



Office of Financial
Sanctions Implementation
HM Treasury

Financial Sanctions Notice

04/12/2025

Russia

Introduction

1. The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/855) ("the Russia Regulations") were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (the Sanctions Act) and provide for the imposition of financial sanctions, including asset freezes and other financial and investment restrictions, on persons who are or have been involved in destabilising Ukraine or undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine; or obtaining a benefit from or supporting the Government of Russia.
2. On 04 December 2025 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK. This list provides details of those designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act. A link to the UK Sanctions List can be found below.
3. Following the publication of the UK Sanctions List, information on the Consolidated List has been updated.

Notice summary

4. The following entries have been added to the Consolidated List and are now subject to an asset freeze and trust service sanctions:
 - Vladimir LIPCHENKO (Group ID: 17237)
 - Yuriy Alekseevich SIZOV (Group ID: 17236)
 - Denis Alexandrovich SMOLYANINOV (Group ID: 17238)

- THE MAIN DIRECTORATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (Group ID: 17235)

What you must do

5. You must:

- i. check whether you maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice and any entities owned or controlled by them;
 - ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources;
 - iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or economic resources or making them available directly or indirectly to or for the benefit of designated persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) or if an exception applies;
 - iv. refrain from providing trust services to or for the benefit of the persons set out to the Annex in this Notice;
 - v. report any findings to OFSI, together with the information or other matter on which the knowledge or suspicion is based. Where the information relates to funds or economic resources, the nature and quantity should also be reported.
6. Information received by OFSI may be disclosed to third parties in accordance with provisions set out in the Information and Records part of the regulations and in compliance with applicable data protection laws.
7. Information regarding a suspected designated person, and funds or economic resources belonging to them, does not need to be disclosed to OFSI where it has previously been reported.
8. Failure to comply with UK financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions may be a criminal offence.

Further Information

9. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Russia financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases>.
10. The Consolidated List can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets>.
11. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list>.
12. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/suspected-breach-of-financial-sanctions-what-to-do>.
13. For more information please see our financial sanctions guidance:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-faqs>.

Enquiries

14. Non-media enquiries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK should be addressed to:
Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation
HM Treasury
1 Horse Guards Road
London
SW1A 2HQ
ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk.
15. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to:
fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk.
16. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
17. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: RUSSIA

THE RUSSIA (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/855)

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. LIPCHENKO, Vladimir

Name (non-Latin script): Владимир ЛИПЧЕНКО

DOB: 28/09/1974. **a.k.a:** (1) VLODEK (2) WLODEK **Nationality:** Russia **Passport Number:** 4015400649 **Passport Details:** Russian passport number **Position:** GRU officer **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): RUS3151. Financial sanctions imposed in addition to an asset freeze: Trust services. Date trust services sanctions imposed: 04/12/2025. (UK Statement of Reasons): Vladimir LIPCHENKO is an involved person under the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis that he is or has been destabilising Ukraine or undermining the territorial security and sovereignty of Ukraine by engaging in, providing support for, or promoting actions which destabilise Ukraine or undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine, namely the coordination of GRU sabotage operations. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 04/12/2025 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 04/12/2025 **Last Updated:** 04/12/2025 **Group ID:** 17237.

2. SIZOV, Yuriy Alekseevich

Name (non-Latin script): Юрий Алексеевич СИЗОВ

DOB: 17/02/1988. **POB:** St Petersburg, Russia **Nationality:** Russia **National Identification Number:** 784805190577 **National Identification Details:** Tax identification number **Position:** GRU officer **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): RUS3150. Financial sanctions imposed in addition to an asset freeze: Trust services. Date trust services sanctions imposed: 04/12/2025. (UK Statement of Reasons): Yuriy Alekseevich SIZOV is an involved person under the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis that he is or has been destabilising Ukraine or undermining the territorial security and sovereignty of Ukraine by engaging in, providing support for, or promoting actions which destabilise Ukraine or undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine, namely the coordination, from his position as a major in the GRU, of sabotage and terror attacks in Ukraine. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 04/12/2025 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 04/12/2025 **Last Updated:** 04/12/2025 **Group ID:** 17236.

3. SMOLYANINOV, Denis Alexandrovich

Name (non-Latin script): Денис Александрович СМОЛЯНИНОВ

Title: Colonel **DOB:** 26/08/1976. **POB:** Chelyabinsk, Russia **Nationality:** Russia **National Identification Number:** 672904784466 **National Identification Details:** Tax identification number **Position:** GRU officer **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): RUS3152. Financial sanctions imposed in addition to an asset freeze: Trust services. Date trust services sanctions imposed: 04/12/2025. (UK Statement of Reasons): Denis Alexandrovich SMOLYANINOV (hereafter SMOLYANINOV) is an involved person under the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis that: a) SMOLYANINOV is or has been obtaining a benefit from the Government of Russia, and is involved in

destabilising Ukraine or undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine, through working for Russia's security and intelligence services, with a rank of colonel or higher. b) SMOLYANINOV is or has been destabilising Ukraine or undermining the territorial security and sovereignty of Ukraine by engaging in, providing support for, or promoting actions which destabilise Ukraine or undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine, namely the coordination of GRU sabotage operations in Ukraine. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 04/12/2025 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 04/12/2025 **Last Updated:** 04/12/2025 **Group ID:** 17238.

Entities

1. THE MAIN DIRECTORATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION

Name (non-Latin script): Главное управление Генерального штаба Вооружённых сил Российской Федерации

a.k.a: (1) GRU (2) Main Directorate (3) Main Intelligence Directorate **Address:** Khoroshevskoye Shosse, 76, Moscow, Russia. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): RUS3149. Financial sanctions imposed in addition to an asset freeze: Trust services. Date trust services sanctions imposed: 04/12/2025. (UK Statement of Reasons): The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect THE MAIN DIRECTORATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION (GRU) is an involved person under the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 based on the following ground: THE MAIN DIRECTORATE OF THE GENERAL STAFF OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THE RUSSIAN FEDERATION is or has been involved in obtaining a benefit from or supporting the Government of Russia by carrying on business as a Government of Russia-affiliated entity. **Listed on:** 04/12/2025 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 04/12/2025 **Last Updated:** 04/12/2025 **Group ID:** 17235.

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