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UKRAINE

07 SEP 2022

Update on Russia-Ukraine

The following information was received from our correspondent on 07 September 2022:

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Notification dd. 07.09.2022 "War in Ukraine. Humanitarian corridor for foreign ships"

More than 80 vessels have sailed from Odessa, Pivdenniy and Chornomorsk ports. These include both ships that came to our ports and loaded grains after the opening of the humanitarian corridor as well as before the commencement of war actions.

Up to now loading and sailing have gone smoothly, without incidents. The Navy is guarding convoys and port area from mines. The nuisances are connected only with more paperwork for various guarantee letters and delays at Bosphorus for the inspection.

There are no problems with Russian seamen who arrive on board the ships to Ukrainian ports. At the same time they do not allowed to go ashore.

Port authorities and cargo handling terminals work in usual manner. Shipping agencies, surveyors, cargo forwarders and other shipping services are at full disposal of Shipowners and Charterers.

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Notification 'Black Sea Humanitarian Corridor' dd. 01.08.2022

Today the first vessel loaded with grain left Odessa port. So far, this is the first and only ship that has been decided to be sent from Ukrainian port to Istanbul. We presume that sending just one ship (not a caravan



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as previously planned) is a very deliberate move, since it is not known what unpleasant surprises the Russians can bring. They have already brought a huge pile of dirty tricks.

Please kindly note that so far we are not talking about the resumption of regular traffic to/from Ukrainian ports of the Black Sea. First of all, ships loaded with grains before the initiation of Russian aggression will be forwarded through the Corridor. We presume that in the case of the formation of convoys of ships (in the future), the number of ships in each convoy will be quite limited.

Will keep you further informed.

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Update dd. 25.07.2022

Ukrainian ports are still closed for inward/outward passages.

Small Danube based ports Reni, Izmail and Ust-Dunaysk continue their operations. These ports are not designed to handle large volumes of cargoes. Therefore there is quite significant congestion of the ships in the area.

Humanitarian corridor for the vessels blocked in the Ukrainian ports.

On July 22 an agreement was signed on the commencement of transportation of grains as well as other agricultural goods from Ukrainian ports. Actually two agreements were signed. One contract was concluded between Russia and Turkey with the third signature of the UN representative. Similar was concluded between Ukraine and Turkey.

It is assumed that there is currently a corridor in minefields through which merchant ships will be able to move from Ukrainian ports to Istanbul. It has been previously agreed that Odessa, Pivdenniy and Chornomorsk will be the ports for exporting of grain and other food products.

It is not yet clear when this humanitarian corridor will start working.

We understand that when the export of goods from Ukrainian ports is resumed, our principals will most likely have many questions and instructions and of course we are ready to help in any cases and matters within our competence.



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Update dd. 06.06.2022

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

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Update dd. 17.05.22

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

The situation on the battlefields has not changed significantly since the publication of our last Notification, except for one important and positive point: in the North of the Kharkiv region, Ukrainian troops threw the Russians beyond the state border of Ukraine.

These days we do not have missile arrivals to Odessa city. At the same time the Russians fires rockets at the resort area of ĩZatoka, located not far away from Odessa. The number of hotels and private country houses have been destroyed/seriously damaged.

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Update dd. 02.05.2022

The situation on the battlefields remains the same. We have heavy fighting in Kharkov, Chernigiv, Zaporizhya and Mykolayiv areas. Kherson is still occupied by the Russian aggressor. in Mariupol remains just one hotbed of resistance of the Ukrainian 'Azov' regiment - Azovstal plant. Yesterday more than 100 civilians were evacuated from Azolstal plant. This was organized with the help of the UN after few weeks of negotiations with the occupiers.



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Merchant shipping focused on the ports of Ukraine is blocked. After the sinking of the missile cruiser 'Moscow' Russian warships beware to come close to the territorial waters of Ukraine. At the same time they are able to monitor the situation on the Black Sea routes and can easily fire any merchant ship which crosses Ukrainian waters. Therefore, we consider the decision of the Ukrainian authorities not to resume shipping in the ports of Ukraine as very thoughtful and balanced.

The situation in Moldova and unrecognized republic Pridnestroviye is very tense. Some sources mention that Putin's regime decided to undertake Moldova

in the nearest future. Therefore NATO combat units guard the borders of Moldova on the West side and the Ukrainian forces control the situation from the East side.

The day before yesterday, Odessa airport (which completed renovation in 2021) was fired by three Russian rockets.

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Update dd. 11.04.2022

According to the situation today the war took positional character. Fighting take place at the same cities: Mariupol, Kharkov, Chernigiv, Mykolayiv.

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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.



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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 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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