



Merchant Shipping Directorate

## RESTRICTIVE MEASURES AGAINST THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (DPRK)

### *Merchant Shipping Notice 134*

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

The Merchant Shipping Directorate reminds all concerned of the United Nations Security Council Resolution 2321 (2016), and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2016/849 concerning restrictive measures against the Democratic People's Republic of Korea](#) (DPRK), as amended.

Attention is drawn in particular to the prohibition of the direct or indirect supply, sale, transfer or export by nationals of EU Member States, or through or from the territories of Member States, or using the flag vessels or aircraft of Members States of:

- Arms and related material of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned;
- All items, materials, equipment, goods and technology (as determined by the UN Security Council or the Sanctions Committee) which could contribute to the DPRK's nuclear-related, ballistic-missile-related or other weapons of mass destruction-related programmes or which could contribute to its military activities, including all dual-use goods and technology listed in Annex I to Council Regulation (EC) No 128/2009;
- Certain key components for the ballistic-missile sector, such as certain types of aluminum used in ballistic-missile-related systems.

The procurement from the DPRK by nationals of Member States, or using the flag vessels or aircraft of Member States, of items or technology referred to above is also prohibited, whether or not originating in the territory of the DPRK.

Additionally, it is to be noted that:

- The direct or indirect sale, purchase, transport or brokering of diamonds, gold and precious metals to, from or for the Government of the DPRK, its public bodies, corporations and agencies or the Central Bank of the DPRK, as well as persons or entities acting on their behalf or at their direction, or entities owned or controlled by them, is prohibited;
- The procurement from the DPRK by national of Member States, or using the flag vessels or aircraft of Member States, of gold, titanium ore, vanadium ore and rare-earth minerals, is prohibited, whether or not originating in the territory of the DPRK;
- The delivery of newly printed or minted or unissued DPRK-denominated banknotes and coinage to or for the benefit of the Central Bank of the DPRK is prohibited;

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- The direct or indirect supply, sale or transfer of luxury goods to the DPRK by nationals of Member States or through or from the territories of Member States, or using the flag vessels or aircraft of Member States, is prohibited whether or not originating in the territories of Member States;
- The import, purchase or transfer of luxury goods from the DPRK is prohibited;
- Subject to delineated exceptions, the procurement from the DPRK by nationals of Member States, or using the flag vessels or aircraft of Member States, of coal, iron, and iron ore, is prohibited, whether or not originating in the territory of the DPRK;
- Subject to delineated exceptions, the sale or supply of aviation fuel, including aviation gasoline, naphtha-type jet fuel, kerosene-type jet fuel and kerosene-type rocket fuel, to the DPRK by nationals of Member States or from the territories of Member States, or using the flag vessels or aircraft of Member States, is prohibited whether or not originating in the territories of Member States;
- The import, purchase or transfer from the DPRK of petroleum products not covered by UNSCR 2270 (2016) is also prohibited.

The restrictive measures also include a ban on: leasing or chartering vessels or aircraft, or providing crew services, to the DPRK; and procuring vessels and aircraft crewing services from the DPRK. Furthermore, there is an obligation to deregister any vessel that is owned, controlled or operated by the DPRK, including a prohibition on registering any such vessel that has been deregistered by another United Nations Member State.

To this effect, shipping organizations established in Malta or operating Maltese ships are reminded to always abide by these restrictive measures when planning their operations and, to extend their full cooperation for their enforcement. The use of Maltese ships in any violation of 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.

A regularly updated list of all the European Union restrictive measures in place may be downloaded from: [https://eeas.europa.eu/topics/sanctions-policy/8442/consolidated-list-of-sanctions\\_en](https://eeas.europa.eu/topics/sanctions-policy/8442/consolidated-list-of-sanctions_en)