

# EU widens restrictive measures over Iran's support of Russian war against Ukraine

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On 18 November, the Council of the European Union widened the scope of its framework for restrictive measures in view of Iran's military support to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and to armed groups and entities in the Middle East and the Red Sea region. This additional measure is targeted at the use of vessels and ports for the transfer of Iranian-made Unmanned Aerial Vehicles (UAVs), missiles and related technologies and components.

The Council's decision introduces a prohibition on the export, transfer, supply, or sale from the EU to Iran of components used in the development and production of missiles and UAVs.

The EU is also introducing a transaction ban prohibiting any transaction with ports and locks that are owned, operated or controlled by listed individuals

and entities, or are used for the transfer of Iranian UAVs or missiles or related technology and components to Russia. This measure includes the access to facilities of the ports and locks, such as **Amirabad** and **Anzali**, and the provision of any services to vessels.

The Council also adopted restrictive measures against one individual and four entities following Iran's missile and drone transfers to Russia in support of its war of aggression against Ukraine.

These designations include the Islamic Republic of Iran Shipping Lines (IRISL) and its director **Mohammad Reza Khiabani**. The Council also listed three Russian shipping companies – **MG Flot**, **VTS Broker** and **Arapax**, whose vessels are involved in transporting Iranian-made weapons and ammunition, including UAV components, across the Caspian Sea to resupply Russian troops fighting in Ukraine.