

Ban on the shipment of equipment which might be used for internal repression in Zimbabwe

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Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers, Owners' representatives and Masters, and Officers

In the context of the current situation in Zimbabwe, the Council of the European Union adopted on the 18 February 2002 Council Regulation (EC) No 310/2002 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Zimbabwe.

Inter alia, the Common Position prohibits the supply or sale of arms and related material of all types, as well as the supply of equipment which might be used for internal repression.

Article 7 (1) of the Regulation states:

It shall be prohibited, knowingly and intentionally, to sell, supply, export or ship, directly or indirectly, equipment which might be used for internal repression as listed in Annex II to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Zimbabwe or for the purpose of any business carried on in or operated from the territory of Zimbabwe.

The Maltese Government is aligning itself with this common position. Companies established in or operating Maltese ships are urged to take into consideration these sanctions when planning their operations and, to extend their full cooperation for their enforcement.

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