

**Non-Paper on Designations Against the Russian Federation**

- More than one year into the Russian Federation's (Russia) unlawful and unprovoked invasion of Ukraine, the effects of U.S. and global sanctions have forced the Russian Federation economy to search for alternate routes to fuel its war machine. In light of this, the United States, in coordination with partners, is taking measures to target sanctions evasion activity and promote accountability for facilitators of Russia's malign actions. This action also reinforces existing measures aimed at disrupting Russia's continued importation of material necessary for sustaining its war.
- We ask partners and allies to steadfastly maintain compliance with all U.S. sanctions programs, as the United States continues to demonstrate its commitment to the sovereignty, independence, and territorial integrity of Ukraine.
- In coordination with allies and partners, the United States plans to designate 144 entities and individuals on April 12, 2023, pursuant to Russia-related Executive Order (E.O.) 14024.
- As a result of these actions, all property and interests in property of the individuals or entities designated, and of any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, 50 percent or more by them, individually, or with other designated persons, that are in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons, are blocked and must be reported to the Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). Unless authorized by a general or specific license issued by OFAC or otherwise exempt, OFAC's regulations generally prohibit all transactions by U.S. persons or within (or transiting) the United States that involve any property or interests in property of designated or otherwise blocked persons. Designated individuals are also subject to visa and entry restrictions to the United States.

- These forthcoming sanctions predominately target the network of Russian oligarch and known sanctions evader Alisher Usmanov (Usmanov), who was designated by the United States in March 2022. This action also includes associates of oligarchs and their networks, as well as government officials, third-country transshipment companies that facilitate sanctions evasion, and entities operating in the technology sector of the Russian Federation economy. Please see Tab 1 for a comprehensive list of entities and individuals who will be added to the SDN list as a result of this upcoming action.
- In addition to the aforementioned sanctions actions, the United States plans to issue GL 65 to allow transactions with MegaFon PAO, Digital Invest LLC, and any entities owned 50 percent or more, directly or indirectly by MegaFon PAO or Digital Invest LLC, by U.S. persons ordinarily incident and necessary to the receipt of telecommunications in Russia, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan. This GL is intended to provide for the continuation of telecommunications services in Russia, Uzbekistan, and Tajikistan.
- The United States will also issue GL 62, a 90-day wind down GL for Metalloinvest, USM Telecom, and Akkermann Cement CA Limited Liability Company. Further, the United States will issue GL 63, a 90-day divestment GL for Metalloinvest. These GLs will cover the named entities and any entities owned 50 percent or more, directly or indirectly, by them.
- Additionally, the United States will simultaneously revoke GL 15 and issue GL 64 specifically for Kommersant, and any entities owned 50 percent or more, directly or indirectly, by Kommersant. Kommersant is a media and journalism company owned by Alisher Usmanov separately from USM Holding company. Kommersant will not be added to the SDN List.

- Please visit Treasury's webpage for additional details:  
<https://ofac.treasury.gov/sanctions-programs-and-country-information/russian-harmful-foreign-activities-sanctions>