

technical personnel, are authorized to engage in the following transactions, where such transactions are ordinarily incident and necessary to such U.S. persons' journalistic activities or to the establishment or operation of a news bureau and are prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 or section (1)(a)(i) of E.O. 14071, provided that the only involvement of blocked persons is the processing of funds by financial institutions blocked pursuant to E.O. 14024:

- (1) Compensating support staff (e.g., stringers, translators, interpreters, camera operators, technical experts, freelance producers, or drivers), persons to handle logistics, or other office personnel;
- (2) Leasing or renting office space;
- (3) Purchasing, leasing, or renting goods and services (e.g., mobile phones and related airtime); or
- (4) Paying for all other expenses ordinarily incident and necessary to journalistic activities, including sales or employment taxes.

(b) For the purposes of this general license, the term "news reporting organization" means an entity whose primary purpose is the gathering and dissemination of news to the general public.

(c) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The opening or maintaining of a correspondent account or payable-through account for or on behalf of any entity subject to Directive 2 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions*;

(2) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation;

(3) Any transactions involving Joint Stock Company Channel One Russia, Joint Stock Company NTV Broadcasting Company, Television Station Russia-1, Limited Liability Company Aloritm, New Eastern Outlook, or Oriental Review, unless separately authorized; or

(4) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

Note to General License No. 52. See Russia-related General License No. 25C for an authorization for transactions ordinarily incident and necessary to the receipt or transmission of telecommunications involving the Russian Federation.

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Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 587

Publication of Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations Web General License 53

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of Web General License.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing one general license (GL) issued pursuant to the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations: GL 53, which was previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: GL 53 was issued on November 10, 2022. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202-622-4855; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: www.treas.gov/ofac.

Background

On November 10, 2022, OFAC issued GL 53 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587. The GL was made available on OFAC's website (www.treas.gov/ofac) when it was issued. The text of the GL is provided below.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 53

Authorizing Transactions for Diplomatic Missions of the Russian Federation Prohibited by Directive 4 under Executive Order 14024

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, U.S. persons are authorized to engage in all transactions ordinarily incident and necessary to the official business of diplomatic or consular missions of the Government of the Russian Federation ("Russian missions"), where the transactions are prohibited by Directive 4

under Executive Order (E.O.) 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Transactions Involving the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation.*

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, U.S. persons are authorized to engage in all transactions ordinarily incident and necessary to the compensation of employees of Russian missions, including payment of salaries and reimbursement of expenses, where the transactions are prohibited by Directive 4 under E.O. 14024.

(c) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation; or

(2) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR, unless separately authorized.

Andrea M. Gacki,

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 598

Publication of Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Sanctions Regulations Web General Licenses 2, 3, 3A, and 3B

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of Web General Licenses.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing four general licenses (GLs) issued pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Sanctions Regulations: GLs 2, 3, 3A, and 3B, each of which was previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: GL 2 was issued on May 5, 2015. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202-622-4855; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: