



MARITIME CIRCULAR No. 28

To:

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

Subject:

EU Restrictive Measures, UN Sanctions and US Sanctions against Iran.

Date:

17th of March 2016

References:

EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/37

Council Regulation (EU) No. 267/2012

Council Regulation (EU) No. 359/2011

OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - Iran Sanctions

Purpose

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

However, 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 Iran:
 - a. **EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2016/37**, 16 January 2016 concerning the date of application of Decision (CFSP) 2015/1863 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran.
 - b. **Council Regulation (EU) No. 267/2012**, of 23 March 2012, as amended, concerning restrictive measures against Iran and repealing Regulation (EU) No 961/2010.
 - c. **Council Regulation (EU) No. 359/2011**, of 12 April 2011, as amended, concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran.

- d. **OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - Iran 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 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/>
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. 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.
7. The above will enter into effect as of **17th of March 2016**.

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Revision

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