



General Licence – Publication Notice

General licence - INT/2022/1875276

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 30 May 2022, OFSI issued General Licence INT/2022/1875276 under Regulation 64 of The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (“The Russia Regulations”) which allows certain activities related to the provision of Civilian Telecommunications Services ~~and News Media Services~~.

Any persons intending to use General Licence INT/2022/1875276 should consult the copy of the Licence on this page for full details of the definitions, permissions, and usage requirements.

A Person is an individual, a body of persons corporate or unincorporate, any organisation or any association or combination of persons; the Civilian Telecommunication DPs are: Digital Invest Limited Liability Company (Digital Invest); PJSC MegaFon and its subsidiary companies; and ZAO TransTeleCom Company and its subsidiary companies; ~~the News Media Services DPs are: PJSC MegaFon, Mosdachtrest and Rossiya Segodnya~~; a designated Credit or Financial Institution is any credit or financial institution designated under Regulation 5 of the Russia Regulations, and 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.

Civilian Telecommunication Services are either an “electronic communication network” or “electronic communications service” as defined by Section 32 of the Communications Act 2003 that is used for civilian purposes. ~~For the avoidance of doubt this does not include any News Media Services as defined below.~~

~~News Media Services are news reporting and journalistic services involved in the reporting of news and current affairs by a recognised news publisher.~~

Under General Licence INT/2022/1875276:

- Subject to the conditions set out in the licence a Person, other than a Person designated under Regulation 5 of the Russia Regulations, may continue business operations involving the provision of Civilian Telecommunication Services; and
- ~~Subject to the conditions set out in the licence a Person, other than a Person designated under Regulation 5 of the Russia Regulations, may continue business operations involving the provision of News Media Services; and~~
- A Relevant Institution may process payments in accordance with these permissions.

On 20 October 2022, General Licence INT/2022/1875276 was updated to clarify that:

1. PJSC MegaFon has been added as a Civilian Telecommunication DP.
2. ~~Mobile TeleSystems PJSC (MTS), PJSC Moscow City Telephone Network (MGTS), Mosdachtrest, and PJSC MegaFon have been added as News Media Services DPs.~~
3. Under Permission 4.3, a Person designated under Regulation 5 of the Russia Regulations shall not include the Civilian Telecommunications DPs. Therefore, a Person may continue business operations involving the provision of Civilian Telecommunication Services with Civilian Telecommunications DPs.
4. ~~Under Permission 5.3, a Person designated under Regulation 5 of the Russia Regulations shall not include the News Media Services DPs. Therefore, a Person may continue business operations involving the provision of News Media Services with News Media Services DPs.~~
5. The notification requirement associated with paragraphs 4.1, 4.2 has been removed. So, a person no longer has to provide written notice to HM Treasury that it is conducting activity permitted under this licence.

On 26 June 2023, General Licence INT/2022/1875276 was updated to clarify that:

1. PJSC Megafon has been removed as a Civilian Telecommunication DP. OFSI do not have reason to believe that PJSC MegaFon is owned or controlled by a designated person.
2. ~~Mobile TeleSystems PJSC (MTS), PJSC Moscow City Telephone Network (MGTS), and PJSC MegaFon have been removed as News Media Services DPs. OFSI do not have reason to believe that MTS, MGTS, and PJSC Megafon are owned or controlled by designated persons.~~
3. ~~Rossiia Segodnya has been added as a News Media Services DP.~~
4. The definition of Civilian Telecommunications DPs has been amended to make clear that certain subsidiaries of ZAO TransTeleCom are covered by General Licence.

On 23 August 2023, General Licence INT/2022/1875276 was updated to clarify that:

1. PJSC MegaFon is a Civilian Telecommunication DP.
2. ~~PJSC MegaFon is a News Media Services DP.~~

On 27 October 2023, General Licence INT/2022/1875276 was updated to clarify that:

1. PJSC MegaFon and its subsidiaries are Civilian Telecommunication DPs.
2. Digital Invest Limited Liability Company (Digital Invest) is a Civilian Telecommunication DP.
3. General Licence INT/2022/1875276 has been extended to 30 May 2026.

On 19 September 2025, General Licence INT/2022/1875276 was updated:

1. The News Media Services permissions have been removed from General Licence INT/2022/1875276. The General Licence is now specific to certain activities related to the provision of Civilian Telecommunications Services, under Regulation 64 of The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019.
2. The General Licence now has an indefinite duration.
3. On 19 September 2025, OFSI published a new Global News Media Activities General Licence INT/2025/7159960 which permits Persons providing News Media Services (and any Person who provides any goods or services to another Person which are necessary for the provision of News Media Services by that other Person) to carry out any activity reasonably necessary to effect the receipt or provision of News Media Services, including making or receiving Permitted Payments.

For more information including definitions and permissions, see General Licence INT/2022/1875276 and General Licence INT/2025/7159960.

General

The permissions in General Licence INT/2022/1875276 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 Russia Regulations, save as permitted under licences granted under The Russia Regulations.

General Licence INT/2022/1875276 takes effect from 30 May 2022 ~~and expires on 30 May 2026~~.

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