



**MARITIME CIRCULAR No. 21**

To:

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

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Subject:

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

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Date:

**24<sup>th</sup> of December 2015**

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References:

**EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1066**  
**Council Regulation (EU) No. 1059/2014**  
**United Nations Security Council Resolution 1718 (2006)**  
**OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - North Korea Sanctions**  
**EU Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP**  
**Council Regulation (EU) No. 36/2012**  
**Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List**  
**OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - Syria Sanctions**  
**EU Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP**  
**Council Regulation (EU) No. 267/2012**  
**Council Regulation (EU) No. 359/2011**  
**United Nations Security Council Resolution 1737 (2006)**  
**OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - Iran Sanctions**  
**EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333**  
**Council Regulation (EU) No. 204/2011**  
**United Nations Security Council Resolution 1970 (2011)**  
**OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - Libya Sanctions**  
**Council Regulation (EC) No. 1412/2006**  
**United Nations Security Council Resolution 1636 (2005)**  
**OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - Lebanon Sanctions**

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**Purpose**

It has been brought to our attention that the number of entities being included in the lists of targeted entities subject to UN and EU sanctions and restrictive measures respectively, has significantly increased.

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 countries.

## Application

1. Sanctions / Restrictive Measures against Democratic People's Republic of Korea - DPRK:
  - a. **EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1066**, of 2 July 2015, amending EU Council Decision 2013/183/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea.
  - b. **Council Regulation (EU) No. 1059/2014**, of 8 October 2014, 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).  
[https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/1718#current sanction measures](https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en/sanctions/1718#current%20sanction%20measures)
  - d. **OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - North Korea Sanctions**, as last updated by U.S. Department of the Treasury.
  
2. Sanctions / Restrictive Measures against Syria:
  - a. **EU Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP**, of 31 May 2013, as amended, concerning restrictive measures against Syria.
  - b. **Council Regulation (EU) No. 36/2012**, of 18 January 2012, as amended, concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria and repealing Regulation (EU) No 442/2011.
  - c. **Consolidated United Nations Security Council Sanctions List**, concerning Individuals, Entities and other groups related to Syria.  
<https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/sites/www.un.org.sc.suborg/files/consolidated.pdf>
  - d. **OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - Syria Sanctions**, as last updated by U.S. Department of the Treasury.
  
3. Sanctions / Restrictive Measures against Iran:
  - a. **EU Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP**, of 26 July 2010, as amended, concerning restrictive measures against Iran and repealing Common Position 2007/140/CFSP.
  - 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. **United Nations Security Council Resolution 1737 (2006)**, concerning Iran, of 23 December 2006, 1718 Sanctions Committee (Iran).
  - e. **OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - Iran Sanctions**, as last updated by U.S. Department of the Treasury.
  
4. Sanctions / Restrictive Measures against Libya:
  - a. **EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1333**, of 31 July 2015, as amended, concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya, and repealing Decision 2011/137/CFSP.

- b. **Council Regulation (EU) No. 204/2011**, of 2 March 2011, as amended, concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Libya.
  - c. **United Nations Security Council Resolution 1970 (2011)**, concerning Libya, of 26 February 2011, Libya Sanctions Committee.  
[http://www.un.org/ga/search/view\\_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/1737\(2006\)](http://www.un.org/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/1737(2006))
  - d. **OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - Libya Sanctions**, as last updated by U.S. Department of the Treasury.
5. Sanctions / Restrictive Measures against Lebanon:
  - a. **Council Regulation (EC) No. 1412/2006**, of 25 September 2006, as amended, concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Lebanon.
  - b. **United Nations Security Council Resolution 1636 (2005)**, concerning Lebanon, of 31 October 2005, 1636 Sanctions Committee.
  - c. **OFAC (Office of Foreign Assets Control) - Lebanon Sanctions**, as last updated by U.S. Department of the Treasury.
6. An updated consolidated version of the EU restrictive measures against the above mentioned countries is set out at:  
[www.eur-lex.europa.eu](http://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](http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures_en.pdf)
7. An updated UN sanctions list is set out on the United Nations website at:  
<https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en>
8. 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/>
9. 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.
10. 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 countries.
11. 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 upon which there are any allegations of violation of the above mentioned sanctions.

12. The above will enter into effect as of **24<sup>th</sup> of December 2015**.

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