MEASURES IN RELATION TO ILLICIT CRUDE OIL EXPORTS FROM LIBYA

Merchant Shipping Notice 112

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

The Merchant Shipping Directorate would like to draw the attention of all concerned to Resolution 2146 (2014) of the Security Council of the United Nations concerning the illicit export of crude oil from Libya and laying down measures in relation to vessels involved in such exports or attempted exports.

Inter alia, the Resolution provides for a number of measures that may be enforced on vessels designated in accordance with paragraph 11 of the aforementioned resolution. These measures, include, prohibition of vessels from entering ports, instructions for the vessel not to load, transport or discharge such crude oil from Libya and prohibition of any ancillary services.

The Resolution, also, authorizes the inspection on the high seas of vessels designated in accordance with paragraph 11 of the Resolution, and the use of all measures commensurate to the specific circumstances to carry out such inspections and direct the vessel to take appropriate actions to return the crude oil to Libya.

Without prejudice to the measures contemplated in said Resolution the use of Maltese ships in contravention to such dispositions may be considered as being against the interest of Malta and of Maltese Shipping and may lead, inter alia, to closure of registry.

Shipping organisations established in Malta or operating Maltese ships are required to abide by these dispositions when planning their operations and, to extend their full cooperation for their enforcement.

The electronic version of Resolution 2146(2014) can be downloaded from:
http://www.un.org/en/ga/search/view_doc.asp?symbol=S/RES/2146(2014)

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