



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. On 21 July 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 added to the consolidated list and is now subject to an asset freeze.
 - JSC AGAT - ELECTROMECHANICAL PLANT (Group ID: 14125)

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. 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)

ADDITION

Entity

1. JSC AGAT - ELECTROMECHANICAL PLANT

Address: Nezavisimosti ave. 115, Minsk, Belarus, 220114. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):BEL0109 (UK Statement of Reasons): JSC AGAT - Electromechanical Plant is named as one of a number of Belarusian defence companies on the website of the government authority, The State Authority for Military Industry of the Republic of Belarus (SAMI). JSC AGAT - Electromechanical Plant manufactures the 'Rubezh' (Frontier), a barrier system designed for riot control which was deployed during the demonstrations that have taken place in the wake of the August 9 2020 Presidential elections in Belarus. JSC AGAT - Electromechanical Plant therefore provided support for, and made available equipment to police and security forces of the Ministry of Internal Affairs, which have contributed to, the repression of civil society and of democratic opposition following the August 9 elections. Furthermore, JSC AGAT - Electromechanical Plant is named as one of a number of Belarusian defence companies on the SAMI website. SAMI was established by the Belarusian President's Decree of 30 December 2003 and is described on its website as being "subordinate to the Council of Ministers of the Republic of Belarus and in certain aspects of its activity, in accordance with the current legislation, is subordinate to the President of the Republic of Belarus." It is therefore reasonable to conclude that JSC AGAT - Electromechanical Plant is responsible for, engaging in, providing support for, and promoting the wider efforts directed by the Belarussian regime to repress civil society and the democratic opposition. (Phone number): (1) (+375) 17 272 01 32. (2) (+375) 17 570 41 45. (Website): <https://agat-emz.by/> (Email address): marketing@agat-emz.by **Listed on:** 21/07/2021 **Last Updated:** 21/07/2021 **Group ID:** 14125.

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