



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 07 July 2022, OFSI issued General Licence INT/2022/1947936 under Regulation 64 of the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (“the Russia Regulations”) which allow Relevant Persons to carry out any activity to effect the delivery of humanitarian assistance. Any persons intending to use General Licence INT/2022/1947936 should consult the copy of the Licence on this page for full details of the permissions and usage requirements.

For the purposes of General Licence INT/2022/1947936, a Relevant Persons means:

- the United Nations, its agencies, funds, programmes and appeal partners;
- any organisation participating in the United Nations humanitarian response plan process for Ukraine or represented in a cluster’s 5W matrix;
- the International Committee of the Red Cross;
- the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;
- the National Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies;
- Médecins Sans Frontières International and its institutional members or affiliates;
- members of the UK Disasters Emergency Committee;
- any UK funded person;
- any employees, implementing partners, grantees, contractors and subsidiaries of any of the organisations listed above;
- any persons providing goods or services to any of the organisations listed above.

A UK funded person is any organisation that receives funding from any part of the Government of the United Kingdom for the purpose of providing humanitarian assistance or supporting basic human needs.

Providing goods or services means the provision of goods or services, and includes but is not limited to the processing and payment of funds, other financial assets or economic resources

A Relevant Institution is an individual, a body of persons corporate or unincorporate, any organisation or any association or combination of persons; 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.

“Non-government controlled Ukrainian territory” means Crimea and non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk, Kherson, Luhansk and Zaporizhzhia oblasts.

A “Designated Financial Institution” is defined for the purposes of the licence as the following person(s):

- PJSC Sberbank
- VTB Bank
- Credit Bank of Moscow
- Alfa Bank JSC
- GazPromBank
- SMP Bank
- Ural Bank for Reconstruction and Development
- Bank FC Otkritie
- Promsvyazbank
- Bank Rossiya
- Sovcombank
- Vnesheconombank (Veb)
- JSCB Novikombank
- Black Sea Bank
- Genbank
- Russian AB (Agricultural Bank)
- IS Bank
- Bank St Petersburg PJSC
- Bank Uralsib PJSC
- MTS Bank PJSC
- Bank Zenit PJSC
- Bank DOM.RF (designated by virtue of ownership)
- Rosbank PJSC
- Tinkoff Bank TBank
- Russian Regional Development Bank
- PJSC JSCB Metallinvestbank

Under General Licence INT/2022/1710676 a Relevant Person may perform activities to ensure the timely delivery of humanitarian assistance activity in relation to the conflict in Ukraine and non-government controlled Ukrainian territory, or carry out other activities that support basic human needs in relation to the conflict in Ukraine and non-government controlled Ukrainian territory. This is provided that the Relevant Person believes that carrying out the relevant activity is so necessary and there is no reasonable cause for the Relevant Person to suspect otherwise.

In carrying out this activity, any funds used to effect the above permissions must not be from funds or economic resources that are owned, held or controlled by a Designated Person. This does not apply to funds that are controlled by a Designated Financial Institution in the event that those funds are not owned, held or controlled by any other Designated Person or where the transfer of funds is otherwise licensed. Any Relevant Institution may carry out any activity necessary to effect the above permissions.

On 20 June 2023 General Licence INT/2022/1947936 was amended to:

- Update the definition of non-government controlled Ukrainian territory to capture Kherson and Zaporizhzhia oblasts.
- Update the Annex I of Designated Financial Institutions to capture financial institutions designated since 7 July 2022.

On 24 March 2025 General Licence INT/2022/1947936 was amended to:

- Remove Rosbank PJSC and Tinkoff Bank from Annex I; and
- Add TBank to Annex I.

On 5 February 2026 Annex I of General Licence INT/2022/1947936 was amended to remove Bank FC Otkritie and replace it with BM-Bank, reflecting their merger.

General

The permissions in General Licence INT/2022/1947936 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/2022/1947936 takes effect from 11:59 on 7th July 2022.

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