



MARITIME CIRCULAR No. 21

To:

Ship – owners/Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Class Societies and Recognized Organizations (RO's).

Subject:

EU Restrictive Measures, UN Sanctions and US Sanctions against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK).

Date:

17th of March 2016

References:

**EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/319
Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/315
United Nations Security Council Resolution 1718 (2006)
United Nations Security Council Resolution 2270 (2016)
OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - North Korea Sanctions**

Purpose

It has been brought to our attention that the number of entities being included in the lists of targeted entities subject to EU Restrictive Measures, UN Sanctions and US Sanctions, has significantly increased.

In addition, new more strict sanctions have been imposed by United Nations against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), in Resolution 2270 (2016).

Consequently, it is imperative that all owners, bareboat charterers, managers, registration officers, Class Societies and Recognized Organizations of vessels flying the Sierra Leone flag, study thoroughly the below sanctions lists before entering into any agreement / transaction and before calling any Port of the said country.

Application

1. Sanctions / Restrictive Measures against Democratic People's Republic of Korea - DPRK:
 - a. **EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/319**, of 4 March 2016, amending Decision 2013/183/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.

- b. **Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/315**, of 4 March 2016, amending Council Regulation (EC) No 329/2007 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
 - c. **United Nations Security Council Resolution 1718 (2006)**, concerning DPRK, of 14 October 2006, 1718 Sanctions Committee (DPRK).
 - d. **United Nations Security Council Resolution 2270 (2016)**, concerning DPRK, of 2 March 2016, 1718 Sanctions Committee (DPRK).
 - e. **OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - North Korea Sanctions**, as last updated by U.S. Department of the Treasury.
2. An updated consolidated version of the EU restrictive measures against the above mentioned country is set out at:
www.eur-lex.europa.eu

Additionally, an updated list of all the European Union restrictive measures in force can be accessed at:
http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures_en.pdf
3. An updated UN sanctions list is set out on the United Nations website at:
<https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en>
4. An updated OFAC sanctions list is set out on the U.S. Department of the Treasury website at:
<https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx>

Alternatively, OFAC sanctions can be accessed from OFAC's Sanctions List Search at:
<http://sdnsearch.ofac.treas.gov/>
5. It is recalled that EU, UN and US instruments have direct effect and are binding on the shipowners/ship operators and any violation may expose them to relevant penalties under legislations of the relevant bodies.
6. Ship – owners/Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Class Societies and Recognized Organizations (RO's), are advised to abide by the prohibitions on transportation contained in the applicable EU, UN and US instruments, with respect to the above mentioned country.
7. Sierra Leonean vessels, are therefore prohibited to call any port of the above said sanctioned country.
8. In light of the above, and in order to protect the Sierra Leone Flag's interests, Sierra Leone Maritime Administration – SLMARAD, without any prejudice, reserves the right to take any actions deemed necessary against any vessel / owner / entity.
9. The above will enter into effect as of **17th of March 2016**.

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Revision

Revision 1: 24th of December 2015 – Initial, Adopted

Revision 2: 17th March 2016 – Revised to include DPRK sanctions only.