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EU UPDATE: SANCTIONS IN REACTION TO RUSSIA'S INVASION OF UKRAINE

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In the context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine, the US, UK, and the EU have all imposed sanctions and other measures targeting Russia and Belarus. In addition, other countries, including Australia, South Korea, Singapore, Japan, and Taiwan, also adopted sanctions against these two countries. These sanctions have been imposed in different sets of tranches over the past weeks, following the evolution and aggravation of the situation.

At the time of writing, the EU has imposed various sanctions against Russia and Belarus, in 4 different tranches, which include:

- Prohibition on transactions related to the management of reserves as well as of assets of the Central Bank of Russia and Belarus,
- Closing of EU airspace and airports to Russia,
- Inclusion of various Russian and Belarusian individuals and entities in the sanctions list,
- Prohibition to sell, supply, transfer or export euro-denominated banknotes to Russia,
- Prohibition to invest, participate or otherwise contribute to projects co-financed by the Russian Direct Investment Fund,
- Banning of RT and Sputnik networks,
- Wide range of import and export restrictions on goods, items and services from Russian and Belarus, including an export ban on luxury goods,
- Restrictions targeting new investments in the Russian energy sector,
- Prohibition on the provision of credit rating services and subscription services in relation to credit rating activities to any Russian body, entity national or resident,
- Disconnection of important Russian and Belarusian banks from SWIFT
- Limitations on Belarus' access to EU capital and finance
- Ban of EU exports of maritime shipping technology to Russia
- Clarification that crypto assets are covered by existing sanctions

Further sanctions can still be expected in the following days and weeks. There is also an increased focus on taking enforcement and anti-circumvention measures in addition to leaving the door open for imposing other broad sanctions, as indicated in a press release by the Council on 24 March after a week of Nato, G7 and Council meetings in Brussels:

“The European Union has so far adopted significant sanctions that are having a massive impact on Russia and Belarus, and remains ready to close loopholes and target actual and possible circumvention as well as to move quickly with further coordinated robust sanctions on Russia and Belarus to effectively thwart Russian abilities to continue the aggression. The European Council calls on all countries to align with those sanctions. Any attempts to circumvent sanctions or to aid Russia by other means must be stopped.”¹

¹ [European Council conclusions on the Russian military aggression against Ukraine, 24 March 2022 - Consilium \(europa.eu\)](#)

1. EU MEASURES AGAINST RUSSIA

1.1 LISTING OF INDIVIDUALS AND ENTITIES

As for today, restrictive measures, namely asset freeze, prohibition from making funds available to listed individuals and entities, and a travel ban from entering or transiting through the EU, were imposed against **877 individuals and 62 entities**,² including:

- Bank Rossiya, VEB and Promsvyazbank (with a winding-down period until 24 August 2022³),
- Russian members of the parliament,
- President Vladimir Putin and Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, and
- Numerous oligarchs, including Roman Abramovich.

1.2 MEASURES SPECIFICALLY TARGETING DONETSK AND LUHANSK

The EU early on imposed **restrictions on economic activities** with the regions of Donetsk and Luhansk⁴ including:

- An **import ban** on goods originating from these regions, including prohibition of related financing, insurance and reinsurance activities, except for goods for which Ukrainian authorities issued a certificate of origin in accordance with the EU-Ukraine Association Agreement (exemption for execution of contracts concluded before 23 February 2022 until 24 May 2022)⁵,
- Prohibition on **investment**⁶ and **tourism** activities⁷, and
- An **export ban** for **listed goods and technologies** suited for use in transport, telecommunication, energy, oil, gas, and mineral resources industries; and prohibition to provide any related technological assistance, brokering services, and financing.⁸

1.3 SANCTIONS AGAINST RUSSIAN GOVERNMENT AND CENTRAL BANK

Dealing with **transferable securities and money-market instruments issued** after 9 March 2022 by Russia, its government, and the Russian Central Bank is prohibited. It is also prohibited to make, or be part of any arrangement to make, any **new loans** to Russia, its government, and the Russian Central Bank since 23 February 2022.⁹ However, there is an exception for contracts concluded before 23 February 2022, subject to certain conditions.

Transactions related to the management of **reserves** as well as of **assets** of the **Central Bank of Russia**, including transactions with any legal person, entity or body acting on behalf of, or at the direction of, the Central Bank of Russia are also **prohibited**, save for those transactions that are strictly necessary to ensure the financial stability of the Union as a whole or of a Member State in particular.¹⁰

² [Fourth package of sanctions in view of Russia's military aggression against Ukraine: 15 additional individuals and 9 entities subject to EU restrictive measures - Consilium \(europa.eu\)](#)

³ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/259 of 23 February 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine](#)

⁴ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/263 of 23 February 2022 concerning restrictive measures in response to the recognition of the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine and the ordering of Russian armed forces into those areas](#), Article 4 and 5. The sectors are the following: transport, telecommunication, energy, oil, gas, and mineral resources industries; and prohibition to provide any related technological assistance, brokering services, and financing.

⁵ [Ibid.](#), Article 2.

⁶ [Ibid.](#), Article 3.

⁷ [Ibid.](#), Article 6.

⁸ [Ibid.](#), Article 4 and 5.

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¹⁰ [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/335 of 28 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(1).

Prohibition on transactions with the Central Bank of Russia was **expanded** to cover transactions with the **Russian National Wealth Fund**, which is deemed to act on behalf of or at the direction of the Central Bank of Russia.¹¹

1.4 FINANCIAL SECTOR SANCTIONS

The EU imposed severe **financial sanctions** targeting **the majority of the Russian government, market and key state-owned companies**, which aim at preventing Russia from **accessing EU capital markets**. It restricted public financing or financial assistance for trade with or investment in Russia, as follows (subject to limited exceptions)

- **Prohibition to deal with transferable securities and money-market instruments** (note varying maturity dates and dates for assessing public ownership for each sub-prohibition)¹² issued various entities listed in annexes III, XII, VI, and XIII, including **Sberbank, Gazprombank, VEB, Promsvyazbank United Aircraft Corporation, Rosneft, Novorossiysk Commercial Sea Port; Russian Railways; and United Shipbuilding Corporation** (these instruments also include crypto assets¹³)
- **Prohibition** on making or being part of any arrangement to make new **loans or credit** to any legal person, entity or body referred above after 26 February 2022.
 - Exceptions are provided in the interest of EU and third countries, as well as for drawdowns and disbursements made under a contract concluded prior to 26 February 2022, with some conditions.
- Prohibition on the **listing and provision of services on trading venues** registered or recognised by the EU for transferable securities of any Russian-established entities with public ownership of 50+%.¹⁴
- Restrictions on **financial fluxes and investments** between Russia and the EU:
 - **Prohibition to accept** any **deposits** from to persons or entities established in Russia, if the total value of deposits of the natural or legal person, entity or body per credit institution exceeds **100 000 EUR; (EU, EEA, and Switzerland nationals are exempted from deposit limits.)**
 - **Prohibition** for Union central securities depositories to provide certain services for **transferable securities** to persons or entities established in Russia;
 - **Prohibition to sell euro denominated transferable securities** or units in collective investment undertakings with exposure to such securities, to persons or entities established in Russia.¹⁵

¹¹ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/394 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(5) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/395 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(1).

¹² [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/327 of 25 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1.; [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/328 of 25 February 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(8).

¹³ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/394 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#) Article 1(1).

¹⁴ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/328 of 25 February 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014](#)

¹⁵ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/328 of 25 February 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014](#)

- **Prohibition** to sell **euro-denominated banknotes** to Russia or to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia.¹⁶ Exceptions are provided, such as for private use in the framework of tourism in Europe.
- **Prohibition** to **invest**, participate or otherwise contribute to **projects** co-financed by the **Russian Direct Investment Fund**.¹⁷
- **Prohibition**, as of 12 March 2022, to provide specialized financial messaging services (such as **SWIFT**), to the following legal persons or their subsidiaries:
 - **Bank Otkritie**
 - **Novikombank**
 - **Promsvyazbank**
 - **Bank Rossiya**
 - **Sovcombank**
 - **Vnesheconombank (VEB)**
 - **VTB Bank**.¹⁸

Notably, other large banks such as Sberbank have not (*at the time of writing*) been disconnected from the SWIFT messaging service.

- **Prohibition as of 15 April 2022 of the provision of credit rating services** as well as access to any subscription service in relation to credit rating activities to any Russian person, body or entity.¹⁹ It must be noted that this financial restriction **does not apply to EU nationals or residents**.
- **Prohibition of all transactions with 12 specified stated-owned companies and their non-EU subsidiaries listed in Annex XIX**.²⁰

The prohibitions, however, shall not apply to the execution of certain previously concluded contracts, transactions necessary for fossil fuel trade.

1.5 ENERGY SECTOR SANCTIONS

- **Prohibition of the export** of listed goods and technology suited for use in **oil refining** to Russia or for use in Russia, or to provide technical assistance or financing in relation to such operations²¹
- **Prohibition of the export of dual-use items** and items listed in Annex VII, which might contribute to the technological enhancement of Russia's defence and security sector, **intended for the energy sector**.²²

¹⁶ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/345 of 1 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(3) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/346 of 1 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(1).

¹⁷ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/345 of 1 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(2) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/346 of 1 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(2).

¹⁸ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/345 of 1 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(3) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/346 of 1 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(1).

¹⁹ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/428 of 15 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), replacement Article 5 j.

²⁰ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/428 of 15 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 5 aa and Annex XIX.

²¹ [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/327 of 25 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#) and [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/328 of 25 February 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#)

- **Prohibition** of export of **listed goods suited for oil exploration and production projects in Russia**, listed in the Annex II²³ to any Russian legal person, entity or body or for use in Russia (including its Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf) (**Previously, these items were subject to an export authorization scheme**)
- **Financial restrictions targeting new investments in the Russian energy sector**, including prohibition on acquiring new stakes in Russian entities, providing loans and forming joint venture with any Russian entity.²⁴

The prohibitions shall **not apply** in certain circumstances to protect energy security of the EU and for certain previously concluded contracts.

1.6 AIRSPACE, MARITIME AND TRANSPORT SECTOR SANCTIONS

It is prohibited to export **goods and technology suited for use in aviation or the space industry**, as listed (incl. aircraft, parts and equipment), including prohibition to provide technical assistance or financing.²⁵

EU airspace and airports are **closed** to Russian air carriers and non-Russian-registered aircrafts owned or chartered by Russian natural or legal person entity and body, save in emergency situations and for humanitarian purposes.²⁶

The EU also imposed **maritime sector sanctions** to Russia:

- It is **prohibited to export**, as well as provide related **services** for, **maritime navigation goods and technology**, as listed in Annex XVI to Russia, for use in Russia, or for the placing on board of a Russian-flagged vessel.²⁷
- **Restrictions on access to capital** is **expanded** to cover **Russian Maritime Register of Shipping**; accordingly, it is **prohibited** to, directly or indirectly, purchase, sell, provide **investment** services or assistance in the issuance or otherwise deal with transferable **securities** and **money-market instruments issued by Russian Maritime Register of Shipping**.²⁸

²² [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/428 of 15 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 2(7) and 2a(7).

²³ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/428 of 15 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), replacement Article 3 and Annex II.

²⁴ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/428 of 15 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), replacement Article 3 a.

²⁵ [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/327 of 25 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#) and [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/328 of 25 February 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#)

²⁶ [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/335 of 28 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(2) and [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/334 of 28 February 2022 amending Council Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(2).

²⁷ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/394 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(4) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/395 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(4).

²⁸ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/394 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Annex III and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/395 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Annex.

1.7 DUAL-USE GOODS AND ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY ITEMS

The EU imposed trade restrictions/prohibitions and export controls to cut Russia's access to crucial technology and other strategic sectors²⁹:

- Prohibition to export **dual-use goods and technology**, to Russia or for use in Russia, or to provide technical assistance or financing in relation to such operations
 - License to be refused if operation destined for (a listed - Annex IV) military end-use(r) and/or space and aviation industry
- Prohibition to export **goods and technology which might contribute to Russia's military and technological enhancement**, or the development of the **defence and security sector**, as listed, to Russia or for use in Russia, or to provide technical assistance or financing in relation to such operations
 - Annex VII lists broadly goods and items relating to restricting access to drones and drone-related software, software encryption, semiconductors, and advanced electronics.
 - License to be refused if operation destined for (a listed - Annex IV) military end-use(r) and/or space and aviation industry
- Extension of the **list of military-industry entities (Annex IV) to 64** of Russia's military-industrial complex, for which there are increased requirements and a policy of **denial of licenses** for the goods and items listed under the Regulation.³⁰
- Prohibition to provide **public financing** or financial assistance for **trade** with, or **investment** in, Russia, save for already binding financing or financial assistance commitments, or inferior to 10M€/project for SMEs, or for trade in food, and for agricultural, medical or humanitarian purposes. On 9 March, the EU clarified that this financing does not have to be provided directly to an SME, but it can also be provided in another way benefiting the SME.³¹
 - Authorizations/exceptions are included for winding-down operations, as well as general licenses and facilitation of exports to Russian entities owned/controlled by EU or US parents, and;
- **Prohibition to satisfy claims** related to the implementation of the sanctions with regards to the export and investment restriction.

On 9 March, the EU **updated** the list of **goods** and **technology** which might contribute to Russia's **military and technological enhancement or the development of the defence and security sector**.³²

²⁹ [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/327 of 25 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#) and [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/328 of 25 February 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#)

³⁰ The list is further expanded via [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/428 of 15 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014](#)

³¹ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/394 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(3) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/395 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 1(3).

³² [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/394 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Annex I.

1.8 SUSPENSION OF MOST-FAVOURED-NATION TREATMENT AT THE WORLD BANK

On 15 March 2022, the EU Commission officially stated that the EU, along with the G7 countries and other like-minded partners, revoked Russia's most-favored-nation status within the WTO framework.³³ The EU decided to impose sanctions against specific goods instead of preparing a separate tariff schedule for Russian goods. Exclusion from SWIFT services is also considered to be a form of MFN violation under General Agreement on Trade in Services.³⁴

As a result, the EU imposed **trade restrictions concerning iron and steel**, prohibiting :³⁵

- The **import/purchase/transport** of iron and steel products listed in the Annex XVII³⁶ if they originate in Russia, located in Russia, or have been exported from Russia; and
- The provision of **technical or financial assistance** and services associated with the above restrictions.

The prohibitions shall not apply to the execution until 17 June 2022 of contracts or obligations arising from contracts concluded before 16 March 2022. The import ban is expected to cause **€ 3.3 billion in lost export revenue** for Russia.³⁷

There are also restrictions on luxury goods³⁸ involving the prohibition on the export of the goods listed in Annex XVIII³⁹ to Russia or for use of Russia. The prohibition applies to goods **with a value exceeding EUR 300 per item**, unless specified otherwise.

1.9 OTHER MEASURES

Visa rules were revised, ending privileged access of diplomats and related groups and business people to the EU policies, through the **partial suspension** of the application of the **EU-Russia Agreement on the facilitation of the issuance of visas**.⁴⁰ EU citizens should not be affected.

In pursuance of its earlier announcement to take action to counter disinformation and "other forms of hybrid warfare", the EU has set out on 1 March 2020 a **prohibition** on the **broadcasting** of **RT** and **Sputnik** networks in the EU.⁴¹

On 4 March 2022, the Commission announced measures affecting the **cooperation and research programmes** with Russia and Belarus:

³³ [Statement by Executive Vice-President Dombrovskis on EU Decision to Stop Treating Russia as a Most-Favoured-Nation at the WTO | European Commission \(europa.eu\)](#)

³⁴ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/qanda_22_1776

³⁵ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/428 of 15 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 3 g.

³⁶ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/428 of 15 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 3 g and Annex XVII.

³⁷ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/qanda_22_1776

³⁸ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/428 of 15 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 3 h.

³⁹ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/428 of 15 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#), Article 3 g and Annex XVII.

⁴⁰ [Council Decision \(EU\) 2022/333 of 25 February 2022 on the partial suspension of the application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas to the citizens of the European Union and the Russian Federation](#).

⁴¹ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/350 of 1 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/351 of 1 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine](#)

- Commission **suspended cooperation** with Russia in **research, science and innovation**.⁴²
- The Commission also **suspended the cooperation** with Russia and its ally Belarus **in the European Neighbourhood Instrument cross-border cooperation programs (ENI CBC)** as well as in the **Interreg Baltic Sea region program**.

In parallel, the Commission is working on strengthening the cooperation programs between the EU countries (Poland, Hungary, Romania, and Slovakia) and Ukraine, as well as the participation of Ukraine in the ENI CBC Black Sea Basin Programme or the Interreg Danube Transnational Programme.⁴³

1.10 ENFORCEMENT

In order to ensure effective enforcement of sanctions, the EU established the **EU Sanctions Whistle-blower Tool**.⁴⁴ Whistle-blowers can **anonymously report past, ongoing or planned sanctions violations** and attempts to **circumvent** EU sanctions.

An international task force became operational and it is named as **Russian Elites, Proxies, and Oligarchs Task Force**. The objective of the task force is to identify the assets of key Russian elites and their proxies and to act against their enablers and facilitators.⁴⁵

At the EU-level, there is a separate **“Freeze and Seize” Task Force** headed by Commissioner Reynders, which coordinates the sanctions enforcement activities at the national level.⁴⁶ Meanwhile, Member States are also developing their sanctions enforcement capabilities. Earlier this month **Germany** set up a task force to enforce sanctions such as the seizure of yachts, private jets and houses.⁴⁷

Regarding the use of **crypto assets** for the circumvention from sanctions, the Commission currently **finds existing measures adequate** as (i) crypto assets are already included in the definition of transferable securities, (ii) when they are converted into fiat currency, they are subject to anti-money laundering rules, and (iii) after being identified, it is easier to track crypto transactions.⁴⁸

2. EU MEASURES AGAINST BELARUS

2.1 IMPORT/EXPORT RESTRICTIONS

- **Prohibition** to sell/supply/transfer/export to **Belarus** and to provide related services or financing with respect to:
 - **dual-use items** as listed in Annex I of Regulation (EU) 2021/821;⁴⁹
 - items which might contribute to Russia’s **military and technological enhancement**, or the development of the **defence and security sector**, as listed in Annex Va, such as microprocessors⁵⁰

⁴² [Commission suspends cooperation with Russia on R&I \(europa.eu\)](#)

⁴³ [Commission suspends cross-border cooperation \(europa.eu\)](#)

⁴⁴ [EUsanctions - frontpage \(integrityline.com\)](#)

⁴⁵ [Task Force Ministerial Joint Statement \(europa.eu\)](#)

⁴⁶ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/qanda_22_1776

⁴⁷ [Berlin to create task force to enact Russia sanctions — report | News | DW | 12.03.2022](#)

⁴⁸ https://ec.europa.eu/commission/presscorner/detail/en/qanda_22_1776

⁴⁹ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/355 of 2 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(4) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/356 of 2 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(2)

⁵⁰ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/355 of 2 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(5) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/356 of 2 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(3)

- **machinery** as listed in Annex XIV, **nuclear reactors**, various types of **turbines** and **engines**, and **furnaces**⁵¹
- **goods** listed in Annex VI, including **tobacco** products and **machinery**⁵²
- **Prohibition to import/purchase** following products from **Belarus**, **transport** those products originated in Belarus or are being exported from Belarus to any other country and to provide related services and financing:
 - **wood** products listed in Annex X
 - **cement** products listed in Annex XI
 - **iron** and **steel** products as listed in Annex XII
 - **rubber** products as listed under XIII⁵³
 - **potassium chloride products** as listed in Annex VIII.⁵⁴
 - **mineral** products as listed in Annex VII, including **oil** and **gas**.⁵⁵

Similar to the trade restrictions with Russia, Belarusian restrictions also have **exemptions** for the purposes of humanitarian aid, health emergencies, medical and pharmaceutical purposes, temporary use by news media, software updates, use as consumer communication devices, etc.⁵⁶

2.2 FINANCIAL SECTOR SANCTIONS

The EU also imposed **financial sanctions** against **Belarus**, mostly replicating the measures against Russia:

- Transactions related to the **management of reserves** as well as of **assets** of the **Central Bank of Belarus**, including transactions with any legal person, entity or body acting on behalf of, or at the direction of, the Central Bank of Belarus, are **prohibited**.⁵⁷
- It is **prohibited** to list and provide services on **trading venues** registered or recognised in the Union for the transferable securities of any legal person, entity or body established in Belarus and with 50+% public ownership.⁵⁸
- It is **prohibited** to provide **public financing** or financial assistance for **trade** with, or **investment** in, Belarus.⁵⁹

⁵¹ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/355 of 2 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(13) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/356 of 2 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(10)

⁵² [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/355 of 2 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(7) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/356 of 2 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(5)

⁵³ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/355 of 2 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(13) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/356 of 2 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(10)

⁵⁴ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/355 of 2 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(10) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/356 of 2 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(7)

⁵⁵ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/355 of 2 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(8) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/356 of 2 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(6)

⁵⁶ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/355 of 2 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(13) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/356 of 2 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus](#), Article 1(10)

⁵⁷ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/398 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(4) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/399 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(1)

⁵⁸ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/398 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(4) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/399 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(1)

- It is **prohibited** to accept **deposits** exceeding **EUR 100 000** from Belarusian nationals or natural persons residing in Belarus, or legal entities established in Belarus, with the **exception** of the **citizens** and **residents** of the **EU**, the **EEA** and **Switzerland**.⁶⁰ There are also **other exceptions** for non-prohibited trade, **basic needs** of account holders and their families, **humanitarian** purposes, the payment for professional services, and official purposes of a diplomatic mission.⁶¹
- Financial institutions should **inform** the **national competent authorities** regarding deposits exceeding EUR 100 000 held by Belarusians, including those acquired citizenship of a Member State through an investor citizenship/residence scheme.⁶²
- It is **prohibited** for **Union central securities depositories** to provide any **services** for **transferable securities** issued after 12 April 2022 to any **Belarusian** national or natural person residing in Belarus or any legal person, entity or body established in Belarus.⁶³
- It is **prohibited** to **sell euro denominated transferable securities** issued after 12 April 2022 or **units** in **collective investment undertakings** providing exposure to such securities, to any **Belarusian** national or natural person residing in Belarus or any legal person, entity or body established in Belarus.⁶⁴
- It is **prohibited** to sell, supply, transfer or export **euro denominated banknotes** to Belarus or to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Belarus, including the Government and the Central Bank of Belarus, or for use in Belarus.⁶⁵
- It is **prohibited** as of 20 March 2022 to provide specialized financial messaging services, such as **SWIFT**, which are used to exchange financial data, to the legal persons, **entities** or bodies **listed** below or their **subsidiaries**:
 - **Belagroprombank**
 - **Bank Dabrabyt**
 - **Development Bank of the Republic of Belarus**⁶⁶

⁵⁹ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/398 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(4) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/399 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(3).

⁶⁰ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/398 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(4) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/399 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(3).

⁶¹ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/398 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(4) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/399 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(3).

⁶² [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/398 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(4) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/399 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(3).

⁶³ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/398 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(4) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/399 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(3).

⁶⁴ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/398 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(4) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/399 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(3).

⁶⁵ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/398 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(4) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2022/399 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(3).

⁶⁶ [Council Regulation \(EU\) 2022/398 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(4) and [Council Decision \(CFSP\)](#)

2.3 AIRSPACE

Prior to the invasion of Ukraine by Russia, the EU had sanctions in place against Belarus, preventing Belarusian air carriers from landing in, taking off from or overflying the territory of the Union.⁶⁷ On 9 March 2022, the EU published a corrigendum to this regulation adding the definition of Belarusian air carrier.⁶⁸

For an overview of the various regulations adopted and published since 23 February 2022, please refer to the *Appendix* attached at the end of this client alert.

3. MEASURES TO PROTECT UNION INDUSTRIES

The Commission adopted a **Temporary Crisis Framework** to enable Member States to support the economy in the context of Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The new framework will enable Member States to (i) grant limited amounts of **aid** to companies affected by the current crisis or by the related sanctions and countersanctions; (ii) ensure that **sufficient liquidity** remains available to businesses; and (iii) compensate companies for the **additional costs incurred due to exceptionally high gas and electricity prices**.⁶⁹

Furthermore, the European Commission, the European Investment Bank (EIB) and the European Investment Fund (EIF) signed the Guarantee Agreement on a **European Union budget guarantee of €19.65 billion** to support investment projects across Europe. Executive Vice-President for an Economy that Works for People, Valdis Dombrovskis, stated that **InvestEU** will be instrumental in addressing economic and social consequences of the war in Ukraine.⁷⁰

Member states can also use of **residual entitlement of loans** under the EU's Recovery and Resilience Facility, amounting to EUR 732.8 billion.⁷¹

4. DEVELOPMENTS IN OTHER JURISDICTIONS

- **The following countries** have **aligned** their positions with that of the EU and the UK and adopted similar or even broader sanctions.
 - **US:** The US **banned the import of Russian oil, LNG, and coal** as well as investments in Russia's energy sector.⁷² It also prohibited the Russian Central Bank and Finance Ministry from making **transactions in USD** and imposed export controls on dual use goods.⁷³ On 24 March, the US announced further sanctions on Russian defence entities and Duma members.⁷⁴
 - **Canada:** Canada **revoked the most-favoured-nation (MFN) status** of Russia and Belarus under WTO law.⁷⁵ It also imposed sanctions (including asset freezes) on a list of individual persons and

[2022/399 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine](#), Article 1(3).

⁶⁷ [Council Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 of 18 May 2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus](#), Article 8b

⁶⁸ [Corrigendum to Council Regulation \(EU\) 2021/1030 of 24 June 2021 amending Regulation \(EC\) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus \(Official Journal of the European Union L 224 I of 24 June 2021\)](#)

⁶⁹ [State aid: Commission adopts Temporary Crisis Framework \(europa.eu\)](#)

⁷⁰ [European Commission and EIB Group sign InvestEU agreements \(europa.eu\)](#)

⁷¹ [EU explores measures to shelter economy from Russia sanctions blowback – POLITICO](#)

⁷² [FACT SHEET: United States Bans Imports of Russian Oil, Liquefied Natural Gas, and Coal | The White House](#)

⁷³ [Treasury Prohibits Transactions with Central Bank of Russia and Imposes Sanctions on Key Sources of Russia's Wealth | U.S. Department of the Treasury](#)

⁷⁴ [U.S. Treasury Sanctions Russia's Defense-Industrial Base, the Russian Duma and Its Members, and Sberbank CEO | U.S. Department of the Treasury](#)

⁷⁵ [Canada revokes Russia and Belarus's Most Favoured Nation status as trade partners | CBC.ca](#)

entities.⁷⁶ It has restricted Canadians' access to Russian financial services and energy markets, and restricted the export of goods and services used for oil exploration⁷⁷ and defence.⁷⁸

- **Switzerland:** Switzerland continues to **closely follow the EU** in its imposition of sanctions. Previously, it had restricted trade with Russian-occupied Ukrainian territories.⁷⁹ On 4 March, the Federal Council adopted the EU sanction packages. This included prohibitions on dual-use, oil refining and military exports, as well as financial services restrictions.⁸⁰ Swiss authorities also fully replicated the EU Council's list of persons subject to asset freezes and entry restrictions⁸¹ and adopted the EU measures against Belarus in full.⁸² On 18 March, the Swiss Federal Council further adopted the EU's fourth package of sanctions (see above).⁸³
- **Japan**⁸⁴, **Australia**⁸⁵, **New Zealand**,⁸⁶ **South Korea**⁸⁷, and **Singapore**⁸⁸ are imposing sanctions in line with measures adopted by the EU, the UK and the US.
- The **International Bank of Settlements** has suspended Russia.⁸⁹

5. RUSSIAN COUNTERSANCTIONS

Since the onset of its invasion of Ukraine, Russia took several measures to resist the impact of international sanctions, and occasionally, to insert economic damage against sanction implementing countries:

➤ Capital markets and finance

- Authorities required the **exporters** of commodities, including gas and oil, to **convert 80%** of their **foreign currency** revenue to **roubles**, which may cause problems for these exporter when importing equipment and technologies.⁹⁰
- The Government **banned** Russian **residents** from **lending foreigners in foreign currency**, **crediting** foreign currency in their deposit accounts located outside the territory of Russia, and making **money transfers** without opening a bank account by using electronic means of payment services provided by foreigners.⁹¹
- The government **prohibited** from March 2, 2022, the **export** from the **Russian** Federation of cash **foreign currency** and (or) **monetary instruments in foreign currency** in an **amount exceeding** the equivalent of **10 thousand USD** and calculated at the official rate of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation established on the date of export.⁹²

⁷⁶ [Consolidated Canadian Autonomous Sanctions List \(international.gc.ca\)](#)

⁷⁷ [Canadian Sanctions Related to Russia \(international.gc.ca\)](#).

⁷⁸ [Canada Sanctions Abramovich, Bars Defense Trade With 32 Russian Firms, Entities | World News | US News](#)

⁷⁹ [Switzerland adopts EU sanctions against Russia \(admin.ch\)](#)

⁸⁰ [Measures related to the situation in Ukraine \(admin.ch\)](#)

⁸¹ [Violations of international law in Ukraine: further individuals sanctioned \(admin.ch\)](#)

⁸² [Ukraine: Federal Council tightens sanctions against Belarus \(admin.ch\)](#)

⁸³ [Ukraine: Adoption of further EU sanctions against Russia \(admin.ch\)](#)

⁸⁴ [Japan joins sanctions on Russian central bank, says 'Japan is with Ukraine' | Euronews](#)

⁸⁵ [Economic Measures Against Russia And Lethal Military Equipment For Ukraine | Prime Minister of Australia](#)

⁸⁶ [NZ allows for significant expansion of sanctions on Russia | Beehive.govt.nz](#)

⁸⁷ [READOUT: Deputy Secretary of the Treasury Wally Adeyemo's Meeting with Korea First Vice Minister of Economy and Finance Eoq-weon Lee | U.S. Department of the Treasury](#)

⁸⁸ [In rare stand, South Korea, Singapore unveil sanctions on Russia | Russia-Ukraine crisis News | Al Jazeera](#)

⁸⁹ [Russia Suspended From Bank for International Settlements \(wsj.com\)](#).

⁹⁰ [Russia's Central Bank takes urgent steps to halt sanction panic | Upstream Online](#) and [Указ о применении специальных экономических мер в связи с недружественными действиями США и примкнувших к ним иностранных государств и международных организаций • Президент России \(googleusercontent.com\)](#)

⁹¹ [Executive Order on the Application of Special Economic Measures in Connection with Unfriendly Actions of the United States and Foreign States and International Organisations That Have Joined Them • President of Russia \(googleusercontent.com\)](#)

⁹² [Executive Order on Additional Temporary Economic Measures to Ensure Russia's Financial Stability • President of Russia \(kremlin.ru\)](#)

- The government established a **special mechanism** for the Russian Federation, public bodies, and residents to **fulfill** their **obligations** under **loans** from **foreign creditors** who are **connected** to **foreign states that commit unfriendly acts against Russia**, including the EU.

In order to fulfil the debt, a **special bank account of type “C” in rubles** is opened for **creditors**. Creditors can use the funds in their C accounts in a manner determined by the Russian Central Bank.⁹³ Type C account provides for the possibility to make **transactions with securities recorded in C-type accounts, tax payments, and transfers between C-type accounts**.⁹⁴

- Russian Central Bank held that **until 9 September** customers can only **withdraw** up to **10,000 US dollars in cash and the remaining funds in rubles at the market exchange rate as of the date of a withdrawal**. **Withdrawals** are made in **USD regardless** of the currency of **accounts**. People may continue to hold funds in foreign currency accounts or deposits and open new foreign currency accounts. During this period **banks will not sell foreign currency cash to citizens**.⁹⁵

➤ **Export restrictions:**

- Director of Russian space agency announced that the agency will not ship **rocket engines** to the US and maintaining the 24 engines that are currently owned by the country, and it halt scientific experiments on the **International Space Station**.⁹⁶
- A **ban/restriction on export** outside the territory of the Russian Federation of certain **products** including **more than 200 items of goods** in total, such as railway cars and locomotives, containers, turbines, machines for processing metal and stone, monitors, projectors, consoles and panels. The export of these goods is banned until the **end of 2022 to all countries** save the Eurasian Economic Union members, Abkhazia and South Ossetia.⁹⁷ For the list of items subject to export restriction please refer to [Resolution No. 311](#), [Resolution No. 312](#) and [Resolution No. 313](#). The list mostly include manufactured goods, and it **excludes raw materials** which form a lifeline for Russian economy as it is one of the top producers of iron, steel, aluminum, nickel and palladium.⁹⁸
- In addition, **exports of timber** are **banned** to those countries listed as "**unfriendly States**", which includes the EU countries.⁹⁹
- Russia also imposed a **temporary ban on the export of grains** to the countries of the Eurasian Economic Union and the **export of white sugar and raw cane sugar** to third countries.¹⁰⁰ In the meantime, Russian government is giving **permits for the import of food products from other destinations**, such as Turkey, India, China, Belarus, Azerbaijan, Kyrgyzstan, and Kazakhstan.¹⁰¹

Further developments can be expected in the (near) future and will be included in upcoming updates of this document.

⁹³ [Executive Order on the Temporary Procedure for Fulfilling Obligations to Certain Foreign Creditors • President of Russia \(kremlin.ru\)](#)

⁹⁴ [Bank of Russia clarifies rules for Russian issuers' external debt repayments | Bank of Russia \(cbr.ru\)](#)

⁹⁵ [Bank of Russia establishes temporary procedure for foreign cash transactions | Bank of Russia \(cbr.ru\)](#)

⁹⁶ [Russia's space agency hits back at US — RT Russia & Former Soviet Union](#)

⁹⁷ <http://government.ru/news/44762/>

⁹⁸ [Russia bans export of over 200 products but leaves energy and metals | Fortune](#)

⁹⁹ https://edition.cnn.com/europe/live-news/ukraine-russia-putin-news-03-10-22/h_11095a35610c1cf7b9a436e5d1270a31

¹⁰⁰ <http://government.ru/docs/44807/>

¹⁰¹ <http://government.ru/news/44804/>

- Though unconfirmed thus far, there are reports of **Russian customs barring imports** of EU from entrance into the Russian Federation. It is recalled that, in 2014, Russian counter-sanctions included a restrictions on imports of European foodstuffs and agricultural products.
- **Closing of Russian airspace to EU and UK air carriers:** Russia closed its airspace to airlines in the UK, Latvia, Lithuania, Estonia and Slovenia.¹⁰²
- It is also reported that Russian government decided that **intellectual property rights should not be paid to patent holders from unfriendly countries**, including 27 EU Member States.¹⁰³
- It is further reported that since 2 March 2022, restrictions have been adopted by the Russian government for **real estate transactions** involving persons and/or entities from "unfriendly States", and for which prior approval would be required. This measure would limit possible exiting from Russia of foreign economic players.¹⁰⁴
- The government **allowed certain companies not to disclose otherwise required information** if the disclosure will lead to the introduction of restrictive measures in relation to the issuer or other persons.¹⁰⁵ It is also planning to **increase the minimum threshold for the number of shares** the shareholders need **to request joint-stock companies' documents, and challenge actions of the company and its management**. Specifically for financial institutions, the Central Bank of Russia will determine a list of information that cannot be publicly available.¹⁰⁶
- Russian government is also taking measures to **seize remaining foreign assets in Russia**. Russian prime minister Mikhail Mishustin said that the government has drafted a legislation to **transfer the control of businesses**, which are controlled by a foreigner, **to an external administration** in Russia. According to reports, seized assets are planned to be auctioned off instead of being nationalized.¹⁰⁷
- A legislation is adopted to allow **Russian airlines to register planes leased from foreigners as the airlines' property**.¹⁰⁸ Bermuda and Ireland, where most of the leased planes in Russia are registered, suspended their certificate of airworthiness. In response, Russia passed a measure that allows **registration and certification of safety of leased planes in Russia**.¹⁰⁹
- Russian government announced that it is preparing a retaliatory measure against the **admission of the ships of unfriendly countries to the Russian ports**.¹¹⁰
- It is reported that on 15 March, Russia imposed **sanctions** against several American officials, including **President Biden**, Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Hillary Clinton, as well as Biden's son Hunter Biden. Russia also banned **Canadian Prime Minister** and other Canadian officials from entering the country.¹¹¹ It is not clear whether these measures will be followed by sanctions against EU officials.
- Russia reportedly prohibited Russian **insurers** from completing transactions with insurers, reinsurers and broker firms in unfriendly states, which also cover transfer of funds under existing contracts.¹¹²

¹⁰² [Russia closes airspace to planes from several EU countries | Euronews](#)

¹⁰³ [Russia legalises intellectual property piracy – EURACTIV.com](#)

¹⁰⁴ [Russian countermeasures getting more comprehensive - Noerr](#)

¹⁰⁵ <http://government.ru/docs/44798/>

¹⁰⁶ <http://government.ru/news/44756/>

¹⁰⁷ [Putin seeking 'legal solutions' to seize assets of Western companies exiting Russia | Fortune](#)

¹⁰⁸ [Documents - Government of Russia](#)

¹⁰⁹ [Putin changes law on leased jets to keep them flying - BBC News \(amproject.org\)](#)

¹¹⁰ <http://government.ru/docs/44897/>

¹¹¹ [Russia issues sanctions against Biden and a long list of US officials and political figures - CNNPolitics](#)

¹¹² [Russian government bans majority of foreign re/insurance transactions :: Insurance Day \(informa.com\)](#)

6. PRIVATE ACTIONS WITH IMPACT ON BUSINESSES

Several private actors have taken independent action, beyond and aside from legal obligations, for instance as of 25 March, **450 companies announced their withdrawal from Russia**.¹¹³ Below we provide, a non-exhaustive list of, examples of actions taken by private actors in response to the adoption of sanctions:

- **Divestment of Pension and Sovereign Funds from Russian Assets:** the **Swiss Federal Pension Fund PUBLICA** has resolved not to purchase any further Russian securities and divest its existing holdings, both in compliance with EU sanctions and as a responsible investment practice.¹¹⁴
- **Logistics:** **Boeing** announced that it will suspend parts, maintenance and technical support for Russian airlines¹¹⁵; **Maersk**, **FedEx**, **UPS**, and **DHL** have stopped sending shipments to Russia¹¹⁶.
- **Russian banks crippled under sanctions:** the **Single Resolution Board** determined on 27 February that **Sberbank Europe AG** in Austria and its subsidiaries in Croatia (Sberbank d.d.) and Slovenia (Sberbank banka d.d.) were failing or likely to fail due to a rapid deterioration in their liquidity situation, and it decided to transfer all shares of the group's Croatian subsidiary Sberbank d.d. to Hrvatska Poštanska Banka d.d. (Croatian Postbank) and all shares of the group's Slovenian subsidiary Sberbank banka d.d. to Nova ljubljanska banka d.d. (NLB d.d.).¹¹⁷
- **Financial services:** **Apple Pay** and other services have been limited¹¹⁸; **Visa**, **Mastercard** and **American Express** said they were blocking Russian banks from their payment networks following international sanctions.¹¹⁹; and the **World Bank** Group stopped all its programs in Russia and Belarus.¹²⁰ In addition, it announced a large package of financing in support to Ukraine.¹²¹
- **Energy:** **Exxon Mobil**¹²², **Shell**¹²³ and **BP**¹²⁴ announced that they are winding down their operations and exiting investments and joint ventures; and it is reported in the news that **Nord Stream 2 company** based in Switzerland filed for insolvency.¹²⁵
- **Software:** Software giants **Oracle**¹²⁶ and **SAP**¹²⁷ suspend operations in Russia; **Sabre Corp.**, which provides ticket distribution and reservation services for air carriers, announced that it terminated its distribution agreement with Russia's Aeroflot, which may impact the latter's ability to sell seats.¹²⁸ As a result, Aeroflot tickets will not show up on online travel agencies or other third-party sites.
- **Others:** **Apple**¹²⁹, **IKEA**¹³⁰, and **Nike**¹³¹ stopped selling their products in Russia. **McDonald's** suspended its operations.¹³²

¹¹³ [Over 300 Companies Have Withdrawn from Russia—But Some Remain | Yale School of Management](#)

¹¹⁴ [PUBLICA excludes Russia from its market portfolio \(admin.ch\)](#)

¹¹⁵ [Boeing, Airbus suspend parts for Russia - Airport Technology \(airport-technology.com\)](#)

¹¹⁶ [Nike stops selling shoes online in Russia because it can't find anyone to deliver them \(yahoo.com\)](#)

¹¹⁷ [Sberbank Europe AG: Croatian and Slovenian subsidiaries resume operations after being sold while no resolution action is required for Austrian parent company | Single Resolution Board \(europa.eu\)](#)

¹¹⁸ [Apple joins other global giants in Russia exit – POLITICO](#)

¹¹⁹ [Visa, Mastercard, Amex Block Russian Banks After Sanctions - The Moscow Times](#)

¹²⁰ [World Bank Group Statement on Russia and Belarus](#)

¹²¹ [Russia Ukraine conflict: World Bank stops all projects in Russia, Belarus with 'immediate effect' - The Economic Times \(indiatimes.com\)](#)

¹²² <https://www.politico.com/news/2022/03/01/exxon-russia-ukraine-energy-00013003>

¹²³ <https://www.shell.com/media/news-and-media-releases/2022/shell-intends-to-exit-equity-partnerships-held-with-gazprom-entities.html>

¹²⁴ https://www.bp.com/en/global/corporate/news-and-insights/press-releases/bp-to-exit-rosneft-shareholding.html?utm_source=C%26A%7Cexternal%7Cbp.com%20news&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=13028613_27%20Feb&dm_i=1PGC.7R8XX.PJ4FCC.VMMP3.1

¹²⁵ [Nord Stream 2 files for bankruptcy, fires employees – EURACTIV.com](#)

¹²⁶ [Oracle sur Twitter : "@FedorovMykhailo @SAP On behalf of Oracle's 150,000 employees around the world and in support of both the elected government of Ukraine and for the people of Ukraine, Oracle Corporation has already suspended all operations in the Russian Federation." / Twitter](#)

¹²⁷ [Standing in Solidarity with Ukraine | SAP News Center](#)

¹²⁸ [Airline software giant ends service with Russia's Aeroflot \(cnbc.com\)](#)

¹²⁹ [Apple joins other global giants in Russia exit – POLITICO](#)

- **Over-compliance:** There are concerns that different sanctions programs instituted by different jurisdictions may cause a "**chilling effect**" on financial institutions to execute cross-border payments and provide trade finance.¹³³

Case in point, **Société Générale SA** and **Credit Suisse AG** are reported to have stopped the financing of commodities trading from Russia over the concerns that future sanctions may include energy. Similarly, **ING Groep NV** decided not to do any new business with any Russian companies.

7. WHAT'S NEXT FOR COMPANIES?

The sanctions recently imposed against Russia and Belarus have broad implications for the business activities of EU companies in Russia and also for their international reputation. International measures restrict the operations of the Russian central bank, Russian oligarchs, media networks, airlines, oil and gas industry, defence industry, aviation and space industry, other high-tech industries, and state-owned and private financial institutions.

Further expansion of sanctions could be potentially in the form of further broadening the list of items, entities, and individuals falling under these categories.

7.1 RISK ASSESSMENT

➤ Focus on payments and SWIFT impact

- For EU businesses exporting to or importing from Russia, it is relevant to **identify open payment** channels. In the event EU businesses are dealing with Russian and/or Belarussian counterparts that are not affected by the sanctions adopted thus far, they could demand for payment in advance to decrease the risk of possible future sanctions on their operations.
- Even if the transaction does not involve a restricted item, or the corresponding Russian bank is not in a sanction list, **European banks** might be **overcautious** in processing payments to and from Russia or providing export/import finance.
- The exclusion of the 7 identified banks, and their majority-owned subsidiaries, from **SWIFT** after 12 March 2022 will make international payments very difficult. However, insofar as the banks are not the object of asset freeze measures, payments may still take place; though not using the SWIFT messaging system.
- It is unclear how authorised payments, e.g. benefitting from a license for **wind-down** operations, including after the SWIFT disconnection goes into effect, would take place in practice. Specific **government action** would likely be required.¹³⁴

➤ Focus on logistics

- On top of restrictions on goods and items that may be traded and of reported actions by Russian customs, the **bans on shipping** in the UK, Russia, and others announced or to follow soon, as well as reciprocal **restrictions on flights and aircraft** will render trade between the EU bloc and Russia

¹³⁰ [IKEA pauses operations in Russia and Belarus](#)

¹³¹ [Nike stops selling shoes online in Russia because it can't find anyone to deliver them \(yahoo.com\)](#)

¹³² [McDonald's To Temporarily Close Restaurants & Pause Operations in Russia \(mcdonalds.com\)](#)

¹³³ [Sanctions against Russia may prompt Iran-style de-risking by banks | S&P Global Market Intelligence \(spglobal.com\)](#)

¹³⁴ [MoneyLaudering.com :: Changes in Bank Regulations, Financial Compliance Regulations, Regulation Banks, Money Laundering Cases, Anti Money Laundering, Money Laundering Training.](#)

increasingly difficult. Thus far, **rail freight** does not appear to be targeted yet, though it cannot be excluded in the future.

- In addition, due to sanctions and reputational risks, major international **logistics companies** are refraining to conduct business in Russia, which may **affect** the **supply chain** of exporters and importers in the EU.
 - Companies involved in trade with and from Russia (and Belarus) will need to take a close look at the organisation of their supply chains and coordinate with their transporters.
- Potential **reputational implications** for businesses is also a consideration. Several private actors have taken independent action, beyond and aside from legal obligations.
- For those businesses planning to **exit the Russian market**, there is an increased risk of getting caught by **Russian restrictions**. It is important to closely monitor Russian sanctions and, in the case of a potential damage, to identify **alternative dispute settlement** mechanisms.

7.2 DUE DILIGENCE

- It should be expected that lists of sanctioned persons and entities can continue to be **further updated** and **broadened**. The scope of permissible transactions may thus rapidly vary in light of additional designations. It is also likely that listed persons and entities will challenge their listing at the European Court of Justice, which could result in their de-listing.
- Due diligence on transactions involving exporters of **controlled items** should include compliance with **new export control rules**.
- Be aware that **lists of controlled goods may evolve rapidly and can be (very) extensive**. Exporters of dual-use and military items should carefully review new export rules published by the US.
 - **US rules** can have significant **extraterritorial effects** which renders them relevant for exports from non-US countries to Russia and, in certain cases, exports between two countries outside of Russia (e.g. foreign direct product rule).
 - Companies should **prepare for secondary sanctions** which may involve significant operational challenges in international groups, such as isolating group operational functions like IT, accounting, e-mail and other corporate services and the monitoring of the activities of overseas subsidiaries that currently carry out these activities independently.
 - As is the case in Canada and the UK, and possibly others to follow, measures may involve **cancellation of existing export licenses**. Exporters with previous export control experience should review the new rules to identify whether they have any implication on their licenses.
- The EU, the UK and the US came up with a comprehensive sanctions and export control mechanism which might be implemented in the context of **future international disputes**. It is notable that China has also claims over its neighbouring territory Taiwan. Members of the US Congress have introduced the "*Deterring Communist Chinese Aggression Against Taiwan Through Financial Sanctions Act*"¹³⁵ in this regard.

¹³⁵ [Sen. Cramer, Colleagues Introduce Bill to Sanction Communist China in the Event of Taiwan Invasion \(senate.gov\)](#).

- Companies with little exposure to Russia may wish to assess their exposure to other regions of the world in light of the wide-ranging sanctions adopted against Russia and integrate in their risk exposure analysis.
- It would be prudent to **reinforce internal compliance mechanisms** and inquire potential clients regarding intended end-use of products.
- Pay attention to less reported **sub-national sanctions measures**: some **states/provinces and cities** are looking at their own by-laws or other legally binding measures. Some **port authorities** have the ability to determine access to their facilities.

Companies dealing with such jurisdictions should **(i) liaise** with relevant authorities to determine whether sanctions are adopted/considered, **(ii) have a protocol** for up to date information-sharing with their operations teams and **(iii) consider** where such measures are indiscriminate or represent a business **risk** that should be addressed by setting up alternative **arrangements**.

- Many sanction and export restriction programs include **wind-down periods** to finalize restricted activities subject to the conditions listed in relevant legislations.
- Businesses facing a sanction or export restriction program are advised to be observant about the **deadlines** and to establish appropriate winding-down **strategies**.

These **may be complex operations**. Companies should note that, for example:

- EU/UK companies will have to prepare to justify not to pay close-out payments in relation to **unwinding portfolios of investments** that have the effect of providing finance to sanctioned entities, such as derivatives transactions;
- **JVs** involving affected assets (e.g. real estate, stocks and shares) may need to be **isolated** or **divested**, all of which will need time to achieve.
- Consult (updates of) **guidelines** published by your national administrations. Be aware that **export licenses** are being suspended, re-examined and **revoked**.
- **Overall**, it is strongly advised to **(i) review** the new sanctions adopted, **(ii) (re)screen** (potential)customers and parties involved in (contemplated) transactions, **(iii) (re)consider classification** of goods and other items under export control rules and (re)apply for licenses where needed, **(iv) stay up-to-date and regularly review**.
- Most **national administrations** are publishing (updates of) **guidance** on the sanctions and export controls adopted. Consultation of these is also highly recommended to accompany your (re)screening of partners and (re)classification of items for export control purposes. Please note these are updated regularly, in the same way the sanctions are.
- In this regard, the **French Finance Ministry** has set up **dedicated** support to assist companies. Relevant **contacts** as follows:
 - Sanctions (Bercy) : sanctions-russie@dgtresor.gouv.fr
 - Sanctions (MEDEF/MEDEFI) : information-russie@medef.fr
 - Export controls on dual-use goods : doublusagesanctions.russie@finances.gouv.fr
 - Supplying issues : tensions-approvisionnements.russie@finances.gouv.fr
 - Cyber threats: cert-fr.cossi@ssi.gouv.fr

Gide's International Trade & Regulation Team in Brussels and London will provide further updates and guidance as matters continue to unfold.

Our Team will gladly assist you should you have questions or need legal assistance in ensuring compliance when dealing under the newly adopted sanctions.

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APPENDIX: EU MEASURES PUBLISHED IN THE EU OFFICIAL JOURNAL UNTIL 25 MARCH 2022

→ Latest Consolidated List of persons, groups and entities subject to EU Sanctions, involving an asset freeze and the prohibition to make fund and economic resources available to them, published by the Commission: [European Union Consolidated Financial Sanction List \(updated on 18/03/22\)](#)

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Date of publication in the EU Official Journal	Reference to the Regulation(s) and/or Decision(s) adopted	Legal act amended, if any
<p><i>Prohibitions of all transactions with certain state-owned companies;</i> <i>Prohibitions of the provision of any credit rating services, as well as access to any subscription services in relation to credit rating activities, to any Russian person or entity;</i> <i>Expansions of the list of persons connected to Russia's defence and industrial base ;</i> <i>Prohibitions of new investments in the Russian energy sector ;</i> <i>Export restriction on equipment, technology and services for the energy industry in Russia, with the exception of nuclear industry and the downstream sector of energy transport ;</i> <i>Trade restrictions concerning iron, steel as well as luxury goods</i></p>		
15 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Regulation (EU) 2022/428 of 15 March 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine • Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/430 of 15 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine 	Regulation (EU) No 833/2014
<p><i>New sanctions against 15 individuals and 9 entities</i></p>		
15 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/427 of 15 March 2022 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine • Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/429 of 15 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine 	Regulation (EU) No 269/2014
<p><i>Update of the description for listings of individuals</i></p>		

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11 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/408 of 10 March 2022 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/411 of 10 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine 	Regulation (EU) No 269/2014
<i>Correction of a spelling error in the name of an individual</i>		
10 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Corrigendum to Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/267 of 23 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine 	Decision 2014/145/CFSP
<i>New restrictive measures regarding the export of maritime navigation goods and technology; Expansion to the maritime sector, the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to financing limitations via loans, transferable securities and money market instruments</i>		
9 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Regulation (EU) 2022/394 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/395 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine 	Regulation (EU) No 833/2014
<i>New sanctions against 146 members of the Russian Federation Council (who ratified the government decisions of the 'Treaty of Friendship, Cooperation and Mutual Assistance between the Russian Federation and the Donetsk People's Republic and between the Russian Federation and the Luhansk People's Republic'); New sanctions against 14 persons supporting and benefitting from the Government of the Russian Federation or associated with listed persons or entities</i>		
9 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/396 of 9 March 2022 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/397 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine 	Regulation (EU) No 269/2014
<i>Extension of restrictive measures until 6 March 2023 in respect of three persons, and until 6 September 2022 in respect of four persons; Update of the information (in the Annex to Decision 2014/119/CFSP) regarding the rights of defence and the right to effective judicial protection; Removal of the entry for one person</i>		
4 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/375 of 3 March 2022 implementing Regulation (EU) No 208/2014 concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine 	Regulation (EU) No

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/376 of 3 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/119/CFSP concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Ukraine 	208/2014
<i>SWIFT ban for seven Russian banks : Bank Otkritie; Novikombank; Promsvyazbank; Bank Rossiya; Sovcombank; VNESHECONOMBANK (VEB); VTB BANK)</i>		
2 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Regulation (EU) 2022/345 of 1 March 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/346 of 1 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine 	Regulation (EU) No 833/2014
<i>Prohibition on the broadcasting of two Russian operators in the EU: RT (Russia Today English, Russia Today UK, Russia Today Germany, Russia Today France and Russia Today Spanish) and Sputnik</i>		
2 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Regulation (EU) 2022/350 of 1 March 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/351 of 1 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine 	Regulation EU No 833/2014
<i>Prohibition of any transactions with the Central Bank of Russia; Closing of the EU airspace for Russian air carriers</i>		
28 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Regulation (EU) 2022/334 of 28 February 2022 amending Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/335 of 28 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine 	Regulation EU No 833/2014
<i>New sanctions against 26 persons and one entity (business persons, government officers, members of media):</i>		
28 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/336 of 28 February 2022 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine Council Decision (CFSP) 222/337 of 28 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine 	Regulation (EU) No 269/2014

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<i>Amendment of the criteria of designation to include persons and entities supporting and benefitting from the Government of the Russian Federation, providing a substantial source of revenue to it, or associated with listed persons and entities</i>		
25 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Council Regulation (EU) 2022/330 of 25 February 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</u> • <u>Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/329 of 25 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</u> 	Regulation (EU) No 269/2014
<i>Partial suspension of the Agreement between the EU and Russia on the facilitation of the issuance of visas to the citizens of EU and Russia:</i>		
25 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Council Decision (EU) 2022/333 of 25 February 2022 on the partial suspension of the application of the Agreement between the European Community and the Russian Federation on the facilitation of the issuance of visas to the citizens of the European Union and the Russian Federation</u> 	
<i>Sanctions against the members of the National Security Council who supported Russia's immediate recognition of the two self-proclaimed republics Donetsk and Luhansk:</i>		
25 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/332 of 25 February 2022 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</u> • <u>Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/331 of 25 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</u> 	Regulation (EU) No 269/2014
<i>Restrictive measures related to the finance, defence, energy, aviation and space sectors; Expansion of existing financial restrictions on access by certain Russia entities to capital markets ; Restrictions on exports of dual-use goods and technologies ; Restrictions on the sale, supply, transfer or export to Russia of specific goods and technologies ; Export ban covering goods and technology suited for use in aviation and the space industry:</i>		
25 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Council Regulation (EU) 2022/328 of 25 February 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine</u> • <u>Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/327 of 25 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine</u> 	Regulation (EU) No 833/2014
<i>New sanctions against 22 Russian persons and 4 Russian entities ; Introduction of a derogation mechanism for certain operators falling under the assets freeze and the prohibition on making funds and economic resources available to them.</i>		

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23 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/260 of 23 February 2022 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</u> • <u>Council Regulation (EU) 2022/259 of 23 February 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</u> • <u>Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/265 of 23 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</u> 	Regulation (EU) No 269/2014
<i>New sanctions against 336 members of the State Duma due to their vote in favour of the recognition of the separatist-claimed parts of eastern Ukraine as independent states:</i>		
23 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/261 of 23 February 2022 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</u> • <u>Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/267 of 23 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</u> 	Regulation (EU) No 269/2014
<i>Restrictions on access to the capital markets, prohibiting the financing of Russia, its Government and its Central Bank:</i>		
23 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Council Regulation (EU) 2022/262 of 23 February 2022 amending Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine</u> • <u>Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/264 of 23 February 2022 amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine</u> 	Regulation (EU) No 833/2014
<i>Prohibition and restrictions related to trade with the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine:</i>		
23 February 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Council Regulation (EU) 2022/263 of 23 February 2022 concerning restrictive measures in response to the recognition of the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine and the ordering of Russian armed forces into those areas</u> • <u>Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/266 of 23 February 2022 concerning restrictive measures in response to the recognition of the non-government controlled areas of the Donetsk and Luhansk oblasts of Ukraine and the ordering of Russian armed forces into those areas</u> 	

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<i>Renumbering of provisions</i>		
10 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) 2022/398 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine</u> 	Regulation (EC) No 765/2006
<i>Prohibition of the listing and provision of services in relation to shares of Belarusian state-owned entities on Union trading venues; Limitation of the financial inflows from Belarus to the EU; Prohibition of the transactions with the Central Bank of Belarus; Restrictions of the provision of specialised financial messaging services to certain Belarusian credit institutions and their Belarusian subsidiaries; New obligations on the Network Manager for air traffic management network functions of the single European sky regarding overflight prohibitions.</i>		
9 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Council Regulation (EU) 2022/398 of 9 March 2022 amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine</u> • <u>Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/399 of 9 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus and the involvement of Belarus in the Russian aggression against Ukraine</u> 	Regulation (EC) No 765/2006
<i>Additions of definitions to the amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006</i>		
9 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Corrigendum to Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1030 of 24 June 2021 amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus (OJ L 224 I, 24.6.2021)</u> 	Regulation (EC) No 765/2006
<i>New sanctions against 22 persons in relation to the involvement of Belarus in the invasion of Ukraine:</i>		
2 March 2022	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/353 of 2 March 2022 implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</u> • <u>Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/354 of 2 March 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine</u> 	Regulation (EU) No 269/2014
<i>New restrictions related to the trade of goods used for the production or manufacturing of certain products ; New restrictions on export control of certain goods and technology (which might contribute to Belarus's military, technological, defence and</i>		

<i>security development):</i>		
<i>2 March 2022</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Council Regulation (EU) 2022/355 of 2 March 2022 amending Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus</u> • <u>Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/356 of 2 March 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus</u> 	Regulation (EC) No 765/2006
<i>New sanctions against 27 persons and 7 entities considering the persistent gravity of the situation in Belarus:</i>		
<i>25 February 2022</i>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <u>Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/300 of 24 February 2022 implementing Article 8a of Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus</u> • <u>Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/307 of 24 February 2022 amending Decision 2012/642/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Belarus</u> 	Regulation (EC) No 765/2006