



Foreign, Commonwealth  
& Development Office

## Sanctions Notice: 2 March 2026

### Regime: Russia

On 2 March 2026 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK with the following revocation.

#### Revocations

A revocation is a removal from the list following an official decision-making process.

The following entry has been revoked and is no longer subject to the sanctions listed:

#### 1. Individual: John Michael ORMEROD

**Unique ID:** RUS2639

**Regime name:** The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

**Sanctions imposed:** Asset freeze, Trust Services Sanctions, Director Disqualification Sanction, Transport sanctions: see "Other information"

**Other information:** Transport sanctions: where transport sanctions apply, a ship owned, controlled, chartered or operated by a designated person is prohibited from entering a port in the UK, may be given a movement or a port entry direction, can be detained, and will be refused permission to register on the UK Ship Register or have its existing registration terminated. Similarly, an aircraft owned, chartered or operated by a designated person is prohibited from overflying or landing in the UK, may be given a movement direction, can be detained or moved to a specified airport, and will be refused permission to register on the CAA Aircraft Register or have its existing registration terminated. This also includes a prohibition of technical assistance relating to aircraft and ships: a prohibition on the provision of technical assistance relating to aircraft or ships will prevent a person from directly or indirectly providing technical assistance to, or for the benefit of, the designated person, where that technical assistance relates to an aircraft or ship. The Director Disqualification Sanction was imposed on 09/04/2025.

**UK statement of reasons:** The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that John Michael ORMEROD has been involved in obtaining a benefit from or supporting the Government of Russia by owning or controlling directly or indirectly, or working as a director (whether executive or non-executive) of, a person, other than an individual, carrying on business in a sector of strategic significance to the Government of Russia, namely the Russian energy sector.

**Dobs:** dd/11/1950

**Nationalities:** United Kingdom

**Genders:** Male

**Name:** John Michael ORMEROD

**Name type:** Primary Name

**Titles:** Mr

**Designation source:** UK

**Date designated:** 20/05/2025

**Last updated:** 16/01/2026

**OFSI group ID:** 16863

## **Asset freeze: what you must do**

If you know or have 'reasonable cause to suspect' that you are in possession or control of, or are otherwise dealing with, the funds or economic resources of a designated person you must:

1. freeze them
2. not deal with them or make them available to, or for the benefit of, the designated person, unless there is an exception in the legislation that you can rely on or you have a licence from OFSI
3. [report any findings to OFSI](#)

If you are a [relevant firm](#) you have obligations under financial sanctions.

Information received by OFSI may be disclosed to third parties in accordance with provisions set out in the Information and record-keeping section of the regulations and in compliance with applicable data protection laws.

Failure to comply with UK financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its

provisions may be a criminal offence.

## **Making available: what is prohibited**

Making funds or economic resources available to a designated individual or entity subject to an asset freeze is prohibited for everyone that must comply with UK sanctions. See the [starter guide to UK sanctions](#) for more details.

## **Trust services**

You must not provide trust services to or for the benefit of designated persons.

## **Dealing with other sanctions on designated persons**

The designated individuals, entities and specified ships on the UK Sanctions List may be subject to other sanctions. See the [starter guide to UK sanctions](#) for more details about these.

## **Enforcement and penalties**

Failure to comply with UK financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions may be a criminal offence.

## **Further information**

New sanctions notices are listed in [Current UK sanctions regimes](#).

See OFSI's [previous financial sanctions notices](#).

See OFSI's [general guidance on asset freezes](#).

See further details about [reporting obligations under financial sanctions](#).

You can look up [which government departments](#) are responsible for other types of sanctions.

## **Contact details - financial sanctions**

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