



Foreign, Commonwealth
& Development Office

Sanctions Notice 14 July 2026

Regime: Russia

On 14 July 2026 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK with the following variation.

Variations

A variation is a change to a designation following an official decision-making process. Deleted information appears in strikethrough and in red. Newly added information is underlined and highlighted in yellow.

The following entry has been varied and is still subject to the sanctions listed:

1. Individual: Christodoulos Georgiou VASSILIADES

Unique ID: RUS1825

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

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

Other information: The Director Disqualification Sanction was imposed on 09/04/2025.

UK statement of reasons: The Secretary of State has reasonable Grounds to suspect that Christodoulos VASSILIADES is an involved person under the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 because ~~VASSILIADES is associated with Alisher Usmanov, specifically through the professional services that VASSILIADES provides which benefit Usmanov. It is reasonable to suspect that VASSILIADES receives a benefit from the professional services he provides to Usmanov. Usmanov was designated by the UK Government on 3 March 2022, and is involved in obtaining a benefit from or supporting the Government of Russia. VASSILIADES is also~~ director of Sberbank Investments Limited, a Cyprus based subsidiary 100% owned by PJSC Sberbank. PJSC Sberbank is a Russian bank owned by the Russian Ministry of Finance. Sberbank Investments Limited is therefore a company carrying on business as a Government of Russia-affiliated entity. Therefore,

VASSILIADES ~~is~~ **has been** involved in obtaining a benefit from or supporting the Government of Russia.

Dobs: 31/03/1957

Nationalities: Cyprus

Genders: Male

Country of birth: Cyprus

Name: Christodoulos Georgiou VASSILIADES

Name type: Primary Name

Name: Christodoylos Georgiou Vasileiades

Name type: Primary Name Variation

Name non-latin script: ΧΡΙΣΤΟΔΟΥΛΟΣ Γ. ΒΑΣΙΛΕΙΑΔΗΣ

Non latin script type: Greek

Non latin script language: Greek

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Designation source: UK

Date designated: 11/04/2023

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OFSI group ID: 15884

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

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