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## Ukraine Conflict - potential humanitarian corridors for foreign ships in the Ukrainian ports



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A number of sources are reporting an announcement by the Russian authorities of the of opening humanitarian corridors to allow foreign vessels trapped in Ukrainian ports to leave.

The Russian Ministry of Defence is said to have announced the opening of a corridor 80 NM long in a south westerly direction from an assembly point 20 NM off the port of Ilyichevsk. It is 3 NM wide and operational from 08:00 to 19:00 local time starting today. There are however reports of mines having been sown in the areas around Ukrainian ports and the potential for some of these to have separated from their tethers and present a threat to shipping moving in the corridor.

The Club is unable to verify those reports and Members with vessels affected are strongly advised to seek local advice.