

GENERAL LICENCE: Membership fees for International Organisations

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1. This licence is granted under regulation 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 17A 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:

The “DP” means	Gazprombank Group ID: 15015
“International Organisations” means	Those international trade organisations based in the UK with recognised diplomatic status under international law as listed in Annex 1.
“Permitted Payments” means	Subscription fees and any other payments required from the Government of Russia to retain membership of the International Organisations listed in Annex 1.
“Person” means	An individual or a body of persons corporate or unincorporate but does not include a UK DP.
A “Relevant UK Institution” means	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.

Permissions

4. Under this licence, subject to the conditions in Paragraphs 6-7 below:
 - 4.1. International Organisations may receive Permitted Payments transferred from an account held with the DP.
5. A Relevant UK Institution may process payments made in accordance with paragraph 4 above.

Reporting Requirements

6. Within 14 days of an International Organisation receiving a Permitted Payment under this licence, a report should be sent to HM Treasury, by email to ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk with details of:
 - 6.1. The amount(s) paid;
 - 6.2. The payment route; and
 - 6.3. The date on which the Permitted Payment was received.

Record-keeping Requirements

7. An International Organisation or Relevant UK Institution must keep accurate, complete, and readable records, on paper or electronically, of any activity permitted or purporting to have been permitted under this licence for a minimum of 6 years.

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8. The permissions in this licence do not authorise any act which will result in funds or economic resources being made available in breach of the Russia Regulations, save as permitted under this licence or other licences granted under those Regulations.
9. 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 UK Data Protection Act 2018.
10. This licence takes effect from 00:01 on 21 February 2025 and expires at 11:59 pm 20 February 2030.
11. HM Treasury may vary, revoke or suspend this licence at any time.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'OFSI', is positioned below the 'Signed:' text.

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation

HM Treasury

21 February 2025.

Annex 1 International Organisations

- International Coffee Organisation
- International Grains Council
- International Sugar Organisation
- International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA)
- North Atlantic Salmon Conservation Organisation
- Northeast Atlantic Fisheries Commission