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To all Registered owners, Registered bareboat charterers  
Managers and Representatives of ships flying the Cyprus Flag

**Subject:** - Safety of vessels under Cyprus Flag calling or approaching ports/countries where armed/civil conflicts take place.  
- Updates on Port Situation in Libya.

1. I refer to the above subject and further to DMS Circular no. 5/2015 (dated 26.01.2015) the contents of which remain valid, I wish to bring to your attention that, in addition to the ports of Libya referred in DMS Circular no. 5/2015, the following ports should also be considered as closed:

- PORT OF SURT (SIRTE)
- RAS AL HILAL

2. It is recalled that the Department of Merchant Shipping recommends to the owners, managers and operators of Cyprus' ships to limit to the strict minimum any callings and transactions at foreign ports/countries where political instability and/or armed/civil conflicts take place (or are evidently imminent) and advises to exercise increased vigilance and maintain close communication at all times with Port- and Flag State authorities and local shipping agents, in accordance with the requirements of the ISPS Code.

We recommend this approach even in cases where such visited ports/countries are not subjected to UN and/or EU economic sanctions.

3. A regularly updated list of all the European Union restrictive measures in force can be found at [http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures\\_en.pdf](http://eeas.europa.eu/cfsp/sanctions/docs/measures_en.pdf)
4. The text of European Union instruments may be found on <http://eur-lex.europa.eu> whereas the text of United Nations Security Resolutions may be found on <http://www.un.org/Docs/sc/>.
5. All recipients of the present Circular are invited to take note of its content as well as of DMS Circular no. 5/2015.

**This Circular must be placed on board vessels flying the Cyprus flag.**





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