensure Japan's energy security needs;
- includes a ban on Russian nationals or natural persons residing in Russia from owning or controlling, or holding any posts on the governing bodies of, the legal persons, entities or bodies providing such services⁸.

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) 2023/2878⁹ of 18 December 2023:**

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) 2023/2874 as analysed above. See in particular corresponding new Articles 3n(6a), 3p, 3q, 12b(1) and 12d.

In addition, new Article 3na has been added providing that to facilitate the implementation and enforcement of Articles 3m and 3n, the Commission and Member States shall periodically share information with each other with a view to further identify vessels and entities of concern carrying out one or more deceptive practices while transporting Russian crude oil and petroleum products.

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

⁸ Article 1b of Decision 2014/512/CFSP as amended.

⁹ https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:L_202302878

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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