

Financial Sanctions Notice

19/01/2021

Belarus

Introduction

- The Republic of Belarus (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/600) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (the Sanctions Act) and provide for the freezing of funds and economic resources of certain persons, entities or bodies involved in the unresolved disappearances of four individuals in 1999 and 2000.
- 2. On 19 January 2021 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK. This list provides details of those designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act. A link to the UK Sanctions List can be found below.
- 3. Following the publication of the UK Sanctions List, information on the Consolidated List has been updated.

Notice summary

- 4. The following entry has been amended and is still subject to an asset freeze:
 - Andrei Vasilievich GALENKA (Group ID: 13939)

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;

- ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources and any funds which are owned or controlled by persons set out in the Annex to the Notice
- iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI);
- iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulations;
- v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that OFSI may request. Information reported to OFSI may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
- 6. Where a relevant institution has already reported details of accounts, other funds or economic resources held frozen for designated persons, they are not required to report these details again.
- 7. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Further Information

- 8. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be found obtained from the Belarus financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website:

 https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases
- The Consolidated List can be found here:
 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets
- 10. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:
 https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list

11. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-guidance

Enquiries

12. 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

- 13. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk
- 14. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 15. 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: BELARUS

THE REPUBLIC OF BELARUS (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/600)

AMENDMENT

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

<u>Individual</u>

1. GALENKA, Andrei Vasilievich

a.k.a: GALENKA, Andrey, Vasilievich <u>Nationality: Belarusian</u> Position: (1) Deputy Head of the District Department of Internal Affairs in Moskovski District, Minsk (2) Head of the Public Safety Police Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): BEL0017 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (UK Statement of Reasons):In his position as Deputy Head of the District Department of Internal Affairs in Moskovski District, Minsk, and Head of Public Safety Police, Galenka is responsible for the repression and intimidation campaign in that district against peaceful protesters in the wake of the 2020 presidential election, in particular with arbitrary arrests, excessive use of force and ill-treatment, including torture. (Gender): Male Listed on: 05/10/2020 Last Updated: 31/12/2020 19/01/2021 Group ID: 13939.

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