GENERAL LICENCE - Yemen Humanitarian and Civilian Support Activities

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1. This licence is granted under regulation 33 of the Yemen (Sanctions) (EU Exit) (No. 2) Regulations 2020 (the "Yemen Regulations").
2. Any act which would otherwise breach the prohibitions in regulations 12-16 of the Yemen Regulations is exempt from those prohibitions as set out below.
3. In this licence:

"**Designated Person**" means	Any person designated under the Yemen Regulations (or owned or controlled by an individual or entity so designated).
A "**Person**" means	An individual or a body of persons (corporate or unincorporate) but does not include a Designated Person.
"**Humanitarian Exception**" means	The humanitarian exception in regulation 30A of the Yemen Regulations.
"**Relevant Humanitarian Activities 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 purposes of providing humanitarian assistance or supporting basic human needs; The Disasters Emergency Committee; Any charity currently registered with the Charity Commission for England and Wales, the Scottish Charity Regulator or the Charity Commission for Northern Ireland. 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 Person 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.

"**Relevant Humanitarian Activities**" means	Activities necessary to provide humanitarian assistance, other activities that support basic human needs and facilitate the timely provision of those activities in Yemen. 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 in Yemen, regardless of whether those supporting services are provided in Yemen.
"**Civilian Support Permitted Activities**" means	The activities in connection with the importation into, supply and distribution within Yemen of essential goods and services necessary to meet the needs of the civilian population of Yemen including, but not limited to, food and agricultural commodities, fuel, medicines, medical supplies and equipment, machinery used to process food for civilian consumption, and other essential products necessary to meet the needs of the civilian population of Yemen.
"**Civilian Support Permitted Payments**" means	Any fees, duties, taxes, public utility and telecommunications payments incurred by UK Suppliers in the importation and distribution of goods in Yemen. This also includes financial transfers and related payment transactions, including correspondent or intermediary banking transactions within the payment chain, necessary for Civilian Support Permitted Activities.
"**UK Suppliers**" means	Companies or other persons who may be subject to UK jurisdiction and are importing, supplying or distributing food, fuel, medical supplies and other essential products needed for Relevant Humanitarian Activities or Civilian Support Permitted Activities.

"**UK Insurers/Reinsurers**" means	Firms with permission to effect or carry out contracts of insurance or reinsurance in the United Kingdom and registered by the Financial Conduct Authority.
"Individual" means	An individual, other than an individual who is a Designated Person.
"**Personal Remittances**" means	A non-commercial transfer of funds from the UK or an account held with a Relevant Institution to, or for the benefit of, an Individual in Yemen for personal or household use.
"**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

4. Under this licence, subject to the conditions below:

4.1 To the extent that activity is not permitted under the Humanitarian Exception, under this licence, subject to the conditions in paragraph 4.2 and 4.3, a Relevant Humanitarian Activities Person may perform the Relevant Humanitarian Activities provided that the Relevant Humanitarian Activities Person believes that carrying out the Relevant Humanitarian 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 Yemen, and that there is no reasonable cause for the Relevant Humanitarian Activities Person to suspect otherwise.

4.2 Any funds used to affect the permissions set out in paragraph 4.1 and 4.5.2 must not be from funds or economic resources that are owned, held or controlled by a Designated Person.

4.3 The permissions set out in paragraphs 4.1 and 4.5.2 do 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 Humanitarian Activities Person to perform Relevant Humanitarian Activities.

4.4 To the extent that the activity is not permitted under the Humanitarian Exception, UK Suppliers may carry out Civilian Support Permitted Activities.

4.5 In support of Relevant Humanitarian Activities and Civilian Support Permitted Activities, as applicable:

4.5.1 UK Suppliers may make payments and carry out financial transactions, including Civilian Support Permitted Payments, necessary to carry out activities permitted under paragraph 4.4; and

4.5.2 Relevant Humanitarian Activities Persons may make payments and carry out financial transactions necessary to carry out Relevant Humanitarian Activities permitted under paragraph 4.1, subject to paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3.

4.6 UK Insurers/Reinsurers may provide insurance or reinsurance necessary for activities permitted under paragraphs 4.1, 4.4 and 4.5.

4.7 Any Individual may transfer Personal Remittances to an Individual in Yemen.

4.8 Any Relevant Institution may provide financial services and carry out any activity, including processing payments and correspondent or intermediary banking transactions, to the extent necessary to give effect to the permissions in paragraphs 4.1 to 4.7, subject to the conditions applicable to the underlying permission. Paragraphs 4.2 and 4.3 apply where the underlying activity is permitted under paragraphs 4.1 or 4.5.2.

4.9 The permissions in this licence do not apply in relation to prohibitions which arise in relation to a 'UN designated person' within the meaning of regulation 30ZA(8) of the Yemen Regulations.

Notification Requirement

5. The following must provide written notice to HM Treasury once, within 30 days of first commencing any activity under the relevant permission in this licence:

5.1 A Relevant Humanitarian Activities Person conducting activity under paragraphs 4.1 and 4.5.2;

5.2 UK Suppliers conducting activity under paragraphs 4.4 and 4.5.1; and

5.3 UK Insurers/Reinsurers conducting activity under paragraph 4.6.

6. Notification may be provided by email to ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk and must include the name, address, email address and contact number of the Relevant Humanitarian Activities Person, UK Supplier or UK Insurer/Reinsurer, as applicable.

7. Notification provided in accordance with paragraphs 5 and 6 above does not constitute verification by HM Treasury that activity purporting to be permitted under this licence is permitted.

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8. The permissions in this licence are without prejudice to the permissions provided by any other licence, whether general or in respect of particular acts, that have been or may be issued by HM Treasury from time to time.

9. The permissions in this licence 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 Yemen Regulations, save as permitted under licences granted under those Regulations.

10. Information provided to HM Treasury in connection with this licence shall be disclosed to third parties only in compliance with the UK General Data Protection Regulation and the Data Protection Act 2018.

11. This licence takes effect from 24 November 2026.

12. HM Treasury may vary, revoke or suspend this licence at any time.

Signed:



Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation

HM Treasury

24 November 2026.

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