

# **Financial Sanctions Notice**

12/08/2021

# **Belarus**

## Introduction

- 1. 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 reasonably suspected of involvement in conduct enabling or facilitating the disappearances of four people or the failure to investigate properly or institute criminal proceedings against the persons responsible for those disappearances; the commission of serious human rights violations in Belarus; the repression of civil society or democratic opposition in Belarus; or other actions, policies or activities which undermine democracy or the rule of law in Belarus.
- 2. This Notice is to issue a correction for 4 listings in the Belarus financial sanctions regime. This amendment brings the Consolidated List entries into line with the UK Sanctions List.

#### Notice summary

- 3. The following entries have been amended and are still subject to an asset freeze:
  - Mikhail Safarbekovich GUTSERIEV (Group ID: 14131)
  - Alexander Grigorievich LUKASHENKO (Group ID: 13918)
  - Viktor Aliaksandravich LUKASHENKO (Group ID: 13919)
  - Igor Petrovich SERGEENKO (Group ID: 13920)

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

4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

# **Further Information**

- 7. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Belarus financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specificconsolidated-lists-and-releases</u>
- The Consolidated List can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets</u>
- 9. The UK Sanctions List can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list</u>

10. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions:

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

## Enquiries

11. 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

- 12. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: <a href="mailto:sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk">sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk</a>
- 13. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 14. 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)

#### AMENDMENTS

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

#### <u>Individuals</u>

#### 1. GUTSERIEV, Mikhail Safarbekovich

**DOB:** 09/03/1958. **POB:** Akmolinsk, Kazakh SSR, Soviet Union (now Nur-Sultan, Kazakhstan) **a.k.a:** GUTSERIYEV, Mikhail, Safarbekovich **Nationality:** <u>(1)</u> Russian <u>(2)</u> <u>Cypriot</u> **Passport Details:** K00162033. Expires 11 Feb 2024. **Address:** Russia. **Position:** Businessman **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):BEL0110 (UK Statement of Reasons):Mikhail Gutseriev is a prominent Russian businessman who is one of the main private investors in Belarus and a longstanding associate of Alexander Lukashenko, who is responsible for serious violations of human rights in Belarus. Gutseriev has provided support for the Government of Belarus and its serious human rights violations and repression of civil society and democratic opposition, including through use of his business interests. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 09/08/2021 **Last Updated:** <u>09/08/2021</u> <u>12/08/2021</u> **Group ID:** 14131.

#### 2. LUKASHENKO, Alexander Grigorievich

Title: President DOB: 30/08/1954. POB: Kopys, Vitebsk/Viciebsk district, former USSR (currently Belarus) a.k.a: (1) LUKASHENKA, Aleksandr, Grigorievich (2) LUKASHENKA, Aleksandr, Grogorievich (3) LUKASHENKA, Aleksandr, Ryhoravich (4) LUKASHENKA, Alexander, Grigorievich (5) LUKASHENKA, Alexander, Ryhoravich (6) LUKASHENKA, Aliaksandr, Grigorievich (7) LUKASHENKA, Aliaksandr, Ryhoravich (8) LUKASHENKO, Aleksandr, Grigorievich (9) LUKASHENKO, Aleksandr, Grogorievich (10) LUKASHENKO, Aleksandr, Ryhoravich (11) LUKASHENKO, Alexander, Ryhoravich (12) LUKASHENKO, Aliaksandr, Grigorievich (13) LUKASHENKO, Aliaksandr, Ryhoravich Nationality: Belarusian Address: Independence Palace, Prospekte Pobeditelei, Minsk. Belarus. Position: President of Belarus Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):GHR0050 and BEL0045 Listed under the Global Human Rights and Belarus sanctions regimes. (UK Statement of Reasons):Alexander Lukashenko is the President of Belarus. He has held near absolute authority in his 26 years in power and maintains close control over the security apparatus of the State. This authority has remained in place since the 9 August 2020 Presidential election and he is ultimately responsible for the violence against protestors and journalists and the Lukashenko regime's campaign to repress civil society and democratic opposition, and undermine the rule of law, that has followed the disputed election result in Belarus. Lukashenko has not called out violence and has expressed support for security services. Alexander Lukashenko has therefore been responsible for serious violations of human rights, the repression of civil society or democratic opposition in Belarus, or other actions, policies or activities which undermine democracy or the rule of law in Belarus following 9 August 2020, and has been involved in promoting such activities. (Gender):Male Listed on: 29/09/2020 Last Updated: 09/08/2021 <u>12/08/2021</u> Group ID: 13918.

#### 3. LUKASHENKO, Viktor Aliaksandravich

Title: National Security Advisor DOB: 28/11/1975. POB: Mohilev/Mogilev/Mahiliou, former USSR (now Belarus) a.k.a: (1) LUKASHENKA, Viktar, Aleksandrovich (2) LUKASHENKA, Viktar, Aliaksandravich (3) LUKASHENKA, Viktor, Aleksandrovich (4) LUKASHENKA, Viktor, Aliaksandravich (5) LUKASHENKO, Viktar, Aleksandrovich (6) LUKASHENKO, Viktar, Aliaksandravich (7) LUKASHENKO, Viktor, Aleksandrovich Nationality: Belarusian Address: Belarus. Position: (1) President of the National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Belarus (2) former National Security Advisor to the President Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):GHR0051 and BEL0047 Listed under the Global Human Rights and Belarus sanctions regimes. (Further Identifying Information):Son of the President (UK Statement of Reasons):Viktor Lukashenko is the former National Security Adviser to the President of Belarus and a former member of the Security Council of Belarus. In these roles, he oversees law enforcement and the security services and was therefore responsible for the serious human rights violations perpetrated against protestors and journalists following the Presidential election on 9 August 2020. Since February 2021, Viktor Lukashenko has been the President of the National Olympic Committee of the Republic of Belarus (NOC). Prior to this, he was the First Vice President of the NOC. The International Olympic Committee has adopted measures against the NOC for not appropriately protecting athletes from reprisals against them for protesting the 9 August 2020 elections and subsequent violent suppression of peaceful protests. Viktor Lukashenko is therefore responsible for supporting the Lukashenko regime in its repression of civil society or democratic opposition or other actions, policies or activities which undermine democracy or the rule of law in Belarus. (Gender):Male Listed on: 29/09/2020 Last Updated: 09/08/2021 12/08/2021 Group ID: 13919.

#### 4. SERGEENKO, Igor Petrovich

Title: Chief of Staff to the President DOB: 14/01/1963. POB: Stolitsa, Vitebsk/Viciebsk region, former USSR (currently Belarus) a.k.a: (1) SERGEENKO, Igor, Piatrovich (2) SERGEENKO, Ihar, Petrovich (3) SERGEENKO, Ihar, Piatrovich (4) SERGEYENKO, Igor, Piatrovich (5) SERGEYENKO, Ihar, Petrovich (6) SERGEYENKO, Ihar, Piatrovich (7) SERGYAENKA, Igor, Piatrovich (8) SERGYAENKA, Ihar, Petrovich (9) SERGYAENKA, Ihar, Piatrovich (10) SIARHEENKA, Igor, Piatrovich (11) SIARHEENKA, Ihar, Petrovich (12) SIARHEENKA, Ihar, Piatrovich Nationality: Belarusian Address: Belarus- Position: Chief of Staff to the President of Belarus (a.k.a. Head of the Presidential Administration) Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):GHR0052 and BEL0046 Listed under the Global Human Rights and Belarus sanctions regimes. (Further Identifying Information):Former First Deputy Head of the KGB, former Head of the KGB of the Mogilev/Mohilev region. (UK Statement of Reasons): Igor Sergeenko is the Chief of Staff to the President of Belarus, Alexander Lukashenko, also known as the Head of the Presidential Administration of Belarus. In this role, Sergeenko has significant influence over the Belarusian authorities' response to the post-election protests, including serious human rights violations, the repression of civil society or democratic opposition in Belarus and actions and policies or activities which undermine democracy or the rule of law in Belarus. Sergeenko also plays an important coordinating role over state bodies, including the working relationship between the President and the Belarusian Ministry of the Interior and its internal security forces, which are responsible for treatment amounting to serious human rights violations. (Gender):Male Listed on: 06/11/2020 Last Updated: 09/08/2021 12/08/2021 Group ID: 13920.

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