



## General Licence – Publication Notice

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### General licence - INT/2022/1875276

OFSI has the power to issue General Licences for country sanctions regimes under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (“the Sanctions Act”).

On 30 May 2022, OFSI issued General Licence INT/2022/1875276 under Regulation 64 of The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (“The Russia Regulations”) which allows certain activities related to the provision of Civilian Telecommunications Services and News Media Services.

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A Person is an individual, a body of persons corporate or unincorporate, any organisation or any association or combination of persons; the DP is ZAO TransTeleCom Company; a designated Credit or Financial Institution is any credit or financial institution designated under Regulation 5 of the Russia Regulations and a Relevant Institution is:

- A person that has permission under Part 4A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000(3) (permission to carry on regulated activity).
- A person that is authorised or registered under Part 2 of the Payment Services Regulations (SI 2017/752).
- A person that is authorised or registered under Part 2 of the Electronic Money Regulations (SI 2011/99).
- A person that is a “recognised clearing house”, “third country central counterparty”, “recognised CSD” or “third country CSD” for the purposes of s.285 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.
- A person that is an operator of a recognised payment system (or that is a service provider in relation to recognised payment systems) for the purposes of Part 5 of the Banking Act 2009.

Civilian Telecommunication Services are either an “electronic communication network” or “electronic communications service” as defined by Section 32 of the Communications Act 2003 that is used for civilian purposes. For the avoidance of doubt this does not include any News Media Services as defined below.

News Media Services are news reporting and journalistic services involved in the reporting of news and current affairs by a recognised news publisher.

Under General Licence INT/2022/1875276:

- Subject to the conditions set out in the licence a Person, other than a Person designated under Regulation 5 of the Russia Regulations, may continue business operations involving the provision of Civilian Telecommunication Services;
- Subject to the conditions set out in the licence a Person, other than a Person designated under Regulation 5 of the Russia Regulations, may continue business operations involving the provision of News Media Services; and
- A Relevant Institution may process payments in accordance with these permissions.

### **General**

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General Licence INT/2022/1875276 takes effect from 30 May 2022 and expires on 30 May 2024.

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