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Subject:	COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2022/576 of 8 April 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine. Importation of goods using Russian-flagged vessels
Who should read:	All traders
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On 8th April 2022, the European Union adopted a package of sanctions, <u>COUNCIL REGULATION (EU)</u> <u>2022/576</u> in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine.

The Regulation prohibits vessels registered under the flag of Russia (Article 3ea.1) and vessels that have re-registered from the flag of Russia to the flag of another state after 24 February 2022 (Article 3ea.2) from accessing EU ports. This prohibition entered into force on 16th April 2022.

This notification does not constitute a legal interpretation of the EU Regulation. Traders should, therefore, consult the EU Regulation directly in relation to the exemptions and derogations available.

The prohibition applies to the following vessels:

- (a) a ship falling within the scope of the relevant international conventions
- (b) a yacht, of 15 metres in length or more, which does not carry cargo and carrying no more than 12 passengers or
- (c) recreational craft or personal watercraft as defined in Directive 2013/53/EU of the European
 Parliament and of the Council



However, the prohibition does not apply to a vessel in need of assistance seeking a place of refuge, of an emergency port call for reasons of maritime safety, or for saving life at sea.

Derogations

A Competent Authority may authorise a vessel to access an EU port, in accordance with Article 3ea.5 of the Regulation where access is necessary for:

- (a) the purchase, import or transport into the Union of natural gas and oil, including refined petroleum products, titanium, aluminium, copper, nickel, palladium and iron ore, as well as certain chemical and iron products as listed in Annex XXIV
- (b) the purchase, import or transport of pharmaceutical, medical, agricultural and food products, including wheat and fertilisers whose import, purchase and transport is allowed under this Regulation
- (c) humanitarian purposes
- (d) transport of nuclear fuel and other goods strictly necessary for the functioning of civil nuclear capabilities or
- (e) the purchase, import or transport into the Union of coal and other solid fossil fuels, as listed in Annex XXII until 10 August 2022.

The Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment is the Competent Authority in Ireland for the purposes of the derogations outlined above.

Information on the application process for a derogation is available on the Department of Enterprise, Trade and Employment website which you can access <u>here</u>.

It is important to note, that a derogation, if authorised, would only permit the vessel to access an Irish port and would be issued without prejudice to other sanctions measures that may prohibit or restrict the importation of the goods on the vessel.

Further information in relation to this matter and all EU sanctions is available by clicking on any of the links on the following page.



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ANNEX XXIV

CN code	Name of the good
2810 00 10	Diboron trioxide
2810 00 90	Oxides of boron; boric acids (excluding diboron trioxide)
2812 15 00	Sulphur monochloride
2814 10 00	Anhydrous ammonia
2825 20 00	Lithium oxide and hydroxide
2905 42 00	Pentaerythritol "pentaerythrite"
2909 19 90	Ethers, acyclic and halogen, sulfo, nitro and nitroso derivatives thereof (excluding diethyl ether and tert-butyl ethyl ether (ethyl tertiary butyl ether, etbe))
3006 92 00	Waste pharmaceuticals
3105 30 00	Diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (excluding those in tablets or similar forms, or in packages with a gross weight of $\leq 10 \text{ kg}$)
3105 40 00	Ammonium dihydrogenorthophosphate and mixtures thereof with diammonium hydrogenorthophosphate (excluding those in tablets or similar forms, or in packages with a gross weight of <= 10 kg).
3811 19 00	Anti-knock agents for petrol (excluding those based on lead compounds)
ex 7203	Direct reduced iron or other spongy iron
ex 7204	Ferrous scrap



ANNEX XXII

CN Code	Name of the good
2701	Coal; briquettes, ovoids and similar solid fuels manufactured from coal
2702	Lignite, whether or not agglomerated, excluding jet
2703 00 00	Peat (including peat litter), whether or not agglomerated
2704 00	Coke and semi-coke of coal, of lignite or of peat, whether or not agglomerated; retort carbon
2705 00 00	Coal gas, water gas, producer gas and similar gases, other than petroleum gases and other gaseous hydrocarbons
2706 00 00	Tar distilled from coal, from lignite or from peat, and other mineral tars, whether or not dehydrated or partially distilled, including reconstituted tars
2707	Oils and other products of the distillation of high temperature coal tar; similar products in which the weight of the aromatic constituents exceeds that of the non-aromatic constituents
2708	Pitch and pitch coke, obtained from coal tar or from other mineral tars