



Marine Notice No. 19 of 2022

Notice to all Ports, Harbourmasters, Shipowners, Agents, Shipmasters, Local Authorities and Yachtsmen

Sanctions on Russian Flagged Vessels

1. EU Member States have taken a decision as set out in [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/576](#) amending [Council Regulation \(EU\) 833/2014](#) in response to the Russian Federation's military incursion into the Ukraine, to restrict access to the ports of European Member States including access to Irish ports for vessels as set out in this Marine Notice.
2. All ports, harbourmasters and local authorities are directed to deny entry to Irish ports to the following vessels after 16 April 2022:
 - a) any ship registered under the flag of Russia;
 - b) any yacht, of 15 metres in length or more, which does not carry cargo and carrying no more than 12 passengers which is registered under the flag of Russia;
 - c) any recreational craft intended for sports and leisure purposes of hull length from 2.5m to 24m, regardless of the means of propulsion which is registered under the flag of Russia; and
 - d) any personal watercraft intended for sports and leisure purposes of less than 4m in hull length which uses a propulsion engine having a water jet pump as its primary source of propulsion and designed to be operated by a person or persons sitting, standing or kneeling on, rather than within the confines of, a hull, which is registered under the flag of Russia.

The requirements under this paragraph also apply to any such vessel that changed the registration or flag of the vessel from the Russian Federation to another state on or after 24 February 2022.

3. Under Article 3ea(5) of EU Regulation 833/2014 as amended, the Competent Authority may allow a derogation for sanctioned vessel to access a port after having determined that the access is necessary for:

- a) the purchase, import or transport of natural gas, oil, including refined petroleum products, as well as titanium, aluminium, copper, nickel, palladium and iron ore, as well as certain chemical and iron products as listed in Annex XXIV to the Regulation,
 - b) purchase, import or transport of pharmaceutical and medical products, agricultural and food products, including wheat and fertilisers whose import, purchase and transport is permitted under the Regulation,
 - c) humanitarian purposes,
 - d) transport of nuclear fuel and other goods strictly necessary for the functioning of civil nuclear capabilities,
 - e) the purchase, import or transport into the Union of coal and other solid fossil fuels, as listed in Annex XXII until 10 August 2022.
4. The requirement under paragraph (2) does not apply in the case of a vessel in need of assistance seeking a place of refuge, of an emergency port call for reasons of maritime safety, or for saving life at sea.
5. Where a vessel seeks to enter a port for any of the reasons set out in paragraph (3), the port must contact this Department at EUsanctions@transport.gov.ie and we will engage with the relevant Competent Authority to determine whether the vessel may be issued with a derogation and should be permitted access to the port.
6. Details of ships, including their flag can be found on the Electronic Quality Shipping Information System, Equasis: www.equasis.org. The Department of Transport will also provide assistance to Ports in identifying such vessels through SafeSeasIreland.

Note: Marine Notices are issued purely for maritime safety and navigation reasons and should not be construed as conferring rights or granting permissions.

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