

Notification of U.S. Sanctions Action Targeting Russian Shipping Companies and Vessels

- (U) Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine flagrantly violates international law, is contrary to U.S. national security and foreign policy interests, and undermines global order, peace, and security. The atrocities committed by Russia's forces against Ukraine's civilian population demonstrate Russia's blatant disregard for global norms and values.
- (U) The United States will continue to impose severe costs on the Russian Federation in response to Russia's ongoing military aggression in Ukraine.
- (U) On May 8, 2022, the Department of State took additional actions targeting Russia's maritime defense logistics capabilities by designating the Ministry of Defense's shipping company and six other maritime shipping companies that transport weapons and other military equipment for the Government of Russia.
- (U) The Department of State also took action against vessels in which these maritime shipping companies have an interest by adding 69 vessels to the Department of the Treasury's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List).
- (U) These actions were taken pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 (*Blocking Property With Respect To Specified Harmful Foreign Activities of the Government of the Russian Federation*). Any person that materially assists, sponsors, or provides financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of a person designated under E.O. 14024 risks becoming subject to U.S. sanctions as well.
- (U) We are informing you of this action so that you can add these shipping companies and the vessels to your screening lists and inform industry stakeholders in your jurisdiction of this action and the sanctions risks of working with these companies and vessels. We ask that you deny port entry and access to these entities and vessels and that you inform maritime and financial stakeholders, including providers of vessel bunkering, classification, certification, maintenance, resupply, refueling, insurance, and other maritime services, of the sanctions risks associated with these companies and the 69 vessels.
- (U) We also ask that you provide this information to your flag registry and any companies that help your flag registry operate. We request that you urge your flag registry to deny any applications for provisional or permanent registration by these companies and vessels. Should any of these companies or vessels apply for registration under your flag, we ask that you deny such an application and inform us of your actions.
- (U) The entities designated as a part of this action are as follows:
 - **Oboronlogistika OOO** is a Russian shipping company that operates in the structure of the Russian Ministry of Defense's military-construction complex. The

main objectives of Oboronlogistika OOO are to guarantee the needs of the Russian Ministry of Defense regarding transportation, storage, and production of military and special purpose goods. Oboronlogistika OOO is the Russian Ministry of Defense's sole provider of transporting troops to certain regions of Russia. Following Russia's unlawful seizure of Crimea in 2014, the Government of Russia issued a decree defining Oboronlogistika OOO as the sole provider of transportation services for the Russian Ministry of Defense for the delivery of cargo to Russian-occupied Crimea.

- **SC South LLC**, a Russian maritime shipping company, is a subsidiary of Oboronlogistika OOO, which implements cargo delivery tasks in the interests of the Russian Ministry of Defense.
 - **Joint Stock Company Northern Shipping Company**, a Russian maritime shipping company, performs services for Russia's Ministry of Defense, including according to orders from Russia's Ministry of Defense. Joint Stock Company Northern Shipping Company transports tanks and other military equipment for Russia's military. Joint Stock Company Northern Shipping Company participates in and supports Russian military exercises.
 - **Transmorflot LLC** is a Russian maritime shipping company. Vessels owned and managed by Transmorflot LLC transport weapons for the Government of the Russian Federation.
 - **M Leasing LLC** is a Russian maritime shipping company. Vessels owned by M Leasing LLC transport weapons for the Government of the Russian Federation.
 - **Marine Trans Shipping LLC** is a Russian maritime shipping company. Vessels managed by Marine Trans Shipping LLC transport weapons for the Government of the Russian Federation.
 - **Nord Project LLC Transport Company** is a Russian maritime shipping company. Vessels owned and managed by Nord Project LLC Transport Company transport weapons for the Government of the Russian Federation.
- (U) We are also providing you with a list of the 69 vessels that were added to the SDN List.