



Foreign, Commonwealth
& Development Office

Sanctions Notice: 6 July 2026

Regime: Chemical Weapons

On 6 July 2026 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK with the following nine additions.

Additions

The following entries have been added and are now subject to the sanctions listed:

1. Entity: The State Research Institute of Military Medicine (GNIII VM)

Unique ID: CHW0036

Regime name: The Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Director Disqualification Sanction

Other information: Subordinate to the Main Military Medical Directorate of the Ministry of Defence of the Russian Federation

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that the State Research Institute of Military Medicine (hereafter “GNIII VM”) is an involved person under the Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following grounds: (1) GNIII VM is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons; (2) GNIII VM is a member of, or associated with, entities , namely SC Signal and the State Research Institute of Organic Chemistry and Technology (GosNIIOKhT), which are or have been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons.

Name: The State Research Institute of Military Medicine (GNIII VM)

Name type: Primary Name

Name:

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Military Medicine Research Institute

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: St. Petersburg Military Medicine Institute

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: St. Petersburg State Research Institute of Military Medicine

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: State Scientific Research and Testing Institute for Military Medicine

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: State Scientific Research Testing Institute of Military Medicine

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: The State Research Institute of Military Medicine

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name non-latin script: Federal State Budgetary Institution "State Research and Testing Institute of Military Medicine"

Name non-latin script: Federal State Budgetary Institution "State Research and Testing Institute of Military Medicine" of the Ministry of Defense of the Russian Federation

Address: Building 4 Lesoparkovaya Street Saint Petersburg

Address postal code: 195043

Address country: Russia

Designation source: UK

Date designated: 06/07/2026

Last updated: 06/07/2026

2. Individual: Artur Aleksandrovich Zhirov

Unique ID: CHW0037

Regime name: The Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban, Director Disqualification Sanction

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Artur Aleksandrovich Zhirov (hereafter “Zhirov”) is an involved person under the Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following grounds: (1) Artur Zhirov is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons; (2) Zhirov is associated with SC Signal, which is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons. Zhirov is the Director of SC Signal.

Dobs: 06/07/1961

Positions: Director of SC Signal

Name: Artur Aleksandrovich Zhirov

Name type: Primary Name

Name: A. A. Zhirov

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Artur Aleksandrovic Zhirov

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Artur Alexandrovich Zhirov

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Designation source: UK

Date designated: 06/07/2026

Last updated: 06/07/2026

3. Individual: Vladimir Borisovich Kondratyev

Unique ID: CHW0038

Regime name: The Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban, Director Disqualification Sanction

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Vladimir Borisovich Kondratyev (hereafter “Kondratyev”) is an involved person under the Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following grounds: (1) Kondratyev is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons; (2) Kondratyev is associated with the State

Research Institute of Organic Chemistry and Technology (GosNIIOKhT, and hereafter “GosNIIOKh”) which is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons. Kondratyev is the Director of GosNIIOKhT.

Dobs: 16/11/1960

Positions: Director at State Research Institute of Organic Chemistry and Technology (GosNIIOKhT).

Name: Vladimir Borisovich Kondratyev

Name type: Primary Name

Name: Vladimir Borisovich Kondratiev

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Designation source: UK

Date designated: 06/07/2026

Last updated: 06/07/2026

4. Individual: Sergei Viktorovich Chepur

Unique ID: CHW0039

Regime name: The Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban, Director Disqualification Sanction

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Sergei Viktorovich Chepur (hereafter “Chepur”) is an involved person under the Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following grounds: (1) Chepur is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons; (2) Chepur is associated with the State Research Institute of Military Medicine (GNIII VM) which is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons. Chepur is Head of the State Research Institute of Military Medicine (GNIII VM).

Dobs: 20/04/1970

Positions: Head of the State Research Institute of Military Medicine (GNIII VM)

Name: Sergei Viktorovich Chepur

Name type: Primary Name

Name: S. V. Chepur

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Sergei Viktorovich Chepur

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Sergey Chepur

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Designation source: UK

Date designated: 06/07/2026

Last updated: 06/07/2026

5. Individual: Andrei Mikhailovich Antokhin

Unique ID: CHW0040

Regime name: The Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban, Director Disqualification Sanction

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Andrei Mikhailovich Antokhin (hereafter "Antokhin") is an involved person under the Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following grounds: (1) Antokhin is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons; (2) Antokhin is associated with SC Signal which is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons. Antokhin is the Deputy Director of SC Signal.

Positions: Deputy Director of SC Signal

Name: Andrei Mikhailovich Antokhin

Name type: Primary Name

Name: A. M. Antokhin

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Andrey Mikhailovich Antokhin

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Designation source: UK

Date designated: 06/07/2026

Last updated: 06/07/2026

6. Individual: Viktor Fedorovic Taranchenko

Unique ID: CHW0041

Regime name: The Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban, Director Disqualification Sanction

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Viktor Fedorovic Taranchenko (hereafter "Taranchenko") is an involved person under the Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following grounds: (1) Taranchenko is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons; (2) Taranchenko is associated with SC Signal which is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons. Taranchenko is Head of the 1st Scientific Research Centre at SC Signal.

Positions: Head of the 1st Scientific Research Centre at SC Signal

Name: Viktor Fedorovic Taranchenko

Name type: Primary Name

Name: V. F. Taranchenko

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Victor Fedorovich Taranchenko

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Designation source: UK

Date designated: 06/07/2026

Last updated: 06/07/2026

7. Individual: Ivan Sergeyevich Kravtsov

Unique ID: CHW0042

Regime name: The Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban, Director Disqualification Sanction

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Ivan Sergeyevich Kravtsov (hereafter "Kravtsov")

is an involved person under the Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following grounds: (1) Kravtsov is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons; (2) Kravtsov is associated with SC Signal which is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons. Kravtsov is Head of the 4th Scientific Research Department at SC Signal.

Positions: Head. 4th Scientific Research Department. SC Signal

Name: Ivan Sergeevich Kravtsov

Name type: Primary Name

Designation source: UK

Date designated: 06/07/2026

Last updated: 06/07/2026

8. Individual: Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Makhlay

Unique ID: CHW0043

Regime name: The Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Travel Ban, Director Disqualification Sanction

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Makhlay (hereafter "Makhlay") is an involved person under the Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following grounds: (1) Makhlay is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons; (2) Makhlay is associated with SC Signal which is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons. Makhlay is the Chief Scientist at SC Signal.

Positions: Chief Scientist. SC Signal

Name: Aleksandr Aleksandrovich Makhlay

Name type: Primary Name

Name: Alexander Makhlay

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Alexander MakNai

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Designation source: UK

Date designated: 06/07/2026

Last updated: 06/07/2026

9. Entity: SC Signal

Unique ID: CHW0044

Regime name: The Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019

Sanctions imposed: Asset freeze, Director Disqualification Sanction

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State considers that there are reasonable grounds to suspect that SC Signal is an involved person under the Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following grounds: (1) SC Signal is or has been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons; (2) SC Signal is a member of, or associated with, entities, namely the State Research Institute of Military Medicine (GNIII VM) and the State Research Institute of Organic Chemistry and Technology (GosNIIOKhT), which are or have been responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting prohibited activity related to chemical weapons.

Name: SC Signal

Name type: Primary Name

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Name type: Primary Name Variation

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Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: NC Signal

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: NTS Signal

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Signal Research Center

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Signal Research Centre

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name: Signal Scientific Center

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name non-latin script: “RC “Signal”

Name non-latin script: “NC “Signal”

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Address country: Russia

Address: 8 Bolshaya Olenya Street Sokolniki Municipal District Moscow

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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.

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.

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

For queries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK, [contact OFSI](#).

For media enquiries, [contact HMT press office](#).

Contact details - sanctions policy

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For media enquiries, [contact FCDO press office](#).