



Maritime Circular No.22

To:

Ship – Owners / Managers / Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognised Organisations (ROs), SLMARAD Departments (All)

Subject:

Banned Ports in Cyprus

Date:

11th January 2017

References:

Order P.I.265/75 of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus

Cyprus Criminal Law 38/73 Section (2)

UN Security Council Resolution 541 (1983)

UN Security Council Resolution 550 (1984)

Purpose

To inform Ship – Owners / Managers / Operators, Registration Officers (RegOffs), Recognised Organisations (ROs) and all interested parties, that the Ports of Famagusta, Karavostasi and Kyrenia in the occupied part of Cyprus, which operated before the 1974 Turkish invasion, were declared closed for all vessels on the 3rd of October 1974 by the Order P.I.265/75 of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus.

Application

1. According to the Cypriot Criminal Law 38/73 Section (2): “the Master and/or Owner of a ship which arrives and departs from a port closed for such ship or enters or stays therein in contravention of an Order under subsection (1) shall be guilty of an offence and be liable to imprisonment not exceeding two years or to a fine not exceeding seventeen thousand eighty-six Euros (17,086 Euros) or to both such imprisonment and fine, and in the case of a ship registered in the Register of Cyprus Ships, the Court dealing with the case has the power to order her deletion from the Register of Cyprus Ships.”
2. In addition, any use or attempt to use an illegal point of entry into or exit from the occupied part of Cyprus constitutes a violation of international law and is contrary to UN Security Council Resolutions 541 (1983) and 550 (1984) which condemn the secessionist entity in the occupied part of Cyprus and call upon all States of the UN not to facilitate or in any way assist this entity.
3. As such, all vessels, which use ports in the occupied part of Cyprus, are in breach of both national and international laws and are subject to sanctions.
4. In light of the above and to this effect, this Administration hereby advises all ship owners, ship managers and operators to ensure that their own vessels SHALL NOT USE the Ports of Famagusta, Karavostasi and Kyrenia in the occupied part of Cyprus which were declared

closed for all vessels on the 3rd of October 1974 by the Order P.I.265/75 of the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Cyprus.

5. Should any vessel call the above ports, the operators and owners of the vessel shall be held liable and will bear all legal consequences according to Cyprus Legal System.
6. In light of the above, and in order to protect the Sierra Leone Flag's interests, Sierra Leone Maritime Administration – SLMARAD, without any prejudice, reserves the right to take any actions deemed necessary against any vessel / owner / entity that uses the ports mentioned in paragraph 2.
7. The above will enter into effect as of 11th January 2017.

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