

Local Notice to Mariners

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Sanctions Against Russian Connected Vessels

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN to Masters, Agents, Charterers and Ship Operators that the Department for Transport has issued sanctions against vessels including commercial, fishing and leisure vessels, that are owned, operated, managed, or connected with Russian companies.

With immediate effect, The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2022 (inclusive of all amendments and updates issued after this date) shall be fully complied with by ABP, 3rd party Terminal Operators and Marinas within the Southampton SHA area.

The Regulations prohibit Russian ships, and other ships specified by the Secretary of State, from entering ports in the United Kingdom. Agents are required to declare any vessels that fall under the definitions given by the Secretary of State, or that are suspected of being sanctioned vessels, to the Harbour Authority.

Following recent amendments, the below restrictions have also been imposed:

- a. oil and oil products (e.g. include petroleum oils and oils obtained from bituminous minerals, crude) that originate in, or are consigned from, Russia cannot enter the UK.
- b. the import of liquified natural gas (LNG) which is consigned from or originates in Russia, and the acquisition of LNG (as well as related technical assistance, financial services and funds, and brokering services) which originates from or is located in Russia, with the intention of the LNG entering the UK;
- c. the import of gold that originates from Russia and has been exported from Russia and the acquisition of gold jewelry which originates, is located or has been exported from Russia with the intention of entering the UK; and
- d. the export of Russia's vulnerable goods, as defined, to Russia. This list includes hundreds of goods deemed critical for Russia's manufacturing sector with the intention of further isolating Russia's economy and key industries that directly or indirectly support the war in Ukraine.

For further advice please follow this link to take you to the Russia Sanctions: Guidance website, issued by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation, HM Treasury.

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