



## General Licence – Publication Notice

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### General licence - INT/2024/5297490

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 18 November 2024, OFSI issued General Licence INT/2024/5297490 under the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 (the Iran Regulations) which allows for payments to be made in respect of certain permitted Iran Air activities.

Any persons intending to use General Licence INT/2024/5297490 should consult the copy of the Licence for full details of the definition, permissions, and usage requirements.

For the purposes of General Licence INT/2024/5297490:

Iran Air, Group ID: 16611, is the national airline of Iran designated under the Iran Regulations on 18 November 2024.

The Chicago Convention is the Convention on International Civil Aviation and its Annexes, signed at Chicago on 7th December 1944 (United Nations Treaty Series, vol. 15, p. 295).

IASTA is the International Air Services Transit Agreement signed at Chicago on 7th December 1944 (United Nations Treaty Series, vol. 84, p. 389).

Permitted Payments are:

(i) Any payments by any Person that are required (including, but not limited to, payments for the provision of ground services or airport services) to exercise Iran Air’s right:

- to overfly the United Kingdom; or
- to make a Stop for Non-Traffic purposes in the United Kingdom

in accordance with Article 5 of the Chicago Convention (in respect of non-scheduled international air services) and section 1 of Article 1 of the IASTA (in respect of Scheduled international air services).

(ii) Any payments made by Iran Air for contractual obligations that arose prior to Iran Air’s designation in respect of ground services or airport services in the UK (including the refund of tickets for cancelled flights to/from the UK), provided that no payments are made to another designated person (as defined in paragraph 1 of Schedule 5 of the Regulations), whether directly or indirectly.

Person means an individual or a body of persons corporate or unincorporate, any organisation or any association or combination of persons.

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.

Scheduled international air services are a series of flights that possesses all the following characteristics:

- a) it passes through the airspace over the territory of more than one State;
- b) it is performed by aircraft for the transport of passengers, mail or cargo for remuneration, in such a manner that each flight is open to use by members of the public;
- c) it is operated, so as to serve traffic between the same two or more points, either
  - i) according to a published timetable, or
  - ii) with flights so regular or frequent that they constitute a recognisably systematic series.

A Stop for Non-Traffic purposes is a landing for any purpose other than taking on or discharging passengers, cargo or mail.

Under General Licence INT/2024/5297490:

- A Person may make Permitted Payments in respect of Iran Air.

The reporting requirements for Persons making Permitted Payments are set out in the General Licence.

### **General**

The permissions in General Licence INT/2024/5297490 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 Iran Regulations, save as permitted under licences granted under those Regulations.

General Licence INT/20245297490 took effect on 18 November 2024.

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