



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## RESTRICTIVE MEASURES CONCERNING SYRIA AND BELARUS

### *Merchant Shipping Notice 176*

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

The Merchant Shipping Directorate would like to draw the attention of all concerned to the latest restrictive measures adopted by the Council of the European Union (EU) in view of the situation in Syria and Belarus. All concerned are reminded that EU sanctions are directly applicable under Maltese law in terms of the National Interest (Enabling Powers) Act (Cap. 365 of the Laws of Malta).

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1983 implementing Regulation (EU) No. 36/2012 and Council Implementing Decision (CFSP) 2021/1984 implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria were updated to include other individuals to the list of natural and legal persons, entities, or bodies; subject to restrictive measures in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No. 36/2012 and Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP.

Attention is also drawn to the latest amendments to Council Regulation (EC) No.765/2006, concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus. Inter alia such amendments provide for the freezing of funds and economic resources of, and prohibits making funds or economic resources available to, persons, entities, and bodies responsible for serious violations of human rights or the repression of civil society and democratic opposition, or whose activities otherwise seriously undermine democracy or the rule of law in Belarus, and those facilitating the illegal crossing of the external borders of the Union or the transfer of prohibited goods and the illegal transfer of restricted goods, including hazardous goods, into the territory of the Union.

Shipping organisations established in Malta or operating Maltese ships are required to abide by provisions on restrictive measures when planning their operations and, to extend their full cooperation for their enforcement. The use of Maltese ships in any such violation may be considered as being against the interest of Malta and of Maltese shipping and may lead, inter alia, to closure of registry.

Further information may be obtained through the following links:

EU Financial Sanctions Database

<https://data.europa.eu/euodp/en/data/dataset/consolidated-list-of-persons-groups-and-entities-subject-to-eu-financial-sanctions>

EU Sanctions Map

<https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main>

Sanctions Monitoring Board

<http://www.foreign.gov.mt/smb>

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