

Notification of the Designation of Russian Yachts and Relevant Enforcement Actions

- Russia's premeditated and unprovoked war against Ukraine flagrantly violates international law, is contrary to U.S. national security and foreign policy interests, and undermines global order, peace, and security. The United States and our Allies and partners have offered Russia numerous opportunities to de-escalate this crisis, and Russia has chosen war and conflict instead.
- In response to this ongoing invasion, we have taken a series of measures to impose severe economic costs on Russia. Most recently, on Thursday, March 3, the U.S. government sanctioned a number of Russian elites connected to Putin, as well as members of their families, and entities associated with them, pursuant to Executive Order 14024.
- We note that under E.O. 14024, individuals or entities that provide material assistance or financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, designated persons could themselves face sanctions.
- We request your assistance in ensuring, consistent with your domestic authorities, that no support or services are provided to individuals and entities designated by the United States, to include seaport/marina docking permissions, maintenance, refueling or other resupply, or any other assistance to blocked vessels or other vessels that are owned or controlled by sanctioned individuals or entities.
- Your assistance would further advance the recently launched international task force to enforce sanctions on designated individuals and entities. As President Biden stated in his State of the Union speech on March 1, "We are joining with our European Allies to find and seize your yachts, your luxury apartments, your private jets. We are coming for your ill-begotten gains."
- Therefore, in an effort to deny Russian oligarchs the ability to offload assets or obtain assistance during the invasion of Ukraine, we request your government's help in denying support to designated persons. We also ask that you alert the Embassy of the United States if you encounter blocked vessels or vessels owned or controlled by sanctioned individuals or entities.
- We are providing information on some of the designated vessels, including names, IMO numbers, their locations, and flag registry information.
- At the UN, the international community has spoken loudly and clearly condemning Russia's premeditated and unprovoked attack on a sovereign, democratic country. Lending support to Russian oligarchs who prop up the Russian regime may do reputational harm to your country as a tourism destination. As the world begins to recover and reopen from the pandemic, consumers have many options for travel and tourism and they may not want to be associated with resorts that are complicit in the violence and suffering we are seeing in Ukraine.
- We thank all allies and partners for their actions targeting the assets of designated Russian elites and supporters of the Russian government. We encourage other allies and partners to join us in today's action to strengthen our collective response to Putin's continued disregard for the rules-based international order and assault on the sovereignty and territorial integrity of Ukraine.