

GENERAL LICENCE – Russia Designated Persons – Charities and Interim Managers and trustees

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1. This licence is granted under regulations 64 of The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (“the Russia Regulations”).
2. Any act which would otherwise breach the prohibitions in Regulations 11 to 15 of the Russia Regulations is exempt from those prohibitions to the extent required to give effect to the permissions in this licence.
3. In this licence:

“Charity Commission for England and Wales” or “CC” means	The Charity Commission for England and Wales which registers and regulates charities in England and Wales whose statutory duties and functions are set out in the Charities Act 2011.
“Interim Manager” or “IMs” means	The Interim Manager(s) appointed by the Charity Commission [under section 76(3)(g) of the Charities Act 2011] to act as receiver(s) and manager(s) in respect of the property and affairs of a charity. An IM has the same duties and responsibilities as all trustees in relation to the management and administration of a charity.
“Trustees” means	Trustees appointed by order(s) of the CC under section 76(3)(b) and/or 80 of the Charities Act 2011.
“Charity” means	A charity linked to a Designated Person and being administered by the Interim Manager and/or the trustees.
“Person” means	An individual, a body of persons corporate or unincorporate, any organisation or any association or combination of persons.
“Relevant Institution” means	<p>A person that has permission under Part 4A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (permission to carry on regulated activity).</p> <p>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).</p> <p>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.</p> <p>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.</p>

Permissions

Permissions: Basic needs of operation of charities and routine holding and maintenance of frozen funds or economic resources and the payment of legal fees.

4. Under this licence, subject to the conditions below:
 - 4.1. An Interim Manager and/or trustee may authorise payments for the basic needs of a Charity including but not limited to: payment of insurance premiums; payment of reasonable fees for the provision of property management services; allowances or pensions of employees; payment of tax; payment of rent or mortgage payments; utility payments;
 - 4.2. An Interim Manager and/or trustee may authorise payments for reasonable fees or reasonable service charges arising from the routine holding and maintenance of a charity's frozen funds or economic resources;
 - 4.3. An Interim Manager and/or trustee may authorise payment of reasonable professional fees, such as for the provision of legal, accountancy and audit services, or reasonable expenses associated with the provision of those services and IM remuneration as authorised by the CC.
5. *Permission: Receipt and Disbursement of Charitable Funds*
 - 5.1. An Interim Manager and/or trustee appointed by the CC, may authorise the payment of charitable funds, investments and dispersing of the charity's funds.
 - 5.2. An Interim Manager and/or trustee may accept receipt of funds into the charity.
6. *Permission: Payments associated with the wind up of a charity*
 - 6.1. An Interim Manager or trustee may authorise, make, receive or process any payments in connection with the winding up of a charity either as authorised by the CC Order appointing the IM, subsequent order under section 84B of the Charities Act 2011 or the dissolution provisions within the charity's governing document.
 - 6.2. No funds or economic resources shall be made available to or for the benefit of a person designated under the Russia Regulations including any entity owned or controlled by such a person.
7. A Person may receive payments made in accordance with paragraphs 4.1, 4.2., 4.3, 5.1 and 6.1 above.
8. A Relevant Institution may process payments made in accordance with paragraphs 4.1, 4.2, 4.3, 5.1, 5.2 and 6.1 above.

Record Keeping Requirements

9. A Charity or a person including a Relevant Institution 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.

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10. The permissions in this licence 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 dealt with or made available in breach of the Russia Regulations, save as permitted under this or other licences granted under the Russia Regulations.
11. 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.
12. This licence takes effect from 30th May 2022 and expires at ~~23:59 on 30th May 2025~~ 23:59 on 30th May 2028.
13. HM Treasury may vary, revoke or suspend this licence at any time.

Signed:



Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation

HM Treasury

30 May 2022.

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