



Merchant Shipping Directorate



Restrictive Measures Against Syria

Merchant Shipping Notice 93

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers,
Masters, Owners' representatives and recognised organisations*

The attention of the shipping community is drawn to the adoption on 2 September 2011, of European Council Decision 2011/523/EU partially suspending the application of the Cooperation Agreement between the European Economic Community and the Syrian Arab Republic and Council Decision 2011/522/CFSP amending Decision 2011/273/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria.

Attention is drawn in particular, to the restrictive measures in relation to the purchase, import or transport from Syria of crude oil and petroleum products. Furthermore, it shall be prohibited to provide, directly or indirectly, financing or financial assistance, including financial derivatives, as well as insurance and reinsurance and to participate, knowingly or intentionally, in activities the object or effect of which is to circumvent the prohibitions referred to in the aforementioned Council Decisions.

To this effect, shipping organisations established in Malta or operating Maltese ships are required to abide by these restrictive measures when planning their operations and, to extent their full cooperation for their enforcement. Furthermore, the use of Maltese ships in any violation to 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.

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