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EU confirms 20th sanctions package – without maritime services ban

Defeat of Hungarian Prime Minister Viktor Orban removed the last big opposition to the package earlier this month

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A ban on maritime services had been confirmed by the European Commission, but was not endorsed by all member states



LLOYD'S LIST UNDERSTANDS THAT PLANS TO SHIFT TO A SERVICES BAN AND SCRAP THE PRICE CAP ARE NOT BEING REVIVED DUE TO US OPPOSITION.

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THE European Union's 20th sanctions package does not include a ban on maritime services, as Lloyd's List reported earlier this month.

The proposed plans would have seen an end to the oil price cap, instead banning EU companies from providing marine insurance, finance or maintenance.

But that plan was not agreed by all 27 EU member states, and instead this week's announcement confirms that the European Council will decide when the maritime services ban will enter into force.

The bloc moved quickly following Viktor Orban's defeat in the Hungarian elections earlier this month, which removed the most significant opposition to the 20th package.

Lloyd's List understands that plans to shift to a services ban and scrap the price cap are not being revived due to US opposition.

Instead, member states are shifting their focus to disruption and seizures of shadow fleet* vessels.

The EU will also continue to encourage flag states not to register shadow fleet vessels, this week's announcement said.

An additional 46 vessels have been added to the sanctions list, while 11 have been delisted, "showing that delisting is a possibility for vessels returning to compliance".

EU set to expand Russia sanctions but maritime services ban remains on ice

By Richard Meade

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EU states are preparing to push through the long-delayed 20th Russia sanctions package after Hungary's political shift, but plans to scrap the oil price cap in favour of a full maritime services ban have been shelved due to US opposition

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