

Financial Sanctions Notice

02/12/2021

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.
- On 2 December 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 entries have been added to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.
 - Grigoriy Yurievich AZARENOK (Group ID: 14162)

- Natalia Mikhailovna BUGUK (Group ID: 14155)
- Lyudmila GLADKAYA (Group ID: 14159)
- Sergey Alexandrovich GUSACHENKO (Group ID: 14161)
- Alina Sergeevna KASYANCHYK (Group ID: 14156)
- Andrey Evgenievich KRIVOSHEYEV (Group ID: 14157)
- Andrei Nikolaevich MUKOVOZCHYK (Group ID: 14158)
- Andrei PARSHYN (Group ID: 14160)
- OPEN JOINT STOCK COMPANY "BELARUSKALI" (Group ID: 14154)

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
- 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. 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:

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

8. The Consolidated List can be found here:

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

9. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

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

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: sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk
- 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)

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. AZARENOK, Grigoriy Yurievich

DOB: 18/10/1995. a.k.a: AZARONAK, Rhyor, Yurievich Address: Capital TV, 6 Kommunisticheskaya St, Minsk, Belarus, 220029. Position: Journalist, Capital TV (CTV) Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): BEL0119 (UK Statement of Reasons): As a journalist reporting on the state-owned TV channel CTV, Grigoriy Yurievich Azarenok, hereafter Azarenok has willingly provided the Belarusian public with false information about the democratic opposition and protests, thus lending support to the regime. Azarenok has vocally supported and attempted to justify the repression of the democratic opposition and of civil society who seek to demonstrate evidence of serious human rights violations committed by the regime. His journalism is specifically endorsed by the Lukashenko regime as it is the subject of several state sponsored awards. Azarenok therefore is or has been involved in undermining democracy and the rule of law in Belarus, and repressing civil society and the democratic opposition. (Gender): Male Listed on: 02/12/2021 Last Updated: 02/12/2021 Group ID: 14162.

2. BUGUK, Natalia Mikhailovna

DOB: 19/12/1989. **POB**: Minsk, Former USSR, now Belarus **a.k.a**: BUHUK, Natallia, Mikhailauna **Nationality**: Belarusian **Position**: Judge at the Frunzensky district court in Minsk **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref): BEL0112 (UK Statement of Reasons): In her position as a judge at the Frunzensky District Court in Minsk, Natalia Buguk has been responsible for numerous politically motivated rulings against journalists, opposition activists and protesters. Violations of the right to a fair trial have been reported during trials that she has conducted. Buguk therefore is or has been involved in undermining democracy and the rule of law in Belarus, repressing civil society and the democratic opposition in Belarus, and for serious human rights violations in Belarus. (Gender): Female **Listed on**: 02/12/2021 **Last Updated**: 02/12/2021 **Group ID**: 14155.

3. GLADKAYA, Lyudmila

DOB: 30/06/1983. a.k.a: HLADKAYA, Liudmila Nationality: Belarusian Address: Belarus Segodnya, 10a Khmelnitskogo St, Minsk, Belarus, 220013. Position: Journalist, Belarus Segodnya (Belarus Today) Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): BEL0116 (UK Statement of Reasons): Lyudmila Gladkaya is a propagandist of the Lukashenko regime. She is a journalist publishing in "Belarus Segodnya", the official (state-owned) newspaper of the Presidential Administration. Her published opinions/articles and broadcasts are one of the main mouthpieces of state propaganda belittling and discrediting independent journalists and opposition supporters who seek to demonstrate evidence of serious human rights violations committed by the regime. There are recorded instances where she has interrogated persons and her journalism is specifically endorsed by the Lukashenko regime. Gladkaya therefore is or has been

involved in repressing civil society and democratic opposition in Belarus, and for serious human rights violations in Belarus. (Gender): Female **Listed on:** 02/12/2021 **Last Updated:** 02/12/2021 **Group ID:** 14159.

4. GUSACHENKO, Alexandrovich Sergey

DOB: 05/11/1983. POB: Minsk, Belarus a.k.a: GUSACHENKA, Siarhei, Aliaksandravich Nationality: Belarusian Passport Details: (1) SP0017927 (Expiry: 19 Jul 2022) (2) MP2486634 (Expiry: 05 Nov 2028) (3) MP2972008 (Expiry: 05 Nov 2028) Address: Belteleradio, 9 Makayonka St, Minsk, Belarus, 220807. Position: Deputy Chairman, National State TV and Radio Company (Belteleradio – BTRC) Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): BEL0118 (UK Statement of Reasons): In his position as the Deputy Chairman of BTRC and host of weekly propaganda TV-show "Glavnyy efir", Sergey Alexandrovich Gusachenko has been willingly providing the Belarusian public with false information about the outcome of elections, protests and the repressions perpetrated by the state authorities. Gusachenko is directly responsible for the way in which the State Television presents information about the situation in Belarus, thus lending support to the regime. Gusachenko therefore is or has been involved in undermining democracy and the rule of law in Belarus and repressing of civil society and the democratic opposition. (Gender): Male Listed on: 02/12/2021 Last Updated: 02/12/2021 Group ID: 14161.

5. KASYANCHYK, Alina Sergeevna

POSITION: 12/03/1998. **a.k.a**: KASIANCHYK, Alina, Siarhiejeuna **Nationality**: Belarusian **Position**: Former Assistant Prosecutor at the Frunzensky District Court in Minsk **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref): BEL0113 (UK Statement of Reasons): In her former position as assistant prosecutor at the Fruzensky District Court in Minsk, Alina Sergeevna Kasyanchyk has represented the Lukashenko regime in politically motivated cases against journalists, activists and protesters. In particular, she has prosecuted BelSat journalists Katsiaryna Bakhvalava (Andreyeva) and Darya Chultsova for live streaming peaceful protests, based on the unwarranted charges of "conspiracy" and "violating public order". She has also prosecuted members of Belarusian civil society e.g. for taking parts in peaceful protests, and paying tribute to murdered protester Aliaksandr Taraikousky. She has consistently asked the judge for disproportionately long-term prison sentences. Kasyanchyk therefore is or has been involved in undermining democracy and the rule of law in Belarus, repressing civil society and the democratic opposition in Belarus, and for serious human rights violations. (Gender): Female **Listed on**: 02/12/2021 **Last Updated**: 02/12/2021 **Group ID**: 14156.

6. KRIVOSHEYEV, Andrey Evgenievich

DOB: 02/12/1981. POB: Volgograd, Former USSR, now Russian Federation a.k.a: (1) KRIVOSHEEV, Andrei (2) KRYVASHEYEU, Andrei (3) KRYVASHEYEV, Andrei Nationality: Belarusian Address: Belarusian Union of Journalists, 48a Surganova Street, Minsk, Belarus, 220013. Position: (1) Head of the State Union of Journalists (BUJ) (2) Political commentator, National State TV and Radio Company "Belteleradio" (BTRC) Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): BEL0114 (UK Statement of Reasons): A Senior Political Commentator for the National State TV and Radio Company "Belteleradio" (BTRC) Andrey Evgenievich Krivosheyev is one of the most vocal and influential members of the Belarusian state propaganda machine in the broadcast media. Further, in his role as Head of the pro-regime State Union of Journalists (BUJ) Krivosheyev is a close supporter of President of Belarus, Alexander Lukashenko, and a key player in the regime's propaganda and censorship apparatus. Krivosheyev has actively supported Lukashenko and his regime throughout the flawed election process surrounding the 9

August 2020 Presidential election. Krivosheyev therefore is or has been involved in undermining the rule of law in Belarus and repressing of civil society and democratic opposition. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 02/12/2021 **Last Updated:** 02/12/2021 **Group ID:** 14157.

7. MUKOVOZCHYK, Andrei Nikolaevich

DOB: 13/06/1963. POB: Novosibirsk, Former USSR, now Russian Federation a.k.a: MUKAVOZCHYK, Andrei, Mikalaevich Nationality: Belarusian Passport Details: (1) MP 3413113 (2) MP 2387911 Address: Belarus Segodnya, 10a Khmelnitskogo St, Minsk, Belarus, 220013. Position: Political Observer, Belarus Segodnya (Belarus Today) Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): BEL0115 (UK Statement of Reasons): Andrei Nikolaevich Mukovozchyk is a propagandist of the Lukashenko regime. He is a journalist publishing in "Belarus Segodnya", the official (state-owned) newspaper of the Presidential Administration. His published opinions/articles are one of the main mouthpieces of state propaganda and include death threats against those who oppose the regime as well as belittling and discrediting independent journalists and opposition supporters who seek to demonstrate evidence of serious human rights violations committed by the regime. His journalism is specifically endorsed by the Lukashenko regime as it is the subject of several state sponsored awards. Mukovozchyk therefore is or has been involved in repressing civil society and democratic opposition in Belarus and for serious human rights violations in Belarus. (Gender): Male Listed on: 02/12/2021 Last Updated: 02/12/2021 Group ID: 14158.

8. PARSHYN, Andrei

DOB: 19/02/1974. **Nationality:** Belarusian **National** Identification 3190274A018PB7 Address: 211 Skryganova St., 4A, Minsk, Belarus. Position: Chairman of the Main Directorate for Combatting Organised Crime and Corruption (GUBOPiK) of the Ministry of the Interior (MVD) Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): BEL0117 (UK Statement of Reasons): The Main Directorate for Combatting Organized Crime and Corruption (GUBOPiK) of the MVD plays a leading role in the repression of civil society and democratic opposition in Belarus, including deploying specialised "Attack" units against peaceful protestors and in raids on the homes and offices of journalists, activists and opposition supporters. In his position as Chairman of the GUBOPiK, Andrei Parshyn is responsible for the inhuman and degrading treatment inflicted on citizens who participated in peaceful protests and for their arbitrary arrest and detention. Numerous testimonies, photo and video evidence indicate that the group under his command beat and arrested peaceful protestors, threatening them with firearms. Parshyn therefore is or has been involved in undermining democracy and the rule of law in Belarus, repressing of civil society and the democratic opposition, and for serious human rights violations in Belarus. (Phone number): 375 29661213 (Gender): Male Listed on: 02/12/2021 Last Updated: 02/12/2021 Group ID: 14160.

Entity

1. OPEN JOINT STOCK COMPANY "BELARUSKALI"

a.k.a: OJSC "Belaruskali" **Address:** OJSC Belaruskali, 5 Korzha Street, Soligorsk, Minsk Region, Belarus, 223710.**Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): BEL0111 (UK Statement of Reasons): OJSC Belaruskali is one of the world's largest producers of the key fertilizer ingredient potassium chloride (potash), and is 100% owned by the Belarusian state. As a state-owned enterprise, OJSC Belaruskali is a major source of revenue and foreign currency for the Lukashenko regime, including through the

transfer of OJSC Belaruskali's profits to the National Development Fund which is directed by Lukashenko. Export duties and taxes generated by OJSC Belaruskali account for 8-10% of the total budget of the Government of Belarus, and are therefore critically important in maintaining the regime and enabling its actions. Through the production of potash and its treatment of striking workers during the protests and crackdown in 2020, OJSC Belaruskali has helped prop up the authoritarian rule of Lukashenko's regime. OJSC Belaruskali therefore is or has been involved in providing support for the Government of Belarus, which has taken actions to undermine democracy and the rule of law, repress civil society and the democratic opposition, and commit serious human rights violations. (Phone number): (1) +375 (17) 429-84-01 (2) +375 (17) 429-86-08 (3) +375 (17) 426-37-65 (Website): www.kali.by (Email address): belaruskali.office@kali.by (Organisation type): Open Joint Stock Company (OJSC) Listed on: 02/12/2021 Last Updated: 02/12/2021 Group ID: 14154.

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