



To:
IIW Member Societies
IIW International Authorisation Board
IIW Technical Management Board
Copy to
Members of the IIW Community

Date: 04 December 2023
Your ref.: -
Our ref.: 2023-22
Object: EU sanctions against Russia

Dear representatives of the IIW Member Societies, members of the IIW Technical Management Board, and members of the IIW International Authorisation Board,

the IIW has been diligently addressing a series of sanctions against Russia mandated by the European Union. The latest Regulation - the eleventh - was issued dated June 23, 2023 "in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine". With time, the Regulations have been tightened to limit a wide range of services and the exchange of information with Russia and apply to any organisation based in the European Union. Article 1 of the IIW Constitution states that the IIW is an association governed by Italian law and therefore the sanctions mentioned in the Regulation apply to IIW and its activities.

The IIW Board of Directors in respect of the duties assigned by the IIW Constitution, articles 15 and 18, and supported by legal advice, considered, and adopted the following measures to ensure compliance with the EU Regulations, as follows:

- Delivery of any IIW service to Russian Member Societies, to any Russian organisation, and to any person with Russian citizenship is suspended.
- Representatives, delegates, and experts from Russia or with Russian citizenship are not allowed to attend any IIW meeting.
- IIW Members and members of our community are prohibited from circumventing the sanctions, in accordance with the applicable regulation.

Consequent to the above, the service of IAB Authorisation is prohibited. Therefore, it is necessary to cancel the IIW Authorisation of any Russian Authorised Nominated Body (ANB) for the Education, Training and Qualification of Personnel, and to cancel any IIW Authorisation of Russian Authorised Nominated Body for Company Certification in accordance with ISO 3834 (ANBCC).

The measures will be in place until the Sanctions are lifted or removed, as it is the wish of the IIW that conditions will allow the Russian Welding community, organizations and citizens to be soon welcomed back into the IIW Community.

The IIW position and all other recommendations included in the IIW Position Statement on the situation in Ukraine issued in 2022 remain valid.



IIW Member Societies, their representatives, IIW Authorized Bodies, and all the members of the IIW Community are to respect this decision and pay the highest attention to safeguarding the legal position of IIW, as circumvention of these sanctions is also expressly prohibited by the Regulation.

The International Institute of Welding is deeply concerned about the consequences of the situation, remains a strong believer that the culture of science is borderless and continues to support the role of scientists and industry in helping achieve a peaceful resolution of the conflict in Ukraine.

The International Institute of Welding will continue to commit to any effort to act as an international open network for the global welding community, within the constraints required by the applicable laws.



Prof. Thomas Böllinghaus

IIW President, 2023-2026

