



General Licence – Publication Notice

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On 14 April 2023, OFSI issued General Licence INT/2023/2883496 under Regulation 64 of The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (“The Russia Regulations”). Any persons intending to use General Licence INT/2023/2883496 should consult the copy of the Licence on this page for full details of the permissions and usage requirements.

The DP is Russian Railways; LTG is Lithuanian Railways; Relevant Passenger Rail Travel is the transit of persons between the Kaliningrad Region and other parts of Russia via the passenger rail service operated by LTG and excludes the transit of goods; a Person is:

- A body of persons corporate or unincorporate; but
- Does not include the DP or any other person designated under the Russia Regulations, including persons owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by such designated persons with the meaning of Regulation 7 of the Russia Regulations.

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.

A UK Person is:

- A United Kingdom national; or
- A body incorporated or constituted under the law of any part of the United Kingdom.

Under General Licence INT/2023/2883496:

- The DP may pay LTG for Relevant Passenger Rail Travel.
- LTG may receive payments from the DP for Relevant Passenger Rail Travel.

- A Person (including a Relevant Institution) may carry out any activity reasonably necessary to effect the payment of Relevant Passenger Rail Travel.

On 27 March 2025, General Licence INT/2023/2883496 was extended until 23:59 on 13 April 2027.

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General Licence took effect from 14 April 2023 and expires at expires at ~~23:59 on 13 April 2025~~ 23:59 on 13 April 2027.

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