



General Licence – Publication Notice

General licence - INT/2024/4836676

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 13 June 2024, OFSI issued General Licence INT/2024/4836676 under all UK Autonomous Sanctions Regulations (see Annex 1 of the General Licence for the list of relevant Regulations) which allows for payments to the FCA from a Designated Person (DP), or on behalf of a DP. Any persons intending to use General Licence INT/2024/4836676 should consult the copy of the Licence on this page for full details of the definition, permissions, and usage requirements.

For the purposes of General Licence INT/2024/4836676:

UK DPs means those individuals or entities designated (or owned or controlled by an individual or an entity designated) for the purposes of an asset freeze by the UK under the UK Autonomous Sanctions Regulations, excluding those designated for the purpose of compliance with United Nations obligations.

FCA means the Financial Conduct Authority of 12 Endeavour Square, London, E20 1JN.

FRC means the Financial Reporting Council Limited (a company registered in England with number 2486368) of 8th Floor, 125 London Wall, London, EC2Y 5AS.

Permitted Payments means:

1. All payments which a UK DP is required to make to the FCA under or by virtue of any enactment, except for any fees for:
 - i) an application for permission from, authorisation by, registration with or recognition from the FCA which relates to the carrying on of any activity falling within any function of the FCA;
 - ii) an application for a variation of such permission, authorisation, registration or recognition; and
 - iii) an application for listing and other associated applications (e.g. applications for eligibility for listing, applications for review or approval of documents relating to listing, applications for approval as a sponsor or primary information provider and applications for review or approval of a prospectus).
2. A payment to the FCA of a levy imposed by the scheme manager of the Financial Services Compensation Scheme by virtue of section 213 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000.
3. A payment to the FCA which is collected by the FCA on behalf of the FRC.

Person means an individual or a body of persons corporate or unincorporate but does not include a UK DP.

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/2024/4836676:

- A UK DP, or a Person acting on behalf of a DP, may make Permitted Payments to the FCA.
- Where a Permitted Payment is made by a Person acting on behalf of a DP; the UK DP may repay that Person the same amount as that payment and the Person may receive that amount from the UK DP.

The reporting and record-keeping requirements for UK DPs, or Persons acting on their behalf, are set out in the General Licence.

The Payments to the FCA General Licence (GL) INT/2024/4836676 was revoked on 5 December 2024.

From 5 December 2024, following the coming into force of the Required Payments Exception, most fees UK DPs are required to pay to the Financial Conduct Authority (FCA) can be paid without an OFSI licence.

A specific OFSI licence will be required for a payment of fees relating to:

- an application for permission from, authorisation by, registration with or recognition from the FCA which relates to the carrying on of any activity falling within any function of the FCA
- an application for a variation of such permission, authorisation, registration or recognition
- an application for listing or for eligibility for listing
- an application for review or approval of a document relating to listing
- an application for approval as a sponsor or primary information provider
- an application for review or approval of
 - a document under the prospectus rules or the prospectus regulation
 - listing particulars under section 79 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 or supplementary listing particulars under section 81 of that Act.

For more information, see FAQs 127 and 131 here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-faqs/uk-financial-sanctions-faqs#regulatory-payments-exception>

General

The permissions in General Licence INT/2024/4836676 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 relevant Autonomous Sanctions Regulations, save as permitted under licences granted under those Regulations.

General Licence INT/2024/4836676 took effect from 00:01 on 20 June 2024.

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Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation

HM Treasury