



Maritime Circular No.28

To:

Ship – Owners / Managers / Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognised Organisations (ROs), SLMARAD Departments (All)

Subject:

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

Date:

20th May 2020

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

31 C.F.R. Part 560

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 increased.

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 sanction 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.
3. 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.
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>.
5. Alternatively, OFAC sanctions can be accessed from OFAC's Sanctions List Search at <http://sdnsearch.ofac.treas.gov/>.
6. 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.
7. Ship – Owners / Managers / Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognised Organisations (ROs), 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. It is noted that vessels are not allowed to perform any activity related to Iran unless the relevant license is acquired by OFAC.
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 20th May 2020.

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Revision Status

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12/01/2017	0	Initial - Adopted
20/05/2020	1	Amendments on paragraph 7