

EU Proposes New Restrictions on Russian Fish Imports Under Latest Sanctions Package

11 June 2026 | News

The move aims to further reduce Europe's dependence on Russian imports and prevent Belarus from serving as a route for circumventing trade restrictions



The move aims to further reduce Europe's dependence on Russian imports and prevent Belarus from serving as a route for circumventing trade restrictions

The European Commission has proposed new restrictions on Russian fish and seafood imports as part of its latest sanctions package, marking the first time the fisheries sector has been directly targeted.

Under the proposed measures, the EU would introduce substantial restrictions on certain Russian fish products and a complete ban on others, including cod. The move aims to further reduce Europe's dependence on Russian imports and prevent Belarus from serving as a route for circumventing trade restrictions.

The fisheries measures form part of a broader sanctions package targeting Russia's energy, financial and trade sectors. If approved, the restrictions could affect seafood trade flows across Europe and create opportunities for alternative suppliers seeking to meet demand in the EU market.

Industry observers will be watching closely to assess the potential impact on seafood processors, importers and retailers, as well as on global fish supply chains. Countries such as Norway, Iceland, Chile, Vietnam and India could benefit if European buyers seek alternative sources of whitefish and other seafood products.

The proposed sanctions are subject to approval by EU member states.