

Sanctions –
Part 1- Russia
Part 2 – Due to Diligence



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Mutual Vision



## Part 1 - Russia



- What has happened since the invasion began
- Types of sanctions / measures imposed
- Price Caps
- Licensing and record-keeping



## What Has Happened?



- Russia v Rest of the World (?)
- India / China (and Others closer to home...)
- Challenges for Rest of the World alignment
- Sanctions hurt those that apply them



# Types of Sanctions and Measurers Imposed



- Asset Freeze
- Trade Restrictions
- Insurance Restrictions
- Price Cap Measures
- Licensing
- Record-Keeping

### Asset Freezes



- Providing economic resources and dealing with assets / funds / ...
- 50% or more ownership wider impact
- Challenges in identifying beneficial ownership

### Trade Restrictions



- Goods INTO Russia
- Goods OUT of Russia
- Specific activities movement / transportation / import / export / insurance
- Associated activities facilitation risks

#### Vessel Restrictions





#### Russian vessels

- What is a "Russian vessel"? ownership / management / operation
- Russian flag movements into EU / UK / US / others...
- RMRS Class non-IACS



#### Non-Russian vessels

• Chartering to "persons connected with Russia" – specific UK restrictions

# Licensing / Derogations



- Licenses / derogations applicable to trade activities
- Licenses / derogations applicable to insurance activities
- Price Cap and SPIRE reporting are forms of licenses

## Price Cap Measurers

(SSM)

- What are they?
- What cargoes / services are impacted? HS 2709 / HS 2710
- What is "licensed" under the Price Cap?
  - Carriage, insurance, emergency measures
- Attestation requirements "I certify / declare to be true"
- Record-keeping

### 3 Tiers



- Tier 1 traders / commodity brokers
- Tier 2 financing banks / charterers transacting directly with shipper
- Tier 3 insurers / reinsurers / brokers / charterers / shipowners / ship managers / banks providing transactional services
  - Record-keeping
  - Withdrawing cover
  - Reporting suspected breaches

# U.K. Spire Reporting



- "UK General Trade License Russia" Spire Record-Keeping Requirements UNINTENDED COMPLICATIONS
- Position under UK Russia Sanctions Regulations
  - No insurance permitted of vessels calling at Russian ports or transiting Russian territorial waters
- Position under UK General License Russia
  - Can insure but keep records



## Record-Keeping

#### New and Onerous Obligations on Insurers

- SPIRE Reporting full details of the trade (also satisfies Price Cap record keeping requirements)
  - Keep records for 5 years
- Attestations
  - Keep records for 5 years
  - Report suspected breaches
  - Specific reporting re. activities with Tier 1 entities



## Part 2 – Due Diligence "Compliance Plan"



- Know your sanctions
- Appreciate the risks
- Due diligence
- Manage the risks

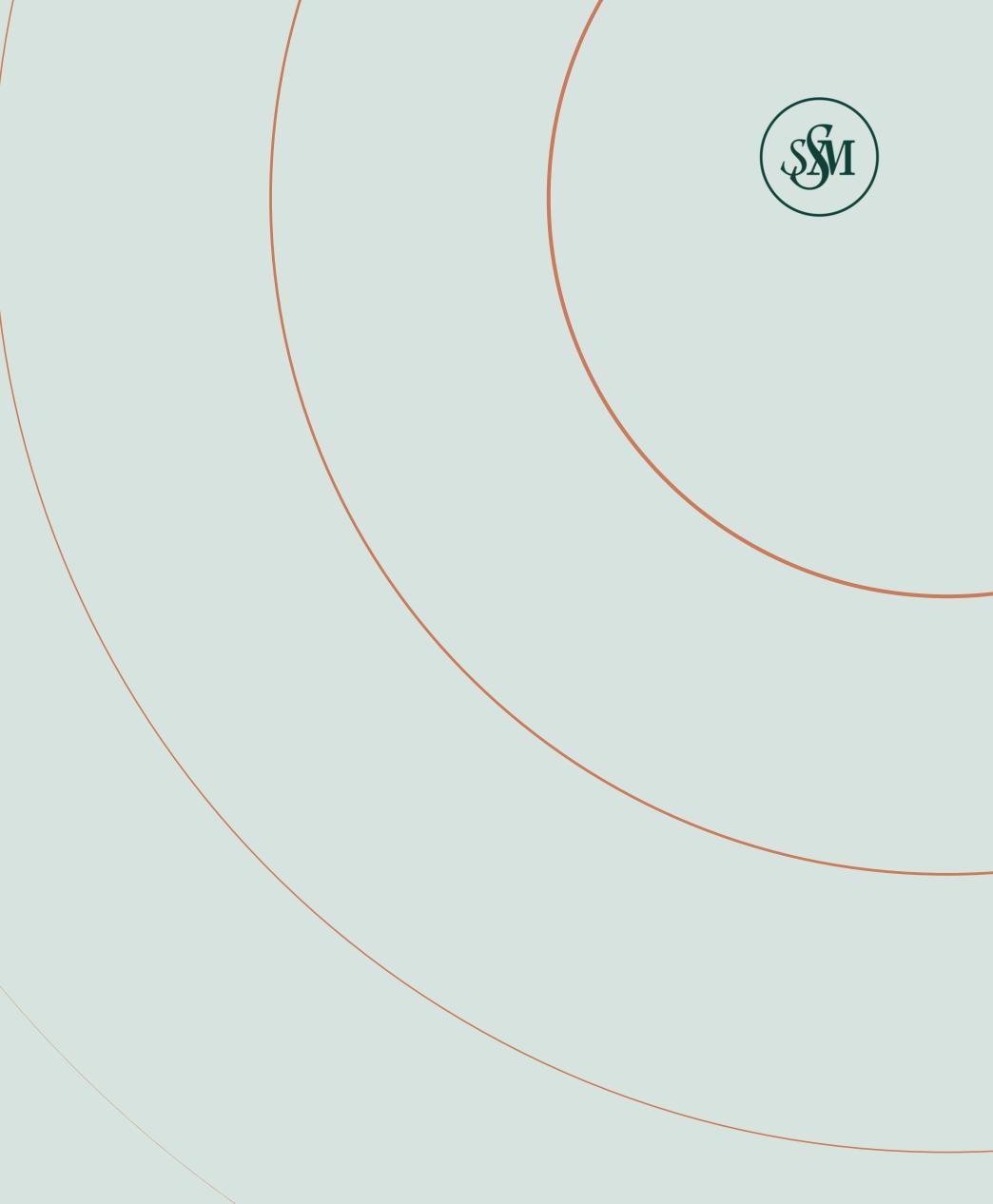


# Know your Sanctions



#### Types:

• Trade, finance, asset-freeze, travel restrictions



# Appreciate the Risks



Personal responsibility

Vagueness of US sanctions – deliberate?

Is the EU now following the US example?

Profit v pain v reputation







What banks do?

Others – flag, class, port state control?

What should shipping companies do? – OFAC Global Advisory May 2020, OFSI Maritime Advisory July 2023



# Due Diligence Tools?





- Vessel monitoring services
- Sanctions updates from authorities
- Sanctions updates from industry experts

# Why is Due Diligence so Important?



Protection	against	being	in	breach





BUT – the rules are changing – e.g. UK Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act

## Manage the Risks



- Clear understanding
- Clearly define your risk appetite include reputation
- Internal processes
- Escalation and decision-making
- BE PREPARED TO SELF-DISCLOSE



### Conclusions



- It is a complicated world
- What is expected of Members?
- What is expected of P&I Insurers?
- Consequences of getting things wrong
- Vigilance
- Escalation
- Evidence / Audit trails



Any Questions?

