



## US asks that Russian ships be barred from Port of Mumbai

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The US consul general in Mumbai has asked the Mumbai Port Authority to stop Russian vessels calling at the port because of US sanctions against Russia, according to a local report.

The written request received a somewhat cool reception, partly because India has been deliberately treading a middle path between Russia and the US/Europe over the war in Ukraine, and partly because India has taken advantage of the price differential available for Russian energy.

A Mumbai Port Authority official said that “We can’t deny permission to any ship unless and until we receive directions from either the Directorate General of Shipping or agencies like the Coast Guard”.

Director General of shipping Amitabh Kumar said that “we have forwarded the US consul general’s letter to the Ministry of External Affairs and have sought their direction”.