

Palau International Ship Registry



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MARINE NOTICE 245.1

To: ALL SHIP-OWNERS, OPERATORS, DEPUTY REGISTRARS MANAGERS, MASTERS, AND RECOGNIZED ORGANIZATIONS

Subject: BANNED PORTS IN THE TEMPORARILY OCCUPIED TERRITORY OF AUTONOMOUS REPUBLIC OF CRIMEA AND CITY OF SEVASTOPOL

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This Marine Notice aims to inform Ship-Owners, Operators, Deputy Registrars, Managers, Masters and Recognized Organizations about the implementation of regulations and sanctions that affect sea trade in Ukrainian and Crimean Waters.
- 1.2. Palau International Ship Registry (the "Ship Registry Administrator"), through this Notice, officially reminds and informs ship-owners, ship-operators, ship-managers, and Masters of Palau registered vessels that, according to United Nations General Assembly Resolution 68/262 of 2014, all UN Member States are required to respect the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.
- 1.3. The Ship Registry Administrator informs ship-owners, ship-operators, ship-managers, and Masters of Palau registered vessels of the closure of the following Ukrainian seaports in the temporarily occupied territory of Autonomous Republic of Crimea and city of Sevastopol: Kerch, Sevastopol, Feodosia, Yalta, and Yevpatoria. These ports were declared closed for all vessels on 15 July 2014 as per the Note of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Ukraine No. 630/23-300-3716.
- 1.4. After careful review of the situation, the Ship Registry Administrator declares that all Palau registered vessels are strictly prohibited from entering the ports of Kerch, Sevastopol, Feodosia, Yalta, and Yevpatoria in the temporarily occupied territory of Autonomous Republic of Crimea and city of Sevastopol.
- 1.5. Additionally, on 19 December 2014, the United States of America imposed sanctions on Russian-occupied Crimea. These sanctions prohibit exports of US goods and services to the region. The Ship Registry Administrator declares that these sanctions shall apply also to Palau registered vessels intending to export US goods and services to the ports listed in Paragraph 1.4.
- 1.6. On 19 June 2015 the Council of the European Union imposed restrictions on economic activities with the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and city of Sevastopol.



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These restrictions apply to EU persons and EU based companies. The Ship Registry Administrator declares that the below restrictions shall also apply to ship-owners, ship-operators, ship-managers, and Masters of Palau registered vessels:

- An import ban on goods from Crimea and Sevastopol;
- Restrictions on trade and investment related to certain economic sectors and infrastructure projects;
- Restrictions on the supply of tourism services in Crimea or city of Sevastopol;
- An export ban for certain goods and technologies; and
- A ban on providing tourism services in Crimea and city of Sevastopol, in particular, cruise ships cannot call at ports in the Crimean Peninsula, except in case of emergency.

1.7. Ukraine shall consider the calling of Palau registered ships at closed seaports in the territory of the Autonomous Republic of Crimea and city of Sevastopol to be a violation of international law. The Ship Registry Administrator shall consider the calling of Palau registered ships in these closed seaports as an action that undermines the sovereignty of Ukraine and a violation of the Law of Ukraine.

1.8. Any Palau registered vessel that is suspected of violating the prohibitions listed in Paragraphs 1.4, 1.5, or 1.6 will be subject to investigation. If the vessel is found to have violated the prohibitions listed above, the vessel will be subject to a fine of US\$15,000.00 and/or removal from the Palau International Ship Registry.

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