

7th round of EU sanctions against Russia

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On 21 July 2022, the EU adopted the seventh round of sanctions against Russia.

Among the various measures adopted, the most relevant for the maritime sector are the amendments to Articles 3ea and 5aa of the EU Regulation 833/2014¹.

Article 3ea (ban on Russian-flagged ships entering EU ports) has been amended to the effect that:

- the ban on access to ports has been extended also to locks;
- prior to the introduction of the seventh round of sanctions, the ban on access to EU ports also applied to vessels that had changed their Russian flag or their registration to the flag or register of any other State after 24 February 2022.

The seventh round of sanctions introduced the possibility for the competent authorities to authorise access to the port/lock to those vessels that have changed their Russian flag or their registration to the flag or register of any other State prior to 16 April 2022, after having determined that the Russian flag or registration was required by contract; and that the access is necessary for the unloading of goods strictly

necessary for the completion of renewable energy projects in the Union, provided that the import of such goods is not otherwise prohibited under this Regulation.

Article 5aa prohibits to directly or indirectly engage in any transaction with a number of companies such as, for example, ROSNEFT, TRANSNEFT, GAZPROM NEFT, UNITED SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION, as well as with all companies controlled by them. Prior to the introduction of the seventh round of sanctions, an exemption was provided for all those transactions necessary for the import of oil from Russia into the EU (import which, since the adoption of the sixth round of sanctions, must in any case take place within the limits of Article 3m).

The seventh round of sanctions extended this exemption also to all those transactions necessary for the export of oil from Russia to third countries.

The same exemption was introduced for the export of pharmaceutical and agricultural products, including wheat.

1. COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2022/1269 of 21 July 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation

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