



Office of Financial
Sanctions Implementation
HM Treasury

Financial Sanctions Notice

18/07/2025

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 18 July 2025 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 entries have been added to the Consolidated List and are now subject to an asset freeze and trust services sanctions:
 - AFRICAN INITIATIVE (Group ID: 16987)
 - Anna Sergeevna ZAMARAEVA (Group ID: 16989)
 - Victor Aleksandrovich LUKOVENKO (Group ID: 16990)
 - Artyom Sergeevich KUREYEV (Group ID: 16988)

What you 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.

7. 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

9. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Russia financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases>.

10. The Consolidated List can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/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
ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk.

15. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to:
fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk.

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)

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. KUREYEV, Artyom Sergeevich

Name (non-Latin script): Артём Сергеевич Куре́ев

DOB: 24/08/1980. **a.k.a:** (1) KUREEV, Artem, Sergeevich (2) KUREEV, Artem, Sergeyevich (3) KUREEV, Artyom, Sergeevich (4) KUREYEV, Artem, Sergeyevich (5) KUREYEV, Artyom, Sergeyevich **Nationality:** Russia **Passport Number:** 04002209800 **National Identification Number:** 782500167259 **National Identification Details:** INN **Position:** Editor-in-Chief of African Initiative **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): RUS2915. Financial sanctions imposed in addition to an asset freeze: Trust services. Date trust services sanctions imposed: 18/07/2025. (UK Statement of Reasons): Artyom Sergeevich Kureyev is an "involved person" under the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following ground: Kureyev is and has been involved in destabilising Ukraine by being responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting any policy or action which destabilises Ukraine or undermines or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine through their role at African Initiative. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 18/07/2025 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 18/07/2025 **Last Updated:** 18/07/2025 **Group ID:** 16988.

2. LUKOVENKO, Victor Aleksandrovich

Name (non-Latin script): Виктор Александрович Луковенко

DOB: 06/04/1985. **a.k.a:** (1) LUKOVENKO, Viktor, Aleksandrovich (2) VALISEV, Victor **Nationality:** Uzbekistan **National Identification Number:** 032602615396 **National Identification Details:** INN **Position:** Founder of African Initiative in Burkina Faso **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): RUS2917. Financial sanctions imposed in addition to an asset freeze: Trust services. Date trust services sanctions imposed: 18/07/2025. (UK Statement of Reasons): Victor Aleksandrovich Lukovenko is an "involved person" under the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following ground: Lukovenko has been involved in destabilising Ukraine by being responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting any policy or action which destabilises Ukraine or undermines or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine through their role at African Initiative. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 18/07/2025 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 18/07/2025 **Last Updated:** 18/07/2025 **Group ID:** 16990.

3. ZAMARAEVA, Anna Sergeevna

Name (non-Latin script): Замараева Анна Сергеевна

DOB: 16/11/1990. **POB:** Ufa, Russia **Nationality:** Russia **Position:** Deputy Editor-in-Chief of African Initiative **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): RUS2916. Financial sanctions imposed in addition to an asset freeze: Trust services. Date trust services sanctions imposed: 18/07/2025. (UK Statement of Reasons): Anna Sergeevna Zamaraeva is an "involved person" under the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following ground: Zamaraeva is and has been involved in destabilising

Ukraine by being responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting any policy or action which destabilises Ukraine or undermines or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine through their role at African Initiative. (Gender): Female **Listed on:** 18/07/2025 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 18/07/2025 **Last Updated:** 18/07/2025 **Group ID:** 16989.

Entity

1. AFRICAN INITIATIVE

Name (non-Latin script): Африканская инициатива

a.k.a: Afrinz **Address:** Federation Tower West, Presnenskaya Embankment 12, Floor 55, Moscow, Russia, 123317. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): RUS2914. Financial sanctions imposed in addition to an asset freeze: Trust services. Date trust services sanctions imposed: 18/07/2025. (UK Statement of Reasons): African Initiative is an "involved person" under the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 on the basis of the following ground: African Initiative is and has been involved in destabilising Ukraine by being responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, or promoting any policy or action which destabilises Ukraine or undermines or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty or independence of Ukraine. (Website): afrinz.ru (Email address): press@afrinz.ru (Parent company): INITSIAVIVA-23 (Business Reg No): 9703155974 **Listed on:** 18/07/2025 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 18/07/2025 **Last Updated:** 18/07/2025 **Group ID:** 16987.

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