

## **Financial Sanctions Notice**

30/11/2023

# Russia

## Introduction

- 1. The Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/855) ("the Russia Regulations") were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (the Sanctions Act) and provide for the imposition of financial sanctions, including asset freezes and other financial and investment restrictions, on persons who are or have been involved in destabilising Ukraine or undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine; or obtaining a benefit from or supporting the Government of Russia.
- 2. On 30 November 2023 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK. This list provides details of those designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act. A link to the UK Sanctions List can be found below.
- 3. Following the publication of the UK Sanctions List, information on the Consolidated List has been updated.

### **Notice summary**

- 4. The following entry has been amended and is still subject to an asset freeze and trust services sanctions:
  - Mihajlo PERENCEVIC (Group ID: 15424)

## What <u>you</u> must do

- 5. You must:
  - i. check whether you maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice and any entities owned or controlled by them;
  - ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources;
  - iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or economic resources or making them available directly or indirectly to or for the benefit of designated persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) or if an exception applies;
  - iv. refrain from providing trust services to or for the benefit of the persons set out to the Annex in this Notice;
  - v. report any findings to OFSI, together with the information or other matter on which the knowledge or suspicion is based. Where the information relates to funds or economic resources, the nature and quantity should also be reported.
- 6. Information received by OFSI may be disclosed to third parties in accordance with provisions set out in the Information and Records part of the regulations and in compliance with applicable data protection laws.
- Information regarding a suspected designated person, and funds or economic resources belonging to them, does not need to be disclosed to OFSI where it has previously been reported.
- 8. Failure to comply with UK financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions may be a criminal offence.

## **Further Information**

- Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Russia financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-</u> consolidated-lists-and-releases.
- 10. The Consolidated List can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-oftargets/consolidated-list-of-targets.

11. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list.

12. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/suspected-breach-of-financial-sanctions-what-to-do.

13. For more information please see our financial sanctions guidance:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-faqs.

## Enquiries

14. Non-media enquiries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK should be addressed to:

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation HM Treasury 1 Horse Guards Road London SW1A 2HQ <u>ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk</u>.

- 15. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: <u>fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk</u>.
- 16. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 17. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

## ANNEX TO NOTICE

#### FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: RUSSIA

#### THE RUSSIA (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/855)

#### AMENDMENT

Deleted information appears in strikethrough. Additional information appears in italics and is underlined.

#### <u>Individual</u>

#### 1. PERENCEVIC, Mihajlo

Name (non-Latin script): Mihajlo PERENČEVIĆ

POB: Croatia Nationality: (1) Croatia (2) United States Position: Former President of Velesstroy Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):RUS1485. Financial sanctions imposed in addition to an asset freeze: Trust services. Date trust services sanctions imposed: 21/03/2023. (UK Statement of Reasons): Mihajlo PERENČEVIĆ (hereafter PERENČEVIĆ) is a Croatian businessman and President of the Russian pipeline construction company, Velesstroy. As President, PERENČEVIĆ is working as a director or equivalent for a company that is carrying on business in sectors of strategic significance to the Government of Russia. PERENČEVIĆ owns or controls directly or indirectly Velesstroy because it is reasonable, having regard to all the circumstances, to expect that PERENČEVIĆ would (if PERENČEVIĆ chose to) be able, in most cases or in significant respects, by whatever means and whether directly or indirectly, to achieve the result that affairs of Velesstroy are conducted in accordance with PERENČEVIĆ's wishes. Velesstroy is carrying on business in the Russian construction, energy and extractives sector through their construction of oil and gas pipelines and facilities. PERENČEVIĆ is therefore obtaining a benefit from or supporting the Government of Russia. Mihajlo PERENČEVIĆ (hereafter PERENČEVIĆ) is an "involved person" under the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following grounds: (1) PERENČEVIĆ has been involved in obtaining a benefit from or supporting the Government of Russia by working as a director or equivalent through his role as President of the Supervisory Board, of an entity, Velesstroy, which is or has been carrying on business in sectors of strategic significance to the Government of Russia, namely the construction, energy, and extractives sectors; (2) PERENČEVIĆ is associated with a person who is or has been involved in obtaining a benefit from or supporting the Government of Russia, namely Kresimir FILIPOVIĆ. (Gender):Male Listed on: 29/06/2022 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 29/06/2022 Last Updated: 21/03/2023 30/11/2023 Group ID: 15424.

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