



Department for
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General Trade Licence Russia Sanctions - Vessels

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GENERAL TRADE LICENCE

General Trade Licence (Russia Sanctions –Vessels) dated 17 March 2022 granted by the Secretary of State.

The Secretary of State, in exercise of powers conferred by the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (“the Regulations”) and in particular Regulation 65 (Trade licences) with reference to Regulation 22 (export of restricted goods), Regulation 24 (supply and delivery of restricted goods), Regulation 25 (making available or acquiring restricted goods and restricted technology), Regulation 26 (transfer of restricted technology), Regulation 27 (technical assistance relating to restricted goods and restricted technology), Regulation 28 (financial services and funds relating to restricted goods and restricted technology) and Regulation 29 (brokering services: non-UK activity relating to restricted goods and restricted technology), hereby grants the following General Trade Licence:

Licence

1. Subject to the exclusions, conditions and requirements set out below, this licence authorises the export, direct or indirect supply or delivery, direct or indirect making available, transfer, direct or indirect provision of technical assistance, direct or indirect provision of financial services or funds or direct or indirect provision of brokering services in respect of restricted goods and restricted technology where:
 - a. the restricted goods are vessels and their component parts controlled under 8A992f of Schedule 2A and the restricted technology is technology related to such vessels controlled under 8E992 of Schedule 2A,
 - b. the vessel is moving from a third country to Russia, or to the United Kingdom or a third country from Russia, or transiting Russian territorial waters,
 - c. the vessel is moving under its own power, and
 - d. the movement of the vessel is not for the purpose of—
 1. transfer of ownership of the vessel or any of its component parts, or

2. a change of the operator of the vessel,
2. In the case of insurance services, paragraph 1. only applies where the Provider:
 - a. does not reinsure any of their obligations to provide those insurance services, or
 - b. reinsures any of their obligations to provide those insurance services and no such reinsurance cover has, as a matter of applicable law, been rendered unenforceable, suspended, frustrated or prohibited by any applicable sanctions.
 3. In the case of reinsurance (including retrocession) services, paragraph 1. only applies if the insurance obligations the Provider is reinsuring have not, as a matter of applicable law, been rendered unenforceable, suspended, frustrated or prohibited by any applicable sanctions.
 4. If the Provider is providing reinsurance services to a reinsurer (“R”), the reference in paragraph 3. to insurance obligations shall include the reinsurance obligations of R as well as the insurance obligations that R is reinsuring (and if there are more than two reinsurers above the Provider in a chain of reinsurance, shall also cover the reinsurance obligations of each such reinsurer).
 5. If the Provider (“P”) is a reinsurer that has reinsured any of their obligations to provide those reinsurance services, paragraph 1. shall only apply if the reinsurance cover P has obtained has not, as a matter of applicable law, been rendered unenforceable, suspended, frustrated or prohibited by any applicable sanctions.

Exclusions

6. This licence does not apply:
 - (a) if the activities covered by this licence are prohibited by any provision of the Regulations other than regulation 22, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28 or 29 insofar as they relate to vessels;

- (b) if the Provider has been informed by a competent UK authority, or is aware that the activities covered by this licence will be provided contrary to the export or import law or regulations of the exporting or importing country;
- (c) where the Provider, at the time of act, has been served with a notice which suspends or revokes their ability to use this licence, unless the period of suspension or revocation has expired.

Conditions and Requirements

- 7. The authorisation in paragraph 1. is subject to the following conditions:
- 8. Within 30 calendar days of the first use of this licence, the Provider must provide details to the Secretary of State of the name and address at which records are kept in relation to this licence through registration of such details on SPIRE:
<https://www.spire.trade.gov.uk/spire/fox/espire/LOGIN/login>.
- 9. The provisions of Regulation 76 (General trade licences: records) of the Regulations apply to any act under the authority of this licence.
- 10. In accordance with the applicable legislation, the records required by this licence must be kept for a period of 4 years beyond the end of the calendar year in which the record was created and the Provider must permit them to be inspected and copied by any person authorised by the Secretary of State or the Commissioners.
- 11. Without prejudice to Part 9 (Enforcement) of the Regulations, failure to comply with any condition may result in the Provider's use of this licence being revoked or suspended. The Provider will be notified in writing of any such suspension or revocation.

Prohibitions not affected by this Licence

12. Nothing in this licence affects any prohibition or restriction on the provision of technical assistance, financial services or assistance or brokering or trade or the carrying out of any act with respect to the trade of any goods concerned under, or by virtue of, any enactment other than a prohibition or restriction in the legislation under which this licence was issued, as set out in the licence itself.

Interpretation

13. For the purpose of this licence:

- (1) "Provider" means any legal or natural person including financial institutions or other financial services providers located in or operating from within the UK or which is a United Kingdom person as defined in regulation 2 of the Regulations operating anywhere in the world engaging in any activity authorised at paragraph 1.;
- (2) unless the context otherwise requires, any other expression used in this licence shall have the meaning it bears in the Regulations.

Entry into Force

14. This licence shall come into force on 17 March 2022.

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