

# ***EMBARGO CLOSES DFDS ROUTE***

An ongoing dispute between Russia and the European Union has resulted in the suspension of a Baltic Sea route operated by DFDS.

The Danish-owned ro-ro **ANGLIA SEAWAYS** (built 2000) will stop its service between Travemunde in Germany and Klaipeda in Lithuania due to affected freight volumes. A spokesperson from DFDS told TradeWinds: “The unacceptable level of freight volumes has made us realise that this will not be a viable route during the dispute.”

The spokesperson said the company does not expect the conflict to end any time soon, so it decided to suspend the service which was launched on 14 June.

Customers will instead be offered capacity on the Kiel-Klaipeda route. He could not give precise figures of the financial effect the suspension will have. Earlier in August, Russia had imposed an import ban on foods from the EU.



The **ANGLIA SEAWAYS** – photo : Cees de Bijl ©

The Danish-owner – whose chief executive Niels Smedegaard is also President elect of the European Community Shipowners' Association – still operates six sailings a week between Germany and Lithuania.

Yesterday, it announced a second quarter profit of DKK 195m (\$34.67m), raising its full year profit forecast. **ANGLIA SEAWAYS** will be redeployed between Rotterdam and the UK.

**Source : Tradewinds**