

Mariupol Commercial Port website www.marport.net or can be provided with the ice report showing the current ice conditions of the Azov sea by their agent

- The Master must submit a written application for an ice-breaker convoy to the Harbour Master. In the application the Master should state the vessel's documents allowing her navigate in ice conditions (Ice Class or Ice Strengthening), her seaworthiness, scantling details, screw material, kind and quantity of cargo on board, actual draft, main engine power, speed in open waters, Radars and VHF condition, fuel oil, fresh water and provisions on board. For each vessel provided with Mariupol port Ice Operations Headquarter's permission to enter into Azov Sea the Shipowner must submit a written confirmation that the Master had been acquainted with ice conditions and his acceptance to follow the ice-breaker at Master's own risk.
- Applications for all kinds of ice-breaker services should be filled in 48 hours before approaching the luminous Buoy No.1 of Kerch Strait, or in 24 hours before leaving the port.
- Ships ingoing convoy is formed at the ice edge of Azov Sea as per instructions given by the Master of the ice-breaker and in accordance with the Ice Headquarter plan.
- The ice convoy from Kerch is for vessels bound for Mariupol but it could be included vessels bound for Berdyansk, Ukraine. Those vessels are going with convoy up to the Berdyansk bank's abeam and then they turn to left and proceed without ice-breaker assistance which causes frequent case of ship's blocking in ice and even running ships' aground to the fairway's edge.

Recommendation:

Where there is any possibility for the vessel being sent to any Azov sea port which is ice-bound on her arrival or where the onset of ice may cause the Master to decide to leave the port before cargo operations are completed the suitable ICE Clause should be included in the charter party and in bills of lading .

We will timely notify the Club when the Mariupol port Harbour Master issues the formal notification on ice navigation in Ukrainian Azov sea waters.

Should You or your Members/Assureds require additional information regarding Azov Sea and ports ice condition please do not hesitate to contact us any time.

Very truly yours,

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