

*Notice to Shipowners, Ship Operators and Managers,
Owners' representatives and Masters, and Officers*

MSD Notice No 33

**Ban on sale and supply of petroleum and petroleum products to
the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia**

In the context of the ongoing conflict in Yugoslavia the Council of the European Union adopted on the 29 April 1999 a Regulation imposing the prohibition of the sale, supply and export of petroleum and petroleum products to the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia.

Article 1 of the Regulation states:

It shall be prohibited, knowing and intentionally, to:

- a. sell, supply or export, directly or indirectly, petroleum and petroleum products listed in the Annex to this Regulation, whether or not originating in the Community, to any person or body for the purpose of any business carried on in, or operated from, the territory of the FRY;
- b. ship products referred to in point (a) to the territory of the FRY;
- c. participate in related activities the object of the effect of which is to promote the transactions or activities referred to in points (a) and (b).

It has been confirmed that the ban applies also in respect of ships operating under third country flags.

Article 2 provides that the competent authorities may allow, on a case by case basis, the sale, supply or export of these products for the use of an international military peace-keeping presence or when this serves strictly humanitarian purposes.

The majority of European States, including Malta, have declared that they share the objectives of this Common Position and that they align their national policy accordingly.

Companies established in or operating from Malta and owners, operators, managers and masters of Maltese ships are urged to take into consideration these sanctions when planning their operations and to extend their full cooperation for their enforcement.

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