

GENERAL LICENCE: HUMANITARIAN ACTIVITY

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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 11-15 and 17A of the Russia Regulations is exempt from those prohibitions as set out below.
3. In this licence:

"DP" or "Designated Person" means	any person designated under the Russia Regulations
"Designated Financial Institution" means	any person(s) listed in Annex I to this licence
"Relevant Person" means	the United Nations, its agencies, funds, programmes and appeal partners; any organisation participating in the United Nations humanitarian response plan process for Ukraine or represented in a cluster's 5W matrix; the International Committee of the Red Cross; the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies; Médecins Sans Frontières International and its institutional members or affiliates; members of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee; any UK funded person; any employees, implementing partners, grantees, contractors and subsidiaries of any of the organisations listed above; any persons providing goods or services to any of the organisations listed above
"UK funded person" means	any organisation that receives funding from any part of the Government of the United Kingdom for the purpose of providing humanitarian assistance or supporting basic human needs
"Providing goods or services" means	the provision of goods or services, and includes but is not limited to the processing and payment of funds, other financial assets or economic resources
"Relevant Institution" means	a person that has permission under Part 4A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (permission to carry on regulated activities); 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);

	<p>a person that is a "recognised clearing house", "third country central counterparty", "recognised CSD" or "third country CSD" for the purposes of section 285 of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000; or</p> <p>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.</p>
<p>"Non-government controlled Ukrainian territory" means</p>	<p><u>Crimea and non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia oblasts.</u></p>

Permissions

4. Under this licence, subject to the conditions in paragraphs 5 and 6, a Relevant Person may:
 - 4.1. perform activities to ensure the timely delivery of humanitarian assistance activity in relation to the conflict in Ukraine and non-government controlled Ukrainian territory, or
 - 4.2. carry out other activities that support basic human needs in relation to the conflict in Ukraine and non-government controlled Ukrainian territory,

provided that the Relevant Person believes that carrying out the relevant activity is so necessary and there is no reasonable cause for the Relevant Person to suspect otherwise.
5. Any funds used to effect the permissions set out in paragraph 4 must not be from funds or economic resources that are owned, held or controlled by a Designated Person.
6. Paragraph 5 does not apply to funds that are controlled by a Designated Financial Institution in the event that those funds are not owned, held or controlled by any other Designated Person or where the transfer of funds is otherwise licensed.
7. Any Relevant Institution may carry out any activity necessary to effect the permissions listed in paragraph 4, subject to paragraphs 5 and 6.

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8. The permissions in this licence are without prejudice to the permissions provided by any other licence, whether general or in respect of particular acts, that have been or may be issued by HM Treasury from time to time.
9. The permissions in this licence 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 the Russia Regulations save as permitted under a licence granted under the Russia Regulations.

10. 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 Data Protection Act 2018.

11. This licence takes effect from 11:59 pm on 7 July 2022.

12. HM Treasury may vary, revoke or suspend this licence at any time.

Signed:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'OFSI', written in a cursive style.

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation

HM Treasury

7 July 2022.

Amended: 20 June 2023

Amended: 24 March 2025.

Annex I: Designated Financial Institutions

PJSC Sberbank

VTB Bank

Credit Bank of Moscow

Alfa Bank JSC

GazPromBank

SMP Bank

Ural Bank for Reconstruction and Development

Bank FC Otkritie

Promsvyazbank

Bank Rossiya

Sovcombank

Vnesheconombank (Veb)

JSCB Novikombank

Black Sea Bank

Genbank

Russian AB (Agricultural Bank)

IS Bank

Bank St Petersburg PJSC

Bank Uralsib PJSC

MTS Bank PJSC

Bank Zenit PJSC

Bank DOM.RF (designated by virtue of ownership)

Resbank PJSC

Tinkoff Bank TBank

Russian Regional Development Bank

PJSC JSCB Metallinvestbank