



General Licence – Publication Notice

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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 19 December 2025, OFSI issued General Licence INT/2025/8257372 under regulation 44 of The Myanmar (Sanctions) Regulations 2021 (the “Myanmar Regulations”) and under regulation 20 of The Global Human Rights (Sanctions) Regulations 2020 (“the Global Human Rights Regulations”) pertaining to humanitarian activity in Myanmar.

Any persons intending to use General Licence INT/2025/8257372 should consult the copy of the Licence for full details of the permissions and usage requirements.

For the purposes of General Licence INT/2025/8257372:

Designated Person means any person designated under the Myanmar Regulations and/or the Global Human Rights Regulations.

Relevant Person means:

- Any UK Funded Person;
- The United Nations, including its programmes, funds and other entities and bodies, and its specialised agencies and related organisations;
- Humanitarian organisations having observer status with the United Nations General Assembly and members of those humanitarian organisations;
- Bilaterally or multilaterally funded non-governmental organisations participating in the United Nations Humanitarian Response Plans, Refugee Response Plans, other United Nations appeals, or humanitarian clusters coordinated by the United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs;
- International organisations carrying out humanitarian assistance and other activities that support basic human needs in Myanmar;
- The Disasters Emergency Committee;
- Any employee, grantee, subsidiary, or implementing partner of any organisation falling within the above list while and to the extent that they are acting in those capacities.
- Any persons providing goods or services to any of the persons listed above including but not limited to the provision, processing and payment of funds or economic resources and making available digital technologies.

UK Funded Person means any organisation that receives, or has received in the last 5 years, funding from any part of the Government of the United Kingdom for the purpose of providing humanitarian assistance or supporting basic human needs.

Relevant Activities means activities necessary to provide humanitarian assistance, other activities that support basic human needs and facilitate the timely provision of those activities in Myanmar. This includes the provision, processing and payment of funds, or economic resources, and the provision of goods and services necessary to ensure the timely delivery of such assistance or to support such activities which must solely relate to Myanmar.

Relevant Institution means:

- 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.

Permissions:

Under General Licence INT/2025/8257372, subject to the conditions in the paragraphs below, a Relevant Person may perform the Relevant Activities provided that the Relevant Person believes that carrying out the Relevant Activities is necessary to provide humanitarian assistance, other activities that support basic human needs and facilitate the timely provision of that assistance or those activities in Myanmar and there is no reasonable cause for the Relevant Person to suspect otherwise.

Conditions

- a) Any funds used to effect the permission set out in the paragraph above must not be from funds or economic resources that are owned, held or controlled by a Designated Person.
- b) This permission does not permit the use of economic resources owned, held or controlled by a Designated Person except where a Designated Person has received funds, goods or services in exchange for those economic resources from a Relevant Person to perform Relevant Activities.

Notification Requirement:

The Myanmar Humanitarian Activity General Licence applies to all Relevant Activities conducted under the General Licence, that would otherwise breach the prohibitions in regulations 11-15 of the Myanmar Regulations and regulations 11-15 of the Global Human Rights Regulations, from the issue date on 19 December 2025.

The notification requirement requires Relevant Persons to tell OFSI that they are conducting Relevant Activities by sending their contact details within 30 days of first starting any activity under the General Licence. It does not require NGOs to tell OFSI what Relevant Activities they are conducting. A single notification by email from each Relevant Person (e.g. the primary implementing partner) is sufficient to comply with the General Licence. Banks, employees, grantees and subsidiaries are not required to notify OFSI separately.

If you are a Relevant Person conducting Relevant Activities in Myanmar and need to rely on the General Licence, you must notify OFSI within 30 days of commencing the Relevant Activity.

If you are a Relevant Person conducting Relevant Activities in Myanmar but are not certain whether you need to rely on the General Licence permissions, you should consider notifying HMT within 30 days of commencing any activity anyway.

Notification provided to OFSI pursuant to the requirement does not constitute an admission of breach or suspected breach of financial sanctions by the person undertaking the reporting, nor an admission that the general licence has in fact been relied on; and receipt of that reporting by OFSI does not amount to an indication of whether or not OFSI considers that there has been a breach of financial sanctions or the conditions of General Licence INT/2025/8257372.

General

The permissions in General Licence INT/2025/8257372 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 Myanmar Regulations or the Global Human Rights Regulations, save as permitted under licences granted under those Regulations.

General Licence INT/2025/8257372 takes effect from 19 December 2025.

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HM Treasury