

GENERAL LICENCE: Payment to Energy Companies for Gas and/or Electricity
INT/2022/2300292

1. This licence is granted under all UK Autonomous Sanctions Regulations listed in Annex I of this licence (the "Regulations").
2. Any act which would otherwise breach any of the prohibitions set out in the Regulations, is exempt from those prohibitions to the extent required to give effect to the permissions in this licence.
3. In this licence:

"Energy Companies" or "the Energy Company" means	An Office of Gas and Electricity Markets (OFGEM) registered firm with permission to provide gas and/or electricity to properties in the UK.
"UK DPs" means	Those individuals or entities designated under the UK Sanctions Regimes only, but not those sanctioned by the United Nations.
"the UK Autonomous Sanctions Regulations" means	Sanctions regulations made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (the Sanctions Act) and listed in Annex I
"Permitted Payments" means	Utility payments for gas and electricity supplies to UK properties owned or rented by UK DPs.
"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.
a "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

Permissions

4. Under this licence, subject to the conditions in Paragraphs 8-10 below:
 - 4.1 UK DPs may make Permitted Payments to Energy Companies from a frozen UK bank account by bank transfer or by direct debit; and
 - 4.2 Energy Companies may receive the Permitted Payments.
5. Under this licence, subject to the conditions in Paragraphs 8-10 below:
 - 5.1 Energy Companies may make Return Payments to frozen UK bank accounts; and

5.2 UK DPs may receive Return Payments from Energy Companies into a frozen UK bank account.

6. A Relevant UK Institution may process payments made in accordance with paragraphs 4 and 5 above
7. This licence does not permit the provision of gas and/or electricity to any person designated by the United Nations.

Reporting Requirements

8. On a monthly basis, the UK DP must report to HM Treasury, with details and supporting evidence of:
 - i) The name of the Energy Company;
 - ii) The amount(s) paid;
 - iii) The payment route used; and
 - iv) The date on which the funds were paid.
9. Within 14 days of making a Return Payment under this licence, the Energy Companies must report to HM Treasury, with details and supporting evidence of:
 - v) The amount(s) transferred;
 - vi) The payment route used;
 - vii) The date on which the funds were transferred; and
 - viii) The reason for the Return Payment.

Record-keeping Requirements

10. The Energy Companies and UK DPs must keep accurate, complete and readable records, on paper or electronically, of any activity purporting to have been permitted under this licence for a minimum of 6 years.

General

11. The permissions in this licence do not authorise any act which 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.
12. Information provided to HM Treasury in connection with this licence shall be disclosed to third parties only in compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.
13. This licence takes effect from the date of issue and will expire at 23:59 on 16 April 2023.
14. HM Treasury may vary, revoke or suspend this licence at any time.

Signed:



Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation

HM Treasury

17 November 2022.

Annex 1 – UK Autonomous Sanctions Regulations Schedules

Regime	Relevant Regulations
The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 13 to 17
Iran (Sanctions) (Nuclear) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulation 12 to 17
Iran Human Rights (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
Libya (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	Regulations 12 to 16
Counter-Terrorism (International Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
Republic of Belarus (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
Myanmar (Sanctions) Regulations 2021	Regulation 11 to 15
The Burundi (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
Global Anti-Corruption Sanctions Regulations 2021	Regulations 11 to 15
Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations 2020	Regulations 11 to 15
Guinea (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
Republic of Guinea-Bissau (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
Nicaragua (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	Regulations 11 to 15
Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
South Sudan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 12 to 16
Sudan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	Regulations 12 to 16
Venezuela (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
The Zimbabwe (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15