

Merchant Shipping Directorate



SUSPENSION OF CERTAIN RESTRICTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE ISLAMIC REPUBLIC OF IRAN

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Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators, Managers, Masters, Owners' Representatives and Recognised Organisations

The attention of the shipping community is drawn to EU Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1148 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Iran, adopted on 14 July 2015 suspending certain restrictive measures against the Islamic Republic of Iran.

By virtue of Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/1148 the following prohibitions set out in EU Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP have been suspended until 14 January 2016:

- The transport of Iranian crude oil.
- The provision of insurance and reinsurance, related to the import, purchase, or transport of Iranian crude oil
- The import, purchase or transport of Iranian petrochemical products.
- The provision of financing, insurance and reinsurance related to the import purchase or transport of Iranian petrochemical products.
- The sale, purchase, transportation or brokering of gold and precious metals, to, from or for the Government of Iran.
- The supply of vessels designed for the transport or storage of oil and petrochemical products to Iranian persons, entities or bodies.
- The supply of vessels designed for the transport or storage of oil and petrochemical products for the transport or storage of Iranian oil and petrochemical products.

Furthermore, the freezing of funds as set out in Article 20(1)(b) and (c) and in Article 20(2) of EU Council Decision 2010/413/CFSP, in relation to the Iranian Ministry of Petroleum, listed in Annex II of the said Decision, has been suspended until 14 January 2016, insofar as necessary for the execution, until 14 January 2016, of contracts for the import or purchase of Iranian petrochemical products.

Shipping organizations established in Malta or operating Maltese ships are reminded to always abide by the restrictive measures in force when planning their operations and, to extend their full co-operation for their enforcement. The use of Maltese ships in any violation of the restrictive measures may be considered as being against the interest of Malta and of Maltese shipping and may lead, *inter alia*, to closure of registry.

The electronic version of Council Decision Council Decision 2015/1148 amending Decision 2010/413/CFSP may be downloaded from:

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32015D1148&from=EN

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