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## UKRAINE

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### Update on Russia-Ukraine

*The following information was received from our correspondent on :*

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#### **Update dd. 04.04.2022**

The situation at the war map of Ukraine has not changed dramatically since our latest Notification dd. 29.03.2022. Ukraine has regained control over much of the Northern territory and forced the Russian aggressor to retreat to the borders of Russia.

#### **All Ukrainian ports are still closed for inward/outward passages.**

Regardless of the scenario of further military actions in the area of the Black Sea Ports, the restoration of navigation remains doubtful, as there is a large number of mines and the location of many of them is unknown.

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#### **Update dd. 29.03.2022**

The situation in Ukraine has not changed considerably since our latest Notification dd. 25.03.2022

#### **All Ukrainian ports are still closed for inward/outward passages.**

It is worthy of note that fighting has become more severe in Mykolaiv, Russian aggressor employs military aviation. There are still mortal battles in Mariupol, much of the city is destroyed. According to the latest numbers, more than 5 thousand people were killed, 170 thousand civilians were evacuated and at about



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140 thousand people are still trapped in the besieged Mariupol.

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### **Update dd. 25.03.2022**

We have received a number of queries concerning the announcement of the Russian Federation on opening the humanitarian corridors for foreign ships staying in the Ukrainian ports. In our opinion, this information cannot be trusted.

In addition, as we know, the Russians mined 5 water areas of the Black Sea, some of the mines were torn from mounts, so it is not known where/in which part of the sea they are now located. Also, we do not rule out the fact that Russian ships will either fire on or seize foreign ships.

We will wait for the official notification of the Ukrainian authorities about the opening of ports as well as confirmation of the corridor.

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**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:**

<https://www.swedishclub.com/loss-prevention/legal/sanctions/>

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