

GENERAL LICENCE – Global News Media Activities

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1. This licence is granted under the UK Autonomous Sanctions Regulations listed in Annex 1 of this licence.
2. Any act which would otherwise breach the prohibitions in the UK Autonomous Sanctions Regulations, as listed in Annex 1 of this licence, is exempt from those prohibitions to the extent required to give effect to the permissions in this licence.
3. In this licence:

<b>“News Media Services”</b> means	News reporting and journalistic services by a recognised UK news publisher.
a <b>“Person”</b> means	An individual or a body of persons corporate or unincorporate but does not include a DP.
<b>“the UK Autonomous Sanctions Regulations”</b> means	Those sanctions regulations listed in Annex 1 of this licence.
<b>“Permitted Payments”</b> means	<p>Payments to, from or via a designated person (including a designated Credit or Financial Institution), providing these involve the receipt or provision of News Media Services.</p> <p>Payments include but are not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Rent, utility bills, and fixer charges.</li><li>- Regulatory payments including taxes.</li><li>- Receipt of licensing fees, paid to providers of News Media Services.</li><li>- Payment of salaries, invoices or fees to third parties.</li></ul>
a <b>“Designated Person”</b> means	Those individuals or entities designated (or owned or controlled by an individual or 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.

"a designated Credit or Financial Institution" means	Any credit or financial institution designated under any of the UK Autonomous Sanctions Regulations.
a "Relevant UK Institution" means	<p>A person that has permission under Part 4A of the Financial Services and Markets Act 2000 (permission to carry on regulated activity).</p> <p>A person that is authorised or registered under Part 2 of the Payment Services Regulations (SI 2017/752).</p> <p>A person that is authorised or registered under Part 2 of the Electronic Money Regulations (SI 2011/99).</p> <p>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.</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>

#### Permissions:

4. Under this licence, subject to the conditions below:
  - 4.1. A person 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) may carry out any activity reasonably necessary to effect the receipt or provision of News Media Services, including making or receiving Permitted Payments.
  - 4.2. A Relevant UK Institution may process payments made in accordance with paragraphs 4.1.

#### Conditions

5. This licence does not permit payment directly or indirectly to, from or for the benefit of any person designated for the purpose of compliance with United Nations obligations.

#### Reporting Requirement

6. Within 30 days of making or receiving a Permitted Payment a Person must send a report to HM Treasury with details of:
  - 6.1. The purpose of the payment;

- 6.2. The name of the Designated Person (sender, intermediary or recipient of the funds/payment);
- 6.3. The payment amount;
- 6.4. The date on which the funds were transferred;
- 6.5. The payment route;
- 6.6. The relevant UK Autonomous Sanctions Regulations; and
- 6.7. Name of the UK News Media publisher (and parent company where applicable).

Record-keeping Requirements

- 7. A Person must keep accurate, complete and readable records, on paper or electronically, of any activity 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 a breach of any part of the Regulations listed in Annex 1, save as permitted under this or other licences granted under the Regulations listed in Annex 1.
- 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 19 September 2025.
- 11. HM Treasury may vary, revoke or suspend this licence at any time.

Signed:



Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation

HM Treasury

19 September 2025.

## Annex 1 – UK Autonomous Sanctions Regulations Schedules

Regime	Relevant Regulations
The Republic of Belarus (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
The Bosnia & Herzegovina (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	Regulations 11 to 15
The Central African Republic (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	Regulations 12 to 16
The Chemical Weapons (Sanction) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
The Counter-Terrorism (International Sanctions) (EU Exit) regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
The Counter-Terrorism (Sanctions) (EU exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
The Cyber (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	Regulations 11 to 15
The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 13 to 17
The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 12 to 16
The Global Anti-Corruption Sanctions Regulations 2021	Regulations 11 to 15
The Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations 2020	Regulations 11 to 15
The Global Irregular Migration and Trafficking in Persons (Sanctions) Regulations 2025	Regulations 14 to 18
The Guinea (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
The Republic of Guinea-Bissau (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
The Iran (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2023	Regulations 15 to 19
The Iran (Sanctions) (Nuclear) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 12 to 17
The Libya (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	Regulations 12 to 16
The Mali (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	Regulations 12 to 16
The Myanmar (Sanctions) Regulations 2021	Regulations 11 to 15
The Nicaragua (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	Regulations 11 to 15
The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 17A
The Somalia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	Regulations 12 to 16
The South Sudan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 12 to 16
The Sudan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020	Regulations 12 to 16
The Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
The Venezuela (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15
The Yemen (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (No.2) Regulations 2020	Regulations 12 to 16
The Zimbabwe (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019	Regulations 11 to 15