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### SANCTIONS INFORMATION NOTICE

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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 6 October 2022 (8<sup>th</sup> 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) 2022/1909<sup>1</sup> of 6 October 2022:**

This Decision introduces further restrictive measures which include the following:

A. **Prohibition to engage in any transaction with the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping**

New **Article 1ab** provides as follows:

<sup>1</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D1909&from=EN>



1. **Member States that have authorised the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping** to undertake fully or in part inspections and surveys related to statutory certificates and, where appropriate, to issue or renew the related certificates<sup>2</sup> **shall withdraw those authorisations<sup>3</sup> before 5 January 2023.**

**During the period until such authorisations have been withdrawn, Member States shall not allow, or grant a delegation to, the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping to perform any of the tasks** which, in accordance with Union rules on maritime safety, are reserved to organisations recognised by the Union, including to undertake inspections and surveys related to statutory certificates as well as to issue, endorse or renew the related certificates.

2. **Any statutory certificates issued on behalf of a Member State** by the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping before 7 October 2022 **shall be withdrawn and terminated by the relevant Member State**, acting as a **flag State**, before 8 April 2023.
3. **The Union's recognition of the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping** under Regulation (EC) No 391/2009 and Directive (EU) 2016/1629 **is withdrawn.**
4. **Member States that have delegated any inspection-related duties<sup>4</sup>** to the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping **shall withdraw those authorisations** before 6 November 2022.
5. **Member States that have delegated any security-related duties<sup>5</sup> to the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping shall withdraw those authorisations** before 5 January 2023.
6. **Any International Ship Security Certificate issued on behalf of a Member State** by the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping before 7 October 2022 **shall be withdrawn and terminated by the relevant Member State**, acting as a **Contracting Government**, before 8 April 2023.

- B. Prohibition on access to EU ports is extended to vessels certified by the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping

**Article 4ha** is amended, inter alia, as follows:

The **prohibition in paragraph 1 to provide access to ports in the territory of the Union** to any vessel registered under the flag of Russia **shall also apply**, after 8 April 2023, **to any vessel certified by the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping.**

- C. Derogations from the access to ports prohibition with respect to ships under a bareboat charter registration:

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<sup>2</sup> Article 3(2) and Article 5 of Directive 2009/15/EC.

<sup>3</sup> Article 8 of Directive 2009/15/EC.

<sup>4</sup> Directive (EU) 2016/1629.

<sup>5</sup> point 4.3 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 725/2004, Article 11 of Directive 2005/65/EC, with points 19.1.2 and 19.2.2 of Annex II to Regulation (EC) No 725/2004.

**Paragraph 2 of Article 4ha** provides that the prohibition on access to EU ports shall apply to vessels that have changed their Russian flag or their registration, to the flag or register of any other State after 24 February 2022.

**Article 4ha**<sup>6</sup> has now been amended and the following paragraph has been inserted:

'5b. By way of derogation from paragraph 2, **the competent authorities may authorise**, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, **a vessel to access a port or lock provided that it:**

(a) **has flown the Russian Federation flag under a bareboat charter registration initially effected prior to 24 February 2022;**

(b) **has resumed its right to fly the flag of the underlying Member State registry before 31 January 2023;** and

(c) **is not owned, chartered, operated or otherwise controlled by a Russian national or any legal person, entity or body incorporated or constituted under the law of the Russian Federation.'**

D. Price Cap for the maritime transport of crude oil and certain petroleum products to third countries

**Article 4p** is amended and, inter alia, the following paragraphs are added:

"6. The prohibitions in paragraphs 1 and 4 shall not apply:

(a) as of 5 December 2022, to crude oil falling under CN code 2709 00, and as of 5 February 2023, to petroleum products falling under CN code 2710, which originate in Russia or which have been exported from Russia, provided that the purchase price per barrel of such products does not exceed the prices laid down in Annex XI;

(b) to crude oil or petroleum products as listed in Annex XXV to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 where those goods originate in a third country and are only being loaded in, departing from or transiting through Russia, provided that both the origin and the owner of those goods are non-Russian;

(c) to the transport, or to technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance related to such transport, of the products mentioned in Annex XII to this Decision to the third countries mentioned therein, for the duration specified in that Annex.

7. The prohibition in paragraph 1 shall not apply to the provision of pilot services necessary for reasons of maritime safety.

8. In the event that, after the entry into force of a Council Decision amending Annex XI, a vessel has transported the crude oil or petroleum products referred to in paragraph 4 whose purchase price per barrel exceeded the price laid down in Annex XI on the date of conclusion of the contract for such purchase, it shall be prohibited

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<sup>6</sup> The corresponding amendments have also been introduced to Article 3ea of Council Regulation (EU) No. 833/2014 as amended.

thereafter to provide the services referred to in paragraph 1 relating to the transport of crude oil or petroleum products by that vessel.

9. The Council, acting by unanimity on a proposal by the High Representative with the Commission's support, shall amend:

(a) Annex XI<sup>7</sup> **on the basis of the prices agreed by the Price Cap Coalition;**

(b) Annex XII<sup>8</sup> **on the basis of objective eligibility criteria agreed by the Price Cap Coalition to exempt specific energy projects essential for the energy security of certain third countries."**

E. Other measures introduced by Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/1909 of 6 October 2022

Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/1909 *inter alia*:

- **removes the threshold** for the existing prohibition on the provision of **crypto-asset wallet, account or custody services** to Russian persons and residents<sup>9</sup>;
- **prohibits the provision of, directly or indirectly, accounting, auditing, including statutory audit, bookkeeping or tax consulting services, or business and management consulting or public relations services** to the Government of Russia or legal persons, entities or bodies established in Russia<sup>10</sup>;
- **bans the provision of architectural and engineering services as well as of IT consultancy services and legal advisory services**<sup>11</sup>;
- introduces a **prohibition to import, purchase or transport arms and related materiel of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment, and spare parts** therefor, from the Russian Federation applies to both direct and indirect import<sup>12</sup>;
- prohibits the **sale, supply, transfer or export of firearms, their parts and essential components and ammunition** to any natural or legal person,

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<sup>7</sup> **ANNEX XI** entitled "Prices referred to in Article 4p(9)(a)" is added and table with product CN codes and corresponding prices as agreed by the Price Cap Coalition will be added.

<sup>8</sup> **ANNEX XII** entitled "List of projects referred to in Article 4p(9)(b)" is added and provides the following:

Scope of exemption: The transport by vessel to Japan, the technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance related to such transport, of crude oil falling under CN code 2709 00 commingled with condensate, originating in the Sakhalin-2 (Сахалин-2) Project, located in Russia

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<sup>9</sup> Article 1b, paragraph 2 of Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP.

<sup>10</sup> Article 1k of Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP.

<sup>11</sup> Article 1k of Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP.

<sup>12</sup> Article 2, paragraph 3 of Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP.

entity or body in the Russian Federation, or for use in the Russian Federation<sup>13</sup>;

- **extends the import ban on steel products that either originate in the Russian Federation or have been exported from it**, as well as to impose import restrictions on additional items that generate significant revenues for the Russian Federation.<sup>14</sup>

## 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) 2022/1904<sup>15</sup> of 6 October 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 Decision (CFSP) 2022/1909 as analysed above.

With regard to the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping and the Russian oil Price cap, of particular relevance are the amended provisions of **Articles 3ea** , **3n** and **5aa** of Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 as now amended.

## 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) 2022/1907<sup>16</sup> of 6 October 2022**

This Decision adds 30 persons and seven 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.

This Decision also introduces a **further listing criterion<sup>17</sup>** and introduces a **derogation<sup>18</sup>** from the asset freeze and the prohibition to make funds and economic resources available with respect to two listed entities, as well as includes additional provisions on Member States' obligations concerning the granting of derogations

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<sup>13</sup> Article 3aa of Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP.

<sup>14</sup> Article 4i of Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP.

<sup>15</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R1904&from=EN>

<sup>16</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D1907&from=EN>

<sup>17</sup> Article 1(1) of Decision 2014/145/CFSP.

<sup>18</sup> Article 2 of Decision 2014/145/CFSP.

**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 Regulation (EU) 2022/1905<sup>19</sup> of 6 October 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) 2022/1907 as analysed above.

- **Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1906<sup>20</sup> of 6 October 2022:**

This Regulation adds 30 persons and seven entities responsible for actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine 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.

**V. Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/1908 of 6 October 2022<sup>21</sup> amending Decision (CFSP) 2022/266 concerning restrictive measures in response to the recognition of the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine and the ordering of Russian armed forces into those areas**

This Decision amends the title of Decision (CFSP) 2022/266 and extends the geographical scope of the restrictions contained therein to cover all the nongovernment controlled areas of Ukraine in the oblasts of Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia.

**VI. Council Regulation (EU) 2022/1903 of 6 October 2022<sup>22</sup> amending Regulation (EU) 2022/263 concerning restrictive measures in response to the recognition of the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine and the ordering of Russian armed forces into those areas**

This Regulation introduces amendments to Council Regulation (EU) No 2022/263 in order to take regulatory action at the level of the Union to implement the amendments adopted by Decision (CFSP) 2022/1908 as analysed above.

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.**

<sup>19</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R1905&from=EN>

<sup>20</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R1906&from=EN>

<sup>21</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022D1908&from=EN>

<sup>22</sup> <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32022R1903&from=EN>

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>).

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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