



NOTICE TO MARINERS

No. 6 of 2022 Access to Russian Vessels

The Secretary of State for transport has written a letter to UK ports asking them not to provide access to any ship which they have reason to believe is:

- Owned, controlled, chartered, or operated by any person connected with Russia
- Owned, controlled, chartered or operated by Designated Persons
- Flying the Russian flag
- Registered in Russia

Belfast Harbour Commissioners are asking all shipping agents to advise Belfast Harbour Commissioners if they are acting as agents for any vessel in port or due to call at the port where they have reason to believe it would not be permitted to enter the port in accordance with the terms of this letter.

Letter below this NTM

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "K. G. Allen".

PORT OPERATIONS
BELFAST
28th February 2022

(on behalf of) CAPTAIN K. G. ALLEN
HARBOUR MASTER



Department
for Transport



Maritime and
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To all UK ports

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Russia's assault on Ukraine is an unprovoked, premeditated attack against a sovereign democratic state. The UK government has been clear there would be massive consequences and a severe cost for any Russian military incursion into Ukraine, and, in coordination with our international allies and partners, we are developing an unprecedented package of further sanctions.

The maritime sector is fundamental to international trade and we must play our part in restricting Russia's economic interests and holding the Russian government to account.

In these circumstances the Department for Transport does not consider it appropriate for Russian vessels to continue to enter UK ports. From this point onwards, UK ports are asked not to provide access to any ship which they have reason to believe is:

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We will seek to support UK ports in identifying Russian ships within scope of the above, and will communicate directly with relevant ports when we identify ships bound for UK ports who fall within scope of the above.

Further detailed sanctions against Russian shipping are being developed and further details will be shared very shortly.

Yours Sincerely,

Rt Hon Grant Shapps MP

SECRETARY OF STATE FOR TRANSPORT