



## General Licence – Publication Notice

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### General licence - INT/2022/2300292

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 17 November 2022, OFSI issued General Licence INT/2022/2300292 under all UK Autonomous Sanctions Regulations (see Annex 1 of the General Licence for the list of relevant Regulations) which allows for payment to utility companies for gas and electricity by UK designated persons who own or rent properties in the UK. Any persons intending to use General Licence INT/2022/2300292 should consult the copy of the Licence on this webpage for full details of the permissions and usage requirements.

For the purposes of General Licence INT/2022/2300292:

Energy Companies mean OFGEM registered firms with permission to provide gas and/or electricity to properties in the UK.

UK DPs mean individuals or entities designated under the UK Sanctions Regimes only, but not those sanctioned by the United Nations.

Return Payments means payments due as a result of over-payments made pursuant to this licence or in relation to the UK Government energy subsidy payments under the Energy Bills Support Scheme over winter 2022 to 2023.

Permitted Payments means utility payments for gas and electricity supplies to UK properties owned or rented by UK DPs.

Relevant UK Institution means:

- A person that has permission under Part 4A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (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.

Under General Licence INT/2022/2300292 UK DPs may make Permitted Payments to Energy Companies from a frozen UK bank account by bank transfer or by direct debit; Energy Companies may receive the Permitted Payments; Energy Companies may make Return Payments to frozen UK bank accounts and UK DPs may receive Return Payments from Energy Companies into a frozen UK bank account.

The reporting and record-keeping requirements for UK DPs and Energy Companies are set out in the General Licence.

### **General**

The permissions in General Licence INT/2022/2300292 do not authorise any act which the person carrying out the act knows, or has reasonable grounds for suspecting, will result in funds or economic resources being made available in breach of the relevant UK Autonomous Sanctions Regulations, save as permitted under a licence granted under those Regulations

General Licence INT/2022/2300292 took effect on 17 November 2022 and expires on 16 April 2023.

**Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation**

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