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Black Sea/Sea of Azov

The following information was received from our correspondent on 21 April 2022:

QUOTE

Please kindly note attached our situation report from 21 April 2022

- Mines danger is still exist in Black sea
- Flight restrictions prolonged till 25th April in South and Central Russia.
- Three port were closed in Russia east Arctic region.

UNQUOTE

Members with vessels in or who are planning to call Ukrainian ports are encouraged to reach out to their local agents and Managers’ offices in the region for further updates and advice. With the addition of recent Sanctions, members are advised to exercise particular care in performing due diligence on any trade to Russia or Ukraine. More information can be found on the sanctions section of the Club’s website:


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SITUATION REPORT

Black and Azov seas and South Russian ports

21st April 2022
1. Ports and adjacent waters status

- The following Russian port are continuing their normal operations:

  - Port Novorossiysk
  - Port Taman
  - Port Tuapse
  - Port Kavkaz
  - Port Sochi
  - Port Anapa
  - Port Gelendzhik
  - Port Kerch
  - Port Sevastopol
  - Port Yalta
  - Port Evpatoriya
  - Port Feodosiya

  In accordance with Order of Russian Transport authority (Rosmorrechflot) dated 09.04.2022, Port security level No.2 was established in all Russian ports and port waters until 25th April 2022. Based on previous updates we expect prolongation of the security level for 15 days further.

- In accordance with the circular issued by Harbour Master of port of Taman:

  “All vessels are required to provide relevant security information at 72 hours before a vessel arrival, with consequent confirmation of such information at 24 hours before arrival”.

  Detailed information may be obtained from local agents at port Taman.

- Azov Sea is still officially restricted for shipping. As per last navigational warning, issued by Russian Department of Navigation and Oceanography:

  “In connection with counter-terrorist measures sailing of all ships is prohibited in Azov sea above 45-40’ parallel”

  Therefore, the following ports are open for vessels traffic:
  - Port Kavkaz
  - Port Temryuk
  - Pot Kerch

  The following port in Azov sea are continuing internal operations only:
  - Port Rostov-on-Don
  - Port Yeisk
  - Port Taganrog
  - Port Azov
For general review, please see the sanction map, provide by Shipping Company Wilhelmsen.

2. Navigational circumstances:

- **Closed area in North-Western part of Black Sea**

  North-Western part of Black sea is closed in connection with the special operation (for details please check the previous update).

  In accordance with last update from Navigational department of the Ministry of Defense:

  “All vessels at roads of Danube estuary, ports of Chernomorsk, Odessa, Yuzhniy, Ochakov, Zheleznii port, Skadovsk, Kherson are requested to proceed to ports for berthing. All activities in area is prohibited, including fishing and movement of small vessels. Movement is allowed southbound for vessels proceeding from Danube river. Detection of any vessel in closed area, as well as detection of any activity in closed area will be recognized as terrorist act.”
Mine danger

As per our last report, there is a danger of drifting mines in Back Sea. Mines established in Odessa region were cut off from their position due to adverse weather and presently drifting in Western part of Black Sea area. Please note below scheme:

As per last announcement from Russian Ministry of Defense:
“Commanders and Masters who detected any dangerous object at Black/ Azov Seas are required to report immediately to the nearest shore radio station”
Naval exercises in Black Sea

There are a number of areas in Black Sea, where naval exercises will be performed until 30th April 2022. Sailing in these areas was declared as “Temporary dangerous”

- **Area No.1**
  - 44 24.18N, 033 52.57E
  - 44 22.36N, 033 52.57E
  - 44 22.36N, 033 52.30E
  - 44 24.18N, 033 52.30E

- **Area No.2**
  - 44 42.2N, 033 32.4E
  - 44 40.5N, 033 32.8E
  - 44 40.5N, 033 30.7E
  - 44 41.1N, 033 30.7E

- **Area No.3**
  - 44 48.0N, 032 05.0E
  - 45 03.0N, 032 17.0E
  - 44 58.1N, 032 17.0E
  - 44 36.0N, 032 36.0E

- **Area No.4**
  - 44 29.7N, 032 19.6E
  - 44 38.2N, 032 53.0E
  - 44 27.8N, 033 06.6E
  - 44 05.4N, 032 48.4E

- **Area No.5**
  - 44 58.0N, 033 03.0E
  - 44 51.6N, 033 10.9E
  - 44 47.5N, 033 11.0E
  - 44 45.0N, 033 05.5E

Exercises performed daily 0500-1700 LT (GMT+3) except Sundays.

- **Area No.6**
  - 45 03.5N, 036 17.0E
  - 44 57.5N, 036 23.0E
  - 44 45.0N, 035 50.0E
  - 45 00.0N, 035 50.0E

Exercises performed daily 0500-1700 LT (GMT+3) except Sundays.

- **Area No.7**
  - 44 43.8N, 032 49.6E
  - 45 41.0N, 032 43.0E
  - 45 34.0N, 032 32.0E
  - 45 42.0N, 032 18.0E

Exercises performed daily 0500-1700 LT (GMT+3) except Sundays.

- **Area No.8**
  - 44 29.7N, 032 19.6E
  - 44 38.2N, 032 53.0E
  - 44 27.8N, 033 06.6E
  - 44 05.4N, 032 48.4E

Exercises performed daily 0500-1700 LT (GMT+3) except Sundays.
As from the above scheme, most of the areas are located within the already closed area. However, area No.8 located close to approaches to ports Taman and Kavkaz, therefore we recommend the vessels to proceed with caution in this area.
3. Travel, crew and logistic restrictions

- Restrictions of flights were imposed the following airports in South and central parts of Russian Federation until 25 April 2022.

  - Anapa
  - Gelendzhik
  - Krasnodar
  - Rostov-on-Don
  - Belgorod
  - Bryansk
  
  - Voronezh
  - Kursk
  - Lipetsk
  - Simpheropol
  - Elista

Airport Sochi is presently working as a hub for South Russia region. International flights are available.

- Three ports are closed for service in Russian East Arctic region: - Beringovskiy
  - Providenie
  - Egyekinot

The mentioned seaports are relatively small and specialized for loading coal cargoes.
SITUATION REPORT

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06th April 2022
1. Ports and adjacent waters status

- The following Russian ports are continuing their normal operations:
  - Port Novorossiysk
  - Port Taman
  - Port Tuapse
  - Port Kavkaz
  - Port Sochi
  - Port Anapa
  - Port Gelendzhik

  Including relevant Crimea ports:
  - Port Kerch
  - Port Sevastopol
  - Port Yalta
  - Port Evpatoriya
  - Port Feodosiya

  In accordance with Order of Russian Transport authority (Rosmorrechflot) dated 25.03.2022, Port security level No.2 was established in all Russian ports and port waters until 10\textsuperscript{th} April 2022.

- Azov Sea is still officially restricted for shipping. As per last navigational warning, issued by Russian Department of Navigation and Oceanography:

  \textit{“In connection with counter-terrorist measures sailing of all ships is prohibited in Azov sea above 45-40’ parallel”}

  Therefore, the following ports are open for vessels traffic:
  - Port Kavkaz
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  The following port in Azov sea are continuing internal operations only:
  - Port Rostov-on-Don
  - Port Yeisk
  - Port Taganrog
  - Port Azov
• For general review, please see the sanction map, provide by Shipping Company Wilhelmsen.

2. Navigational circumstances:

• Closed area in North-Western part of Black Sea

In accordance with last navigational warning issued by Russian Department of Navigation and Oceanography:
“In connection with special operation in North-Western part of the Black Sea, all vessels and ships are prohibited for sailing in area:
45 13.0’N, 029 43.8’E
45 09.0’N, 029 57.5’E
43 55.0’N, 033 35.0’E
44 29.5’N, 033 35.0’E
And shore line until 45 13.5’N, 029 43.8’E

Anchoring/ drifting is prohibited on outer roads of: Danube river estuary, ports of Chernomorsk (Illyichevsk), Odessa, Yuzhiy, Ochakov, Zhelezniy, Skadovsk, Kherson, Nikolayev
Anchoring/ drifting prohibited for all ships and vessels, including Ukrainian navy.
Vessels are allowed to proceed in southbound direction only. Detection of any vessel in area would be considered as terrorist treat.”

- **Mine danger**

As per our last report, there is a danger of drifting mines in Back Sea. Mines established in Odessa region were cut off from their position due to adverse weather and presently drifting in Western part of Black Sea area. Please note below scheme:

Due to anti-clockwise current direction in Western part of Black sea, mines drifting southbound towards Bosporus strait.
As per latest press-releases from open sources, mines were detected in the following locations:
- Bosporus strait (26 March 2022). Found and destroyed by Turkish military.
- off Igneada (28 March 2022). Found and destroyed by Turkish military.
- off cape Midia, Romania (28 March 2022). Found and destroyed.

Vessels are recommended to proceed with caution, keep well clear of any suspicious object in vicinity, and immediately report in case of detection of such object.

- **Humanitarian corridors for vessels in Ukrainian ports.**

In accordance with last warning from Russian Ministry of Defense:

“In order to ensure the safe passage of foreign vessels from Ukrainian ports of Kherson, Nikolaev, Ochakov, Yuzhniy, Odessa, Chernomorsk to the open seas, a humanitarian corridor has been established since 26th March. The corridor representing a safe lane of traffic from the assembly area R-1 with the following coordinates:

46 10.0N, 031 00.0E
46 10.0N, 031 08.0E
46 04.0N, 031 08.0E
46 04.0N, 031 00.0E

to the area of destination with the following coordinates:
44 56.0N, 030 25.0E
44 56.0N, 030 35.0E
44 50.0N, 030 35.0E
44 50.0N, 030 25.0E

The length of humanitarian corridor is 80 nautical miles, width of traffic lane is 3 nautical miles, course 200 degrees. The corridor is working daily from 0800 till 1900 hours LT (GMT+3).

Ukrainian authorities are responsible for safe passage of the vessels from a port to the assembly area R-1”. 
3. Travel, crew and logistic restrictions

- Restrictions of flights were imposed the following airports in South and central parts of Russian Federation until 13 April 2022.
  - Anapa
  - Gelendzhik
  - Krasnodar
  - Rostov-on-Don
  - Belgorod
  - Bryansk
  - Voronezh
  - Kursk
  - Lipetski
  - Simpheropol
  - Elista

Airport Sochi is presently working as a hub for South Russia region. As per latest news, flights will be resumed at 17 foreign countries (including Armenia, Egypt, Israel, Kazakhstan, Turkey and Uzbekistan) in April 2022.