



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:

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

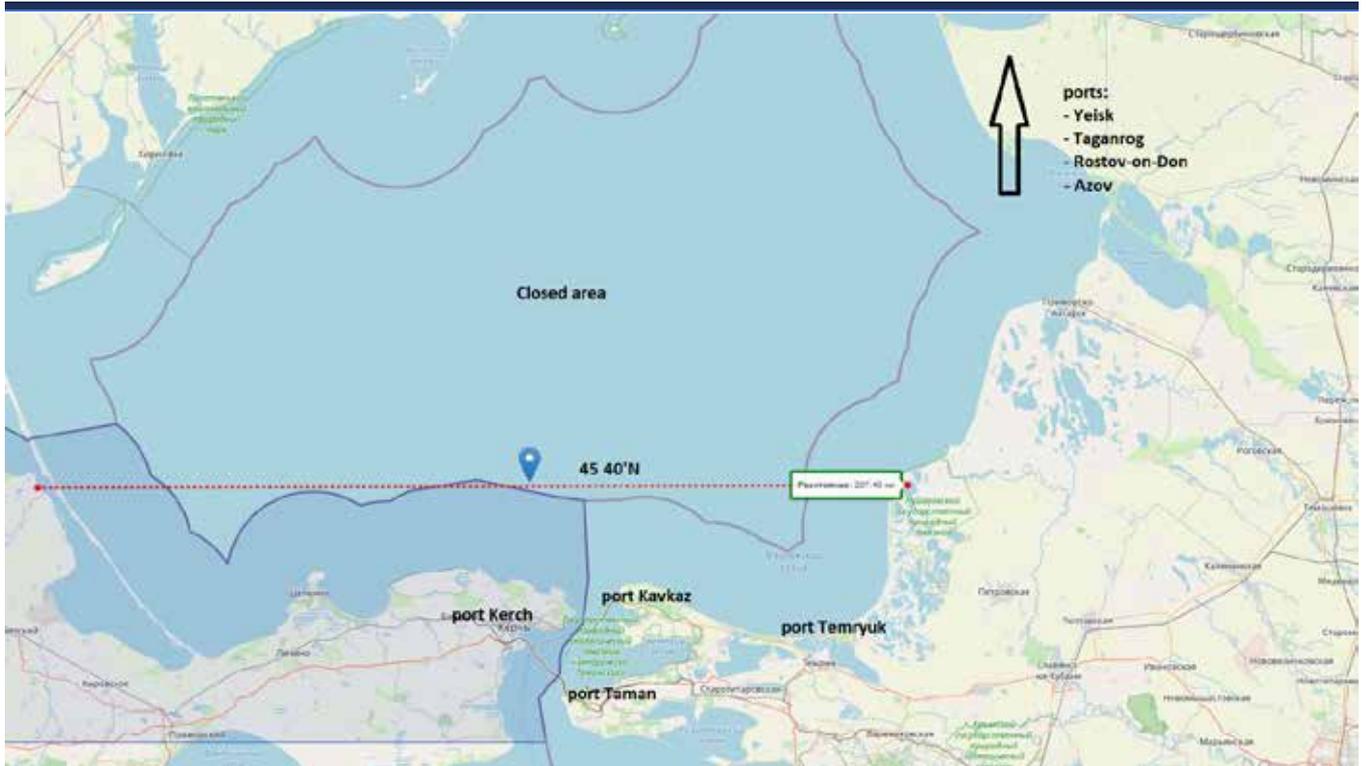
"In connection with counter-terrorist measures sailing of all ships is prohibited in Azov sea above 45-40' parallel"

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, Zhelezniy port, Skadovsk, Kherson are requested to proceed to ports for berthing. All activities in are 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 42.2N, 033 32.9E

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 31.4E

44 43.8N, 032 49.6E

44 36.0N, 032 36.0E

44 40.0N, 032 10.0E

- 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

44 52.8N, 032 54.9E

Exercises performed daily 0500-1700 LT

- Area No.6

45 15.0N, 032 39.5E

45 13.0N, 032 45.8E

45 11.6N, 032 45.0E

45 12.5N, 032 37.8E

Exercises performed daily 0500-1700 LT

(GMT+3) except Sundays.

- Area No.7

45 49.0N, 032 28.0E

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

45 03.5N, 036 17.0E

44 57.5N, 036 23.0E

44 45.0N, 035 50.0E

45 00.0N, 035 50.0E

and shore line.

Exercises performed daily 0500-1700 LT

(GMT+3) except Sundays.



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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
 - Egvekinot

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



4. Sanction update

- The Greek Coast Guard announced yesterday that the Russian-flagged vessel LANA, with a deadweight of 115,000 tones and 19 Russian crew members on board, was detained off the island of Evia as part of European Union sanctions against Russia. As per information from representative of Greek coastguard, a cargo was not seized.

The MT PEGAS was built in Japan in 2003. On 16 June last year, the vessel was registered by the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping. The vessel's operator is Dagestan-based TransMorFlot LLC. The owner of the vessel is OOO PSB Leasing (on 22 February, in response to Russia's recognition of the People's Republics of Donbass, the US Ministry of Finance imposed sanctions against Russia's Vnesheconombank and Promsvyazbank and their subsidiaries, including OOO PSB Leasing).

Our comments:

In accordance with our findings, the current name of the vessel is MT "LANA" (since 01 March 2022) and indeed, it was under ownership of PSB Leasing LLC since 2020, but on 02 June 2021 ownership was transferred to M Leasing LLC and subsequently to the operating company Transmorflot Ltd in March 2022 (Data taken from IHS).

In view of the above, it should be noted by Members performing operations with Russian/ ex-Russian vessels, that in some cases, a vessel may be detained/ or any other problems may arise even based on the vessel flag/register/ownership history.



- EU ban for Russian vessels

Presently about 6,000 Russian-flagged vessels have to meet with EU restriction for calling EU ports. It has been known that for Russian vessels with a cargo from so called “list of exceptions”, including agriculture/humanitarian cargoes, energy consumables, gas, medicine and coal (until August 2022) are allowed to call EU port against the special permission from relevant Administration.

It has been announced by Government of Belgium that the permit for Russian vessels to enter the port will provide for the right to carry out loading and unloading operations only with permitted types of goods. Until now, there are 9 from 12 Russian-flagged vessels operating in North Europe are fall within such a permission.

Our comments:

It should be noted that due to a number of exceptions to relevant EU sanctions measure, any specific lists of sanctioned ships, as well as specific list of a cargoes was not provided to EU countries, effectively leaving all disputed issues to the discretion of European port authorities. This could lead to different interpretations of the bans in different EU countries, despite the community's existing single market and single transport space principle. For example, if a ship became suitable for discharging of part of her cargo in Belgium, she will not be allowed to discharge the second part in France.