



Merchant Shipping Directorate



## EU SANCTIONS ON RUSSIA UPDATE

### **Merchant Shipping Notice 191**

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

The Merchant Shipping Directorate wishes to draw the attention of all concerned to the 16<sup>th</sup> package of restrictive measures adopted by the Council of the European Union to respond to actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.

Within the existing framework for sanctions, the restrictive measures have, inter alia, been extended to cover additional individuals and entities. Further vessels were also added to the list of those subject to a port access ban and ban on provision of a broad range of services related to maritime transport.

The 16<sup>th</sup> Sanctions package introduces a prohibition on any transaction with listed ports and locks in Russia that are used, inter alia, for the circumvention of the Oil Price Cap by vessels practicing irregular and high-risk shipping practices or of other restrictive measures. That includes access to facilities of the listed ports and locks and the provision of any services to vessels.

The new restrictive measures further extend the transaction ban on credit institutions, financial institutions and entities providing crypto assets services that support transactions in relation to any listed vessel. In addition, it imposes restrictions on listed persons, entities and bodies, involved in transactions that facilitate, directly or indirectly, the circumvention of the oil and petroleum products price cap mechanism.

To this effect, all those concerned, including owners of ships registered in Malta, shipping organisations established in Malta or operating Maltese ships and masters of Maltese ships are requested to comply at all times with these measures and to extend their full cooperation for their effective enforcement. The shipping community is reminded, without prejudice, that the use of Maltese ships in any such violation may be considered as being against the interest of Malta and of Maltese shipping and may lead, inter alia, to the imposition of penalties and closure of the registry.

The relevant legal acts and further information is available [here](#).

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