



General Licence – Publication Notice

General licences - INT/2024/4423849, INT/2023/3074680, INT/2022/2470156 and INT/2022/2470056

OFSI has the power to issue General Licences under regulation 64 of the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (“the Russia Regulations”).

On 4 December 2022, OFSI issued 4 General Licences to implement the Oil Price Cap which came into force on 5 December 2022. This measure will deprive Russia of access to excess oil revenues by constraining its ability to sell at global market prices, while still enabling Russian oil to flow to the third countries that need it.

General Licence INT/2024/4423849

On 19 February 2024, OFSI issued **General Licence INT/2024/4423849** (the new ‘Oil Price Cap’ General Licence). This replaced the previous General Licence Oil Price Cap INT/2022/2469656, which expired on 18 February 2024.

This General Licence permits the supply or delivery by ship of Russian crude oil and oil products, as well as provision of associated services, so long as the price paid for Russian oil or oil products is at or below the price cap. This General Licence sets the price at USD \$60 per barrel for crude oil, USD \$100 for “premium to crude”, and USD \$45 for “discount to crude”.

Subject to the exclusions and conditions in the new ‘Oil Price Cap’ General licence INT/2024/4423849 and provided that no supply or delivery by ship of Russian oil or Relevant Services are provided to a Designated Person:

- I. A person may supply or deliver Russian oil by ship from a place in Russia to a third country or from one third country to another third country provided that the Unit Price of the Russian oil concerned is at or below the Price Cap.
- II. A service provider may provide relevant services to any person provided that the unit price of the Russian oil being supplied or delivered by ship from a place in Russia to a third country or from one third country to another third country is at or below the Price Cap.
- III. A Relevant Institution may process payments in relation to the activities authorised by paragraphs i and ii.

The new 'Oil Price Cap' General Licence utilises an attestation process – **on a per-voyage basis** – which is designed to put different levels of requirement onto different actors in the oil supply chain, depending on whether they routinely know the price paid in their ordinary course of business and how often they transact. An attestation means a document:

- I. demonstrating that the Price Information of the Russian oil to be supplied or delivered, or being supplied or delivered, is or will be at or below the Price Cap
- II. demonstrating that the Unit Price of the Russian oil to be supplied or delivered, or being supplied or delivered, is or will be at or below the Price Cap
- III. attesting that the Unit Price of the Russian oil to be supplied or delivered, or being supplied or delivered, is or will be at or below the Price Cap
- IV. attesting that the Russian oil was purchased pursuant to a Licence issued under Part 4 of Schedule 5 of the Russia Regulations for example to enable anything to be done to deal with an extraordinary situation
- V. which, for Tier 3A and Tier 3B Providers, contains a clause within contractual terms and conditions that the Unit Price of the Russian oil to be supplied or delivered, or being supplied or delivered, is or will be at or below the Price Cap.

Tier 1 Providers (and Tier 2 Providers with access to the information) are required to record itemised ancillary costs information – on a per-voyage basis – and provide them to other Tier 1, Tier 2 and Tier 3A contractual counterparties upon request.

On 08 March 2024, General Licence INT/2024/4423849 was amended to change the timeframe in which Providers must provide and/or request an Attestation, and provide and/or request ancillary costs information, from 28 days to 30 days.

General Licence INT/2023/3074680

On 14 June 2023, OFSI issued **General Licence INT/2023/3074680** (the 'Trading in Derivatives and Futures General Licence'). This General Licence permits trading in derivatives and futures related to the supply or delivery by ship of Russian oil and oil products which would otherwise breach the prohibition in regulation 46Z9C of the Russia Regulations. A 'Derivatives Broker' may provide services to any Person trading in Derivatives and Futures and a 'Relevant Institution' may process payments in relation to the permitted activities.

General Licence INT/2022/2470156

General Licence INT/2022/2470156 (the 'Oil Price Cap: Exempt Projects and Countries' General Licence) permits the supply or delivery of Russian oil by ship from a place in Russia to a third country or from one third country to another third country; and a service provider to provide relevant services to any person (whether or not a UK Person) relating to the supply or delivery of Russian oil by ship from a place in Russia to a third country or from one third country to another third country for specific listed projects (listed in Schedule 1 of the Licence) and exempted countries (listed in Schedule 2). These permissions do not extend to reselling Russian oil to or in a third country.

Schedule 1 permits the supply or delivery by ship of Russian oil originating in or consigned from the Sakhalin-2 Project from a place in Russia, to a place in Japan.

Schedule 2 permits the execution of contracts concluded before 4 June 2022, or of ancillary contracts necessary for the execution of such contracts, for the purchase, import or transfer of Russian oil into Bulgaria.

Where there are no alternative supplies of vacuum gas oil available, Schedule 2 permits the purchase, import or transfer of vacuum gas oil falling under commodity code 2710 into Croatia, which is consigned from, or originates in, Russia.

Finally, Schedule 2 also permits the supply or delivery by ship of crude oil originating in or consigned from Russia falling under commodity code 2709 for a landlocked European member state as described in Council Regulation (EU) 2022/879 of 3 June 2022, if the supply of crude oil by pipeline from Russia is interrupted for reasons outside the control of that member state.

On 05 January 2023, General Licence INT/2022/2470156 was amended to clarify cross-referencing within the licence.

On 14 September 2023, General Licence INT/2022/2470156 was amended to extend the expiration date of the Schedule 1 Exempt Projects, Sakhalin-2 Project, to 28 June 2024.

General Licence INT/2022/2470056

General Licence INT/2022/2470056 (the ‘Correspondent banking and payment processing’ General Licence) allows Relevant Institutions to process, clear, or send payments from any Person in connection with activities which would otherwise contravene regulation 46Z9C of the Russia Regulations.

The Relevant Institution must with regard to the subject transaction:

- a. Be operating solely as an intermediary; and
- b. Not have any direct relationship with the Person providing services relating to the maritime transportation of the Russian oil (i.e., the Person is a non-account party).

On 27 February 2023, General Licence INT/2022/2470056 was amended to update the definition of “Russian oil”.

Reporting and Record Keeping

The reporting and record-keeping requirements for a person supplying or delivering Russian oil or oil products are set out in the relevant General Licences INT/2024/4423849, INT/2023/3074680, INT/2022/2470156 and INT/2022/2470056.

Any persons intending to use one of these General Licences should consult the copy of the Licence on this page for full details of the permissions and usage requirements.

General

The permissions in these licences do not authorise any act which the Person carrying out the act knows, or has reasonable grounds for suspecting, will result in a breach of any part of the Russia Regulations, save as permitted under these or other licences issued under the Russia Regulations.

General Licence INT/2024/4423849 is in effect from 19 February 2024 until withdrawn by OFSI. General Licence INT/2023/3074680 is in effect from 14 June 2023, and General Licences INT/2022/2470156 and INT/2022/2470056 are in effect from 05 December 2022 and until withdrawn by OFSI.

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