



General Licence – Publication Notice

General licence – INT/2022/1839676

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 23 May 2022, OFSI issued General Licence INT/2022/1839676 under regulation 64 of the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the “Russia Regulations”) which allows payments and other permitted activities to take place in relation to the purchase of tickets from a DP or any Subsidiary for flights or rail journeys originating in, or within, Russia. Any persons intending to use General Licence INT/2022/1839676 should consult the copy of the Licence on this page for full details of the permissions and usage requirements.

A United Kingdom Person is a United Kingdom national or a body incorporated or constituted under the law of any part of the United Kingdom; the DPs are PJSC Aeroflot, JSC Rossiya Airlines, JSC Ural Airlines, Russian Railways; a subsidiary is any entity owned or controlled by any of the DPs that provides rail or air passenger services; and a Relevant Institution is:

- 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/2022/1839676:

- A United Kingdom Person may purchase tickets from a DP or any Subsidiary for flights or rail journeys originating in, or within, Russia.
- A United Kingdom Person, Relevant Institution or DP may carry out any activity reasonably necessary to effect the purchase of such tickets for flights or rail journeys.

On 14 February 2023 General Licence INT/2022/1839676 was amended such that:

- A United Kingdom Person may purchase tickets from South Caucasus Railway CJSC for passenger rail journeys between Armenia and Georgia and within either of those two countries.

On 10 November 2023 General Licence INT/2022/1839676 was amended to make clear that Paragraph 4.1 only permits the purchase of tickets from a DP or any Subsidiary for passenger rail or passenger air journeys originating in, or within, Russia.

On 15 December 2023 General Licence INT/2022/1839676 was amended to also permit activity that would otherwise breach the prohibitions in Regulation 17A of the Russia Regulations.

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The permissions in General Licence INT/2022/1839676 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 Russia Regulations, save as permitted under licences granted under The Russia Regulations.

General Licence INT/2022/1839676 took effect from 23 May 2022. On 14 February 2023 it was extended and now expires on 23 May 2024.

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation

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