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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2026/...

of ...

**amending Decision 2014/512/CFSP concerning restrictive measures
in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 31 July 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/512/CFSP¹.
- (2) The Union remains unwavering in its support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.
- (3) In its conclusions of 19 December 2024, the European Council reiterated its resolute condemnation of Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, which constitutes a manifest violation of the Charter of the United Nations, and reaffirmed the Union's unwavering commitment to providing continued political, financial, economic, humanitarian, military and diplomatic support to Ukraine and its people.
- (4) As long as the illegal actions by the Russian Federation continue to violate fundamental rules of international law, including, in particular, the prohibition on the use of force enshrined in Article 2(4) of the Charter of the United Nations, or of international humanitarian law, it is appropriate to maintain in force all the measures imposed by the Union and to take additional measures, if necessary.
- (5) In view of the continued and escalating aggression by the Russian Federation against Ukraine, in particular the recent brutal military campaign deliberately targeting civilian infrastructure, including energy, water and health facilities, which has caused severe suffering to the civilian population and seeks to undermine Ukraine's resilience, the Council considers it necessary to adopt further restrictive measures.

¹ Council Decision 2014/512/CFSP of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine (OJ L 229, 31.7.2014, p. 13, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2014/512/oj>).

- (6) In particular, 60 entities should be added to the list of legal persons, entities or bodies set out in Annex IV to Decision 2014/512/CFSP, namely the list of persons, entities and bodies supporting Russia's military and industrial complex in its war of aggression against Ukraine, on whom and on which tighter export restrictions are imposed regarding dual-use goods and technology, as well as goods and technology which might contribute to the technological enhancement of Russia's defence and security sector. Those entities include certain entities in third countries other than Russia that indirectly contribute to Russia's military and technological enhancement thereby enabling the circumvention of export restrictions, including those on computer numerical controlled (CNC) machine tools, microelectronics, components for unmanned aerial vehicles, microelectronic products, maritime equipment, and components for other vehicles and machinery.
- (7) It is appropriate to expand the list of items which might contribute to Russia's military and technological enhancement or to the development of its defence and security sector by listing items which have been used by Russia in its war of aggression against Ukraine and items which contribute to the development or production of its military systems, including laboratory glassware, certain high performance lubricants and their additives, and energetic materials.
- (8) Additionally, it is appropriate to introduce further restrictions on imports of goods which generate significant revenues for Russia, thereby enabling the continuation of its war of aggression against Ukraine, including on certain raw materials, metals, certain minerals, on scrap of steel and other metals, on chemicals, on articles of vulcanised rubber and on tanned furskins.

- (9) In order to minimise the risk of circumvention of restrictive measures, it is appropriate to further extend the list of goods and technology subject to the prohibition on transit via the territory of Russia.
- (10) It is also appropriate to impose further restrictions on exports of goods which might contribute to the enhancement of Russian industrial capacities, such as chemicals, rubber and articles of vulcanised rubber, articles of steel, tools for metal production and industrial tractors.
- (11) It is justified to expand the existing broadcasting prohibition to also restrict broadcasting and the facilitation of broadcasting in the Union of content of entities which mirror the content of other entities that are already subject to the prohibition, in order to tackle attempts to circumvent the restrictive measure. Consistent with the fundamental rights and freedoms recognised in the Charter of Fundamental Rights, in particular with the right to freedom of expression and information, the freedom to conduct a business and the right to property as recognised in Articles 11, 16 and 17 thereof, this measure does not prevent those media outlets which are subject to the broadcasting prohibition and their staff from carrying out other activities in the Union than broadcasting, such as research and interviews. In particular, this measure does not modify the obligation to respect the rights, freedoms and principles referred to in Article 6 of the Treaty on European Union, including in the Charter of Fundamental Rights, and in Member States' constitutions, within their respective fields of application.

- (12) It is appropriate to introduce a prohibition on providing liquified natural gas (LNG) terminal services to Russian entities or to entities owned or controlled by Russian nationals or operators. The relevant contracts for the LNG terminal services concerned should terminate automatically on 1 January 2027.
- (13) It is appropriate to amend the price cap for Russian crude oil and petroleum products. The Council should be informed as soon as possible of any agreement of the Price Cap Coalition and of G7 Discussions, and the Council should decide, based on a proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy, on the application of the oil price cap, with the result that a full ban on maritime services related to Russian crude oil and petroleum products would enter into force.
- (14) It is appropriate to amend the obligation to provide traceability evidence by requiring importers of polished diamonds, including diamonds polished in third countries, to provide a due-diligence statement confirming that the diamonds were not mined, processed or produced in Russia.

- (15) The Government of the Russian Federation has imposed illegitimate so-called ‘temporary management’ on property located on the territory of the Russian Federation, that belongs to foreign persons associated with so-called ‘unfriendly foreign states’, i.e. states which have introduced restrictive measures against Russia. That so-called ‘temporary management’ is tantamount to expropriation. By those means, the Government of the Russian Federation removes from the Russian market the Union competitors of Russian companies, giving the latter an economic advantage over those Union and other foreign competitors, thus strengthening the Russian economy’s resilience to restrictive measures that affect it. In some cases, the so-called ‘temporary management’ is even granted to Russian competitors of Union entities themselves, giving them a direct economic advantage over those Union competitors. To strengthen the framework of restrictive measures by the Union, it is justified to enable the Council to draw up a list of Russian companies, which are subject to a transaction ban, that benefit from such illegitimate so-called ‘temporary management’ in particular by ‘temporarily’ taking over the management in Russia of the property and entities owned or controlled by entities established in the Union, or by operating in the same market sector as those Union owned or controlled entities. Provision should be made for exceptions in certain cases.

- (16) The Union has taken decisive measures to identify entities that facilitate a continued financial lifeline for Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, whether by connecting to the System for Transfer of Financial Messages ('SPFS') of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation or by enabling the circumvention of Union restrictive measures, and to prohibit any transaction between those entities and Union operators. Out of the identified entities, five have taken measures to close loopholes and terminate the relevant illicit activities. It is therefore justified to remove the listings for those five entities from the relevant annex to Decision 2014/512/CFSP. In addition, there is evidence that other such entities in third countries continue to enable Russia to carry out illicit activities. Four financial entities were identified. Transactions between them and persons located in the Union should be prohibited, by listing the four financial entities in the relevant annexes to Decision 2014/512/CFSP.

(17) The Central Bank of the Russian Federation is launching the digital rouble, which is expected to become a common method of payment in the coming years among Russian companies, individuals, and credit and financial institutions, as well as between them and operators in third countries. Although it is still in a preparatory stage, the digital rouble project is intended, inter alia, to provide a payment system which shields Russian persons from the effect of restrictive measures laid down in, for example, Decisions 2014/512/CFSP and 2014/145/CFSP², and in Council Regulations (EU) No 833/2014³ and (EU) No 269/2014⁴. It is therefore appropriate to prohibit engaging, directly or indirectly, in any transaction involving central bank digital currencies such as the digital rouble or providing support to the development of such projects. A limited period of time to enable the orderly termination of existing relevant contracts should also be provided for.

² Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 16, ELI: [http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2014/145\(1\)/oj](http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2014/145(1)/oj)).

³ Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 of 31 July 2014 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's actions destabilising the situation in Ukraine (OJ L 229, 31.7.2014, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/833/oj>).

⁴ Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 6, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/269/oj>).

- (18) It is appropriate to expand the list of crypto-assets the use of which is prohibited in transactions, as those crypto assets pose a risk of circumventing the prohibitions laid down, inter alia, in Decisions 2014/512/CFSP and 2014/145/CFSP, and in Regulations (EU) No 833/2014 and (EU) No 269/2014. A limited period of time to enable the orderly termination of existing relevant contracts should also be provided for.
- (19) In February 2025, the Russian crypto-exchange Garantex was listed in the relevant Annexes to Decision 2014/145/CFSP and to Regulation (EU) 269/2014 for providing access for other listed entities to the global financial system. Evidence from civil society investigations shows that those activities of Garantex have been transferred to other entities established in Russia, in order to bypass Union restrictive measures. Any further listing of individual crypto-asset service providers or of decentralised platforms allowing the exchange or transfer of crypto assets is therefore likely to result in the setting-up of new ones to circumvent those listings. In order to ensure that Union restrictive measures achieve their intended effects, it is appropriate to prohibit engaging with any crypto-asset service provider that is established in Russia, and making use of any platform that is established in Russia, which facilitates the transfer and exchange of crypto-assets.

- (20) It is appropriate to add 20 credit or financial institutions to the list of legal persons, entities or bodies subject to a transaction ban. The transaction ban applies to certain Russian credit or financial institutions or other entities, including those subscribing to financial messaging services, or to Russian subsidiaries of third-country credit or financial institutions, which are relevant for the Russian financial and banking system, and are either large or important regional banks, which consequently facilitate regional and federal finances and business, or banks which facilitate cross-border payments, thereby bolstering the Russian economy and its industry, or banks which undermine the territorial integrity of Ukraine by operating in the occupied territories of Ukraine, or by providing financial services over the occupied territories of Ukraine, or banks which offer financial services to military personnel in the Russian armed forces, or banks which are already the subject of restrictive measures imposed by the Union or by partner countries. In addition, it is necessary to amend an exemption that is required for the reception of payments due and the fulfilment of prior obligations by the legal persons, entities or bodies referred to in Annex VIII to Decision 2014/512/CFSP, and to add an exemption for the payment of reasonable professional fees or the reimbursement of incurred expenses associated with the provision of legal services, as well as an exemption related to the needs of state-funded intermediate organisations for the foreign cultural policy of the Member States in Russia.
- (21) It is justified to impose additional restrictions on the provision to the Government of Russia and to legal persons, entities or bodies established in Russia of services that contribute to enhancing Russia's technological capabilities, in particular the provision of managed security services.

- (22) It is appropriate to introduce an exemption from the requirement for prior authorisation for services provided to the Government of Russia which are not already subject to the restrictive measures set out in Decision 2014/512/CFSP or Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, where those services are strictly necessary for the functioning of a consular or diplomatic representation of Russia located in a Member State.
- (23) It is necessary to broaden the existing prohibition on the acceptance of financing, donations or any other economic benefits or support from Russia, whether directly or indirectly, by extending it to public and private research institutions, universities, higher education establishments, research and technology organisations, non-governmental organisations, public bodies and agencies, to undertakings and other entities in the industrial and commercial sectors, including micro, small, medium-sized and large enterprises, that carry out research and innovation action, as well as to natural persons associated with such legal persons, entities or bodies. Accepting Russian public funding can result in providing direct or indirect support to Russian natural or legal persons, entities or bodies due to the related transfer of knowledge, access to infrastructure, training and other activities carried out in the context of research and innovation. Furthermore, existing programmes might envisage research stays in Russia. Those activities can be used for influence campaigns and the promotion of disinformation aimed at undermining the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine and for promoting pro-Russian propaganda aimed at justifying and supporting Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. It is thus appropriate that funding from Russia and its proxies to actors in the Union carrying out research and innovation action be prohibited.

- (24) It is appropriate to clarify that reporting obligations concerning information which would facilitate the implementation of Decision 2014/512/CFSP and Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 should encompass the duty to report about persons that engage in attempts at circumvention schemes, or on transactions deemed suspicious.
- (25) The Union has imposed significant restrictive measures in the maritime sector vis-à-vis Russia, in particular regarding the fleet of tanker vessels, known as the ‘shadow fleet’, engaged in irregular and high-risk shipping practices as set out in International Maritime Organisation General Assembly resolution A.1192(33). In order to ensure that vessels sold by Union operators do not join or support the shadow fleet, the conditions applying to sales of tanker vessels to operators in third countries should be tightened by providing for specific due diligence and a mandatory clause in tanker vessel sales agreements in accordance with which the vessels cannot be sold on or transferred to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia, or for use in Russia. Such due diligence should be proportionate, and include a screening of all parties to the transaction. In the specific context of tanker vessel sales, where a Union seller has carried out appropriate due diligence and obtained the required contractual commitments, the Union seller should not be held liable for a subsequent breach of those commitments by the buyer, provided the Union seller acted in good faith and did not possess information suggesting an intent to circumvent the measures. The liability for such a breach should rest with the third-country party that fails to respect the contractual prohibition.

- (26) Noting that many vessels listed by the Council as belonging to the shadow fleet have reached an age at which they ought to be recycled, and in order to encourage their recycling rather than continued operations, and to enable Union operators to be involved in recycling-related activities, a new derogation from the Union restrictive measures should facilitate the recycling of such vessels.
- (27) It is justified to introduce restrictions on ice-breaker vessels operating in Russia, because those vessels are instrumental in supporting oil and gas exports from northernmost Russia. In addition, a restriction on providing services to Russian flagged, owned or managed LNG tankers should be introduced.

(28) At present, claims against Union companies complying with restrictive measures can be brought by legal persons, entities or bodies other than Russian legal persons, entities or bodies, by persons other than those listed in Decision 2014/512/CFSP and in Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, or by persons other than those acting on their behalf or at their direction, for instance when Union operators discontinue their supply to natural and legal persons in third countries other than Russia of products the export of which to Russia is prohibited. Therefore, it is appropriate to strengthen the Union's framework of restrictive measures by extending the scope of the prohibition on the satisfaction of such claims in connection with any contract or transaction the performance of which has been affected, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by Union restrictive measures. The scope of the prohibition on the satisfaction of such claims should therefore also be extended to cover claims brought by natural or legal persons, entities or bodies established in third countries other than Russia and partner countries listed in the relevant annex to Decision 2014/512/CFSP, where those natural or legal persons, entities or bodies are selling, supplying, transferring or exporting goods, technology or services the sale, supply, transfer or export of which is prohibited under Decision 2014/512/CFSP and Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, whether or not the goods, technology or services originate in the Union.

(29) Russia has adopted legislation, in particular the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 122 of 15 February 2024, and the Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1767 of 18 October 2021 as amended by Government Resolution No. 380 of 27 March 2024, which allows the Russian Government to decide, at the request of a Russian legal entity of which the Russian State, a Russian legal entity, or a Russian citizen owns, directly or indirectly, more than 75 % of the share capital, on the use of an invention, a utility model or an industrial design without the consent of the right holder, for which only a symbolic compensation is required to be paid into a special rouble bank account. The legislation targets, in particular, right holders owned or controlled by natural persons in, and by legal persons incorporated under the laws of, countries that impose restrictive measures on Russia for its war of aggression against Ukraine, including persons and companies in Member States. The legislation effectively deprives Union right holders of legitimate protection for their intellectual property rights and trade secrets in Russia, thereby giving an economic advantage to Russian-owned companies, and ultimately bolsters Russian industry. Moreover, the legislation directly contributes to increasing the resilience of Russia's economy and its war effort, particularly when the inventions, utility models or industrial designs in question are used in the area of defence or for dual-use goods. It is therefore appropriate to enable the Council to impose a transaction ban on entities incorporated under Russian law that use without their consent the intellectual property rights of subsidiaries incorporated in Russia of Union companies. In order to facilitate identifying the entities using the intellectual property rights and trade secrets of Union right holders without their consent in that way, it is necessary for the affected Union right holders to inform the respective Member State of such use.

- (30) It is necessary to amend the prior notification mechanism for Russian diplomats and consular officers, as well as for members of the administrative and technical staff or of the service staff of diplomatic missions or consular posts of Russia, and for their family members, when travelling to a Member State other than that of their accreditation or residence.
- (31) Preventing and countering the circumvention of the Union's restrictive measures in and by third countries remains a priority. Significant efforts have been undertaken to prevent the re-export to Russia of Union-origin dual-use goods and technology, including the Common High Priority (CHP) items listed in Annexes VII and XL to Regulation (EU) 833/2014, to Russia. The Commission monitors trade flows of those items, and the International Special Envoy for the Implementation of EU Sanctions engages with third countries where suspicious trade flows have been identified.

(32) It is justified to add two combined nomenclature (CN) codes and the Kyrgyz Republic to the list of goods and technology and countries set out in Annex XIV to Decision 2014/512/CFSP. Based on available trade data for the first ten months of 2025, imports of CHP items from the Union to the Kyrgyz Republic were almost 800 % higher than before Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine. For the same period, exports of CHP items from the Kyrgyz Republic to Russia were 1 200 % higher than before Russia's war of aggression. The listings concern machining centres for working metal (CN code 8457 10) and machines for the reception, conversion and transmission or regeneration of voice, images or other data, including switching and routing apparatus (CN code 8517 62). Those CN codes are listed under the relevant annexes to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, as the goods are capable of being used to contribute to Russia's military and technological enhancement or to the development of Russia's defence and security sector. Machining centres are widely used in defence manufacturing, as they can produce high-precision metal components essential for military production. Machines for the transmission of voice and data are used, inter alia, for field communication networks and for drone telemetry. The high level of imports of such items into the Kyrgyz Republic from the Union compared with pre-war figures demonstrates a continuing and particularly high risk of circumvention, through their subsequent sale, supply, transfer or export from the Kyrgyz Republic to Russia.

- (33) The International Special Envoy for the Implementation of EU Sanctions has actively engaged with the Kyrgyz Republic, and the Union has also engaged in technical discussions with the Kyrgyz authorities. Despite multiple requests and despite various exchanges, the Kyrgyz Republic has neither adopted nor enforced measures sufficient to ensure that Union-origin CHP items are not re-exported to Russia, thus increasing significantly the risk that its jurisdiction is used to circumvent the Union's restrictive measures. Therefore, the Kyrgyz Republic should be identified as a jurisdiction where the risk of circumvention is systematic and persistent, with authorities failing to prevent the sale, supply, transfer, or export to Russia of goods and technology as listed in Annex XIV to Decision 2014/512/CFSP, exported from the Union.
- (34) It is appropriate to extend the list of partner countries for importation of petroleum products.
- (35) It is also appropriate to add two ports and locks in Russia, and one port and lock in a third country other than Russia to the relevant Annex to Decision 2014/512/CFSP, that are used for the circumvention of the oil price cap by vessels practicing irregular and high-risk shipping practices. This concerns the Karimun Oil Terminal in Indonesia.
- (36) Further action by the Union is needed in order to implement certain measures.
- (37) Decision 2014/512/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Decision 2014/512/CFSP is amended as follows:

(1) Article 1ae is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 1, the following point is added:

‘(d) is not a credit or financial institution or an entity providing crypto-asset services or payment services and offers services that enable the performance of international transactions, including through payments from accounts in countries other than Russia, through netting, through set-off, through reconciliation or through settlement, that frustrate the purpose of the prohibitions in Decisions 2014/512/CFSP and 2014/145/CFSP, and in Regulations (EU) No 833/2014 and (EU) No 269/2014, as listed in Part D of Annex XIX to this Decision.’;

(b) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

‘2. The prohibition in paragraph 1 shall also apply with respect to:

(a) a legal person, entity or body acting on behalf of, or at the direction of, an entity referred to in points (a), (b), (c) or (d) of paragraph 1;

- (b) an entity providing crypto-asset services or payment services that operates as a mirror or successor entity of an entity referred to in points (a) or (b) of paragraph 1;
 - (c) an entity offering enabling services equivalent to those provided by the entities referred to in point (d) of paragraph 1.?’;
- (c) the following paragraph is inserted:
- ‘2b. For the purposes of paragraph 2, point (c), an equivalent enabling service is a service that meets the following criteria:
- (a) the service is offered by an entity that is neither a credit institution, nor a financial institution, nor an entity providing crypto-asset services or payment services;
 - (b) the service is addressed to Russian customers and has the stated intent to enable cross-border transactions, including through payments from accounts in countries other than Russia, through netting, through set-off, through reconciliation or through settlement;
 - (c) the service does not exclude any of the transactions prohibited under this Decision and Decision 2014/145/CFSP, or under Regulations (EU) No 833/2014 and (EU) No 269/2014.’;

(2) Article 1af is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 1, point (c) is replaced by the following:

‘(c) for the maritime transport of crude oil or petroleum products, as listed in Annex XIII, or of mineral products, that originate in Russia or are exported from Russia by vessels practicing irregular and high-risk shipping practices as set out in International Maritime Organisation General Assembly resolution A.1192(33);’;

(b) in paragraph 3, the following point is added:

‘(h) to transactions with the port listed under entry number 7 in Part A of Annex XXI for the purchase, import or transfer of goods falling under CN codes 7207 12 10 and 7224 90, unless otherwise prohibited by this Decision.’;

(3) the following articles are inserted:

‘Article 1aj

1. It shall be prohibited to engage, directly or indirectly, in any transaction with a legal person, entity or body referred to in point (a), (b) or (c) of Article 7(1) of this Decision that benefitted, including by operating in the same market sector, from a decision pursuant to the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 302 of 25 April 2023 as subsequently amended, pursuant to Federal Law No. 470-FZ of 4 August 2023 as subsequently amended, or pursuant to related or equivalent Russian legislation, as listed in Annex XXVII.

2. Unless they are otherwise prohibited, the prohibition in paragraph 1 shall not apply to transactions that are:
- (a) necessary for the purchase, import or transport of pharmaceutical, medical or agricultural and food products, including wheat and fertilisers, the purchase, import and transport of which is allowed under this Decision and Regulation (EU) No 833/2014;
 - (b) strictly necessary to ensure access to judicial, administrative or arbitral proceedings in a Member State, as well as for the recognition or enforcement of a judgment or an arbitration award rendered in a Member State, provided that such transactions are consistent with the objectives of this Decision and Decision 2014/145/CFSP, and with those of Regulations (EU) No 833/2014 and (EU) No 269/2014;
 - (c) without prejudice to point (b) of this paragraph, strictly necessary to recover damages pursuant to:
 - (i) Article 11a or 11b of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014; or
 - (ii) Article 11a of Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.

Article 1ak

1. It shall be prohibited to engage, directly or indirectly, in any transaction with a natural or legal person, entity or body that seeks, or cooperates in, the enforcement outside the Union of judgments satisfying claims referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 11a of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, or with natural or legal persons, entities or bodies that own or control those legal persons, entities or bodies, with the exception of lawyers and members of the judiciary, as listed in Part A of Annex XXVIII.
2. It shall be prohibited to engage, directly or indirectly, in any transaction with a natural or legal person, entity or body that seeks, or cooperates in, the enforcement outside the Union of decisions referred to in paragraph 1 of Article 11b of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, or with natural or legal persons, entities or bodies that own or control those legal persons, entities or bodies, with the exception of lawyers and members of the judiciary, as listed in Part B of Annex XXVIII.
3. Unless they are otherwise prohibited, the prohibitions in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to transactions that are:
 - (a) necessary for the purchase, import or transport of pharmaceutical, medical or agricultural and food products, including wheat and fertilisers, the purchase, import and transport of which is allowed under this Decision or Regulation (EU) No 833/2014;

- (b) strictly necessary to ensure access to judicial, administrative or arbitral proceedings in a Member State, as well as for the recognition or enforcement of a judgment or an arbitration award rendered in a Member State, provided that such transactions are consistent with the objectives of this Decision and Decision 2014/145/CFSP, and those of Regulations (EU) No 833/2014 and (EU) No 269/2014;
- (c) without prejudice to point (b) of this paragraph, strictly necessary to recover damages pursuant to:
 - (i) Article 11a or 11b of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014; or
 - (ii) Article 11a of Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.’;

(4) Article 1ba is replaced by the following:

‘Article 1ba

It shall be prohibited to engage, directly or indirectly, in any transaction involving the crypto-assets or central bank digital currencies listed in Annex XXVI, or to provide any support to the development of such crypto-assets or central bank digital currencies.’;

(5) the following article is inserted:

‘Article 1bb

1. It shall be prohibited to engage, directly or indirectly, in any transaction with a legal person, entity or body that is an entity providing crypto-assets services or is a platform enabling the exchange or transfer of crypto-assets and is established in Russia.
2. The prohibition in paragraph 1 shall not apply to transactions:
 - (a) that are necessary for the functioning of diplomatic and consular representations of the Union and of the Member States or of partner countries in Russia, including delegations, embassies and missions, or international organisations in Russia enjoying immunities in accordance with international law;
 - (b) made by nationals of a Member State who are residents of Russia and were so before 24 February 2022.
3. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the competent authorities may authorise, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, transactions which are strictly necessary for divestment from Russia or for the winding-down of business activities in Russia.

4. The prohibition in paragraph 1 shall apply from ... [OJ: please insert a date 30 days from the date of entry into force of this amending Decision].’;

(6) Article 1e is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph (1a), point (f) is replaced by the following:

‘(f) necessary for the reception of payments due by the legal persons, entities or bodies referred to in Annex VIII pursuant to contracts and obligations performed before ... [OJ: please enter the date of entry into force of this amending Decision]’;

(b) in paragraph 1a, the following points are added:

‘(i) strictly necessary for the payment of reasonable professional fees or the reimbursement of incurred expenses associated with the provision of legal services;

(j) that are necessary for the needs of state-funded intermediate organisations for the foreign cultural policy of the Member States in Russia.’;

(7) Article 1k is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 1, the following point is added:

‘(i) managed security services.’;

(b) the following paragraph is inserted:

‘4a. Paragraph 4 shall not apply to the provision, directly or indirectly, of services not covered by paragraphs 1 or 2 to a consular or diplomatic representation of the Russian Federation located in a Member State, where those services are strictly necessary for the functioning of that representation.’;

(c) the following paragraph is inserted:

‘8d. Paragraph 1, point (i) shall apply from ... [OJ: please enter one month after the date of entry into force of this amending Decision];’;

(8) the following article is inserted:

‘Article 10a

1. It shall be prohibited to engage, directly or indirectly, in any transaction with a legal person, entity or body that, pursuant to the Decree of the President of the Russian Federation No. 122 of 15 February 2024, the Decree of the Government of the Russian Federation No. 1767 of 18 October 2021 as amended by Government Resolution No. 380 of 27 March 2024, or pursuant to related or equivalent Russian legislation or pursuant to any injunction, order, relief, judgment or other decision of a Russian court, has used or uses intellectual property rights or trade secrets belonging to or licensed to a legal person in Russia that is owned or controlled by a natural person of a Member State or by a legal person incorporated under the law of a Member State without the consent of the right holder, as listed in Annex XXIX.

2. Without prejudice to Article 6b of Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, the natural persons of a Member State or the legal persons incorporated under the law of a Member State mentioned in paragraph 1 of this Article shall inform the competent authority of that Member State of any use pursuant to the Russian legislation mentioned in that paragraph and without the right holder's consent of any of the intellectual property rights or trade secrets owned by or licensed to the legal persons they own or control in Russia.
3. Member States informed by right holders in accordance with paragraph 2 shall in turn inform the Commission about the use without consent of intellectual property rights or trade secrets.';

(9) in Article 1p(2), the following points are added:

- '(e) public and private research institutions, universities, higher education establishments, research and technology organisations, non-governmental organisations, public bodies and agencies, as well as undertakings and other entities in the industrial and commercial sectors, including micro, small, medium-sized and large enterprises, that carry out research and innovation action, as defined in Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council*;

- (f) natural persons associated with the legal persons, entities or bodies referred to in point (e).

* Regulation (EU) 2021/695 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 28 April 2021 establishing Horizon Europe – the Framework Programme for Research and Innovation, laying down its rules for participation and dissemination, and repealing Regulations (EU) No 1290/2013 and (EU) No 1291/2013 (OJ L 170, 12.5.2021, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2021/695/oj>).’;

(10) Article 2 is amended as follows:

- (a) paragraph (4) is replaced by the following:

‘4. The prohibition in paragraph 3 shall be without prejudice to:

- (a) the execution of contracts concluded before 1 August 2014, or ancillary contracts necessary for the execution of such contracts; or
- (b) the provision of spare parts and services necessary for the maintenance and safety of existing capabilities within the Union; or
- (c) the military forensic analysis of items originating in Russia and recovered from Ukraine.’;

(b) the following paragraphs are added:

- ‘8. The prohibitions in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to the sale, supply, transfer or export of the goods and technology referred to in paragraph 1b of Article 4m, or to the provision of related financing or financial assistance, technical assistance, brokering services or other services, for non-military use and for a non-military end-user, intended for health emergencies, the urgent prevention or mitigation of an event likely to have a serious and significant impact on human health and safety or the environment, or as a response to natural disasters.
9. By way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 2, the competent authorities may authorise, under the conditions they deem appropriate, the sale, supply, transfer or export of the goods and technology listed in paragraph 1b of Article 4m, or the provision of related financing or financial assistance, technical assistance, brokering services or other services, after having determined that such goods or technology or the provision of related financing or financial assistance, technical assistance, brokering services or other services are necessary for:
 - (a) medical or pharmaceutical purposes, or for humanitarian purposes, such as delivering or facilitating the delivery of assistance, including medical supplies, food, or the transfer of humanitarian workers and related assistance or for evacuations;

- (b) the exclusive use and under the full control of the authorising Member State and in order to fulfil its maintenance obligations in areas which are under a long-term lease agreement between that Member State and the Russian Federation;
 - (c) the establishment, operation, maintenance, fuel supply and retreatment and safety of civil nuclear capabilities, and the continuation of design, construction and commissioning required for the completion of civil nuclear facilities, the supply of precursor material for the production of medical radioisotopes and similar medical applications, or critical technology for environmental radiation monitoring, as well as for civil nuclear cooperation, in particular in the field of research and development; or
 - (d) the production of titanium goods required in the aeronautic industry, for which no alternative supply is available.
10. Paragraphs 8 and 9 are without prejudice to the exemptions and derogations laid out in Article 4m, and in particular paragraphs 4aa, 4b and 5 thereof.’;

(11) Article 3 is amended as follows:

(a) in paragraph 4, point (h) is replaced by the following:

‘(h) ensuring cyber-security and information security for legal persons, entities and bodies in Russia which are owned or solely or jointly controlled by a legal person, entity or body which is incorporated or constituted under the law of a Member State;’;

(b) in paragraph 7, point (iii) is replaced by the following:

‘(iii) the sale, supply, transfer or export of goods and technology referred to in paragraph 1 of this Article or the provision of related technical or financial assistance is intended for the energy sector, unless such a sale, supply, transfer or export or the related technical or financial assistance is allowed under the exceptions referred to in paragraphs 3 to 6 of Article 4 and paragraph 4aa of Article 4m.’;

(12) in Article 3a(4), point (h) is replaced by the following:

‘(h) ensuring cyber-security and information security for legal persons, entities and bodies in Russia which are owned or solely or jointly controlled by a legal person, entity or body which is incorporated or constituted under the law of a Member State;’;

(13) Article 4 is amended as follows:

- (a) paragraph 1 is deleted;
- (b) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

‘2. It shall be prohibited to:

- (a) provide technical assistance, brokering services or other services related to the software referred to in paragraph 1a and to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of that software, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia, or for use in Russia;
- (b) provide financing or financial assistance related to the software referred to in paragraph 1a for any sale, supply, transfer or export of that software, or for the provision of related technical assistance, brokering services or other services, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia, or for use in Russia;

- (c) sell, license or transfer in any other way intellectual property rights or trade secrets as well as grant rights to access or re-use any material or information protected by means of intellectual property rights or constituting trade secrets related to the software referred to in paragraph 1a and to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of that software, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia.’;
- (c) the introductory wording of paragraph 3 is replaced by the following:
- ‘3. The prohibitions in paragraph 2 shall not apply to the sale, supply, transfer or export of software, or to the provision of technical or financial assistance, necessary for.’;
- (d) paragraph 3a is deleted;
- (e) the introductory wording of paragraph 6 is replaced by the following:
- ‘6. By way of derogation from paragraphs 1a and 2, the competent authorities may authorise, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, the sale, supply, transfer or export and the provision of technical or financial assistance, after having determined that.’;

(14) in Article 4g, the following paragraph is inserted:

‘1a. The prohibition in paragraph 1 shall also apply to online content of a legal person, entity or body that operates as a mirror entity of a legal person, entity or body referred to in paragraph 1, where at least two of the following criteria are met:

- (a) substantially identical content or feeds;
- (b) continuity of branding, design or user interface;
- (c) overlapping ownership, control or management;
- (d) redirection or migration of users from a legal person, entity or body referred to in paragraph 1;
- (e) continuity of technical infrastructure, including use of the same code base, domains or applications.’;

(15) in Article 4ha(5a), point (b) is replaced by the following:

‘(b) the access is necessary for operations strictly necessary for the completion of renewable energy projects in the Union.’;

(16) Article 4k is amended as follows:

(a) the following paragraphs are inserted:

‘3be. With regard to the goods falling under CN codes 2501, 2517, 2519, 2522, 2530, 2601, 2619, 2620, 2621, 2804 61, 2804 69, 2815, 2816, 2825 20, 2833, 2849, 2910, 2916, 2926, 4016, 4302, 7110 11, 7110 19, 7110 31, 7110 39, 7110 41, 7110 49, 7204, 7401, 7402, 7403 (except 7403 19), 7404, 7406, 7503, 7504, 7505, 7602, 7603, 7610, 7612, 8102, 8104 and 8105, the prohibitions in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to the execution until ... [OJ: 3 months after entry into force of this amending Decision] of contracts concluded before ... [OJ: date of entry into force of this amending Decision], or of ancillary contracts necessary for the execution of such contracts.

3bf. With regard to goods falling under CN code 7403 19, the prohibitions in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to the execution until ... [OJ: 9 months after entry into force of the amending Decision] of contracts concluded before ... [OJ: date of entry into force of the amending Decision], or of ancillary contracts necessary for the execution of such contracts.’;

(b) paragraphs 3cc and 3cd are deleted;

(c) paragraph 3e is replaced by the following:

‘3e. By way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, the competent authorities may authorise the purchase, import or transfer of goods falling under CN codes 7007, 7019, 8424 10 00, 8479, 8481, 8483, 8487, 8504, 8516 29 91, 8517, 8525, 8531, 8536, 8537, 8538, 8539, 8542, 8543, and 8603, as listed in Annex XXI to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, or the provision of related technical and financial assistance, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, after having determined that to do so is necessary for the operation, maintenance or repair of Budapest metro line 3 cars delivered in 2018, in execution of the service life guarantee provided by Metrowagonmash prior to 24 June 2023.’;

(d) the following paragraphs are added:

‘3h. As of ..., [OJ: date of entry into force of this amending Decision] the prohibitions in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to the import, purchase or transport, or to the related technical or financial assistance, necessary for the import into the Union, of 688 000 metric tonnes of goods falling under CN code 2814 between ... [OJ: date of entry into force of this amending Decision in format day/month] of a given year and ... [OJ: please put the day before the date of entry into force of this amending Decision in format day/month] of the year thereafter.

- 3i. By way of derogation from paragraphs 1 and 2 of this Article, the competent authorities may authorise the purchase, import or transfer until ... [OJ: five years from entry into force of this amending Decision] of goods falling under CN codes 7007, 7019, 8471, 8479, 8481, 8482, 8483, 8487, 8504, 8517, 8523, 8525, 8531, 8536, 8537, 8538, 8539, 8542, 8543, 8603, 9030, 9031, 9032 and 9405, as listed in Annex XXI to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, or the provision of related technical and financial assistance, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, after having determined that to do so is necessary for the safety of the operation, maintenance or repair of Sofia metro line 1. 2 and 4 cars, produced and delivered until 2017.’;
- (e) paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:
- ‘5. The import volume quotas set out in paragraphs 3cg, 3ch, 3h and 4 of this Article shall be managed by the Commission and the Member States in accordance with the management system for tariff-rate quotas provided for in Articles 49 to 54 of Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2015/2447.’;
- (f) paragraph 6 is replaced by the following:
- ‘6. The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisation granted under paragraph 3ab, 3c, 3ce, 3e, 3g or 3i within two weeks of the authorisation.’;

(17) Article 4m is amended as follows:

(a) the following paragraph is inserted:

‘1b. Without prejudice to paragraph 1, it shall be prohibited to sell, supply, transfer or export, directly or indirectly goods falling under CN codes 7304 11 00, 7304 19 10, 7304 19 30, 7304 19 90, 7304 22 00, 7304 23 00, 7304 29 10, 7304 29 30, 7304 29 90, 7305 11 00, 7305 12 00, 7305 19 00, 7305 20 00, 7306 11, 7306 19, 7306 21 00, 7306 29 00, 8207 13 00, 8207 19 10, 8413 50, 8413 60, 8413 82 00, 8413 92 00, 8430 49 00, 8431 39 00, 8431 43 00, 8431 49, 8705 20 00, 8905 20 00 or 8905 90 10, as listed in Annex XXIII to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia, including its Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf, or for use in Russia, including its Exclusive Economic Zone and Continental Shelf.’;

(b) paragraph 2 is replaced by the following:

‘2. It shall be prohibited to:

(a) provide technical assistance, brokering services or other services related to the goods and technology referred to in paragraphs 1 and 1b and to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of those goods and technology, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia;

- (b) provide financing or financial assistance related to the goods and technology referred to in paragraphs 1 and 1b for any sale, supply, transfer or export of those goods and technology, or for the provision of related technical assistance, brokering services or other services, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia, or for use in Russia;
- (c) sell, license or transfer in any other way intellectual property rights or trade secrets as well as grant rights to access or re-use any material or information protected by means of intellectual property rights or constituting trade secrets related to the goods and technology referred to in paragraphs 1 and 1b and to the provision, manufacture, maintenance and use of those goods and technology, directly or indirectly to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia.’;
- (c) paragraphs 3ah, 3ai and 3aj are deleted;
- (d) the following paragraph is inserted:
- ‘3al. With regard to the goods falling under the CN codes listed in Annex XXIIIIH to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, the prohibitions in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall not apply to the execution until ... [OJ: 3 months from the date of entry into force of this amending Decision] of contracts concluded before ... [OJ: date of entry into force of this amending Decision], or to ancillary contracts necessary for the execution of such contracts.’;

- (e) in paragraph 4a, point (f) is replaced by the following:
- ‘(f) goods falling under CN code 3916 20 when strictly necessary for the sale of PVC flooring or windows.’;
- (f) in paragraph 5a, the following point is added:
- ‘(g) goods falling under CN codes 3920 43 10 99, 3925 90 10, 3925 90 80 00 or 8302 41 50 strictly necessary for the sale of windows.’;
- (g) paragraph 4aa is replaced by the following:
- ‘4aa. The prohibitions in paragraphs 1, 1a, 1b and 2 shall not apply to the sale, supply, transfer or export of the goods and technology referred to in paragraph 1 or to the related provision of technical and financial assistance, for non-military use and for a non-military end-user, intended for health emergencies, the urgent prevention or mitigation of an event likely to have a serious and significant impact on human health and safety or the environment, or as a response to natural disasters.’;

(h) paragraph 4b is replaced by the following:

‘4b. By way of derogation from paragraphs 1, 1b and 2, the competent authorities may authorise, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, the sale, supply, transfer or export of the goods falling under CN chapters 72, 84, 85 and 90 as listed in Annex XXIII to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, or related technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance, after having determined that it is strictly necessary for the production of titanium goods required in the aeronautic industry, for which no alternative supply is available.’;

(i) paragraph 5aa is replaced by the following:

‘5aa. The competent authorities of the Member States may authorise, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, the sale, supply, transfer or export of goods falling under CN codes 2835 22 00, 2920 90, 3917 10 and 3920 62, or the provision of related technical or financial assistance, after having determined that such goods are sold, supplied, transferred or exported strictly for the production of food items for human consumption in Russia.’;

(j) paragraph 5b is replaced by the following:

‘5b. The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisation granted under paragraphs 4a, 4b, 4c, 4d, 4g, 5, 5aa, 5h, 5i and 5j within two weeks of the authorisation.’;

(k) the following paragraph is inserted:

‘5j. By way of derogation from paragraph 1a, the competent authorities may authorise the transit via the territory of Russia of goods and technology falling under CN code 3403 19 80 as listed in Annex XXXVII to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 exported from Hungary, after having determined that such goods or technology are destined for Azerbaijan.’;

(18) Article 4o is amended as follows:

(a) the following paragraph is inserted:

‘2a. As of 1 January 2027, the prohibitions in paragraphs 1 and 2 shall apply to natural gas condensate of subheading CN 2709 00 10 from liquefied natural gas production plants.’;

(19) Article 4p is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 6 is amended as follows:

(i) points (b) and (c) are deleted;

- (ii) at the end of the paragraph, the following text is added as an unnumbered subparagraph which is not part of point (e):

‘The Council, acting by unanimity upon a proposal from the High Representative, shall decide, without undue delay on the basis of full coordination and consideration of discussions within the G7 and the Price Cap Coalition on the application of the exception to the prohibitions in paragraphs 1 and 4 in respect of crude oil or petroleum products traded at prices below the price cap.’;

- (b) the following paragraphs are added:

‘6b. The prohibitions in paragraphs 1 and 4 shall not apply:

- (a) to crude oil or petroleum products as listed in Annex XIII where those goods originate in a third country and are only being loaded in, departing from, or transiting through Russia, provided that both the origin and the owner of those goods are non-Russian;
- (b) to the transport, or to technical assistance, brokering services, financing or financial assistance related to such transport, of the products mentioned in Annex XII to the third countries mentioned therein, for the duration specified in that Annex.

6c. As of 1 January 2027, the prohibitions in paragraphs 1 and 4 shall apply to natural gas condensate of subheading CN 2709 00 10 from liquefied natural gas production plants.’;

(20) in Article 4pa, the introductory wording of paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

- ‘1. By way of derogation from Articles 3, 3a, 4, 4h and 4m, the competent authorities may authorise the sale, supply, transfer, export or transit through Russia of the goods and technology referred to in those Articles, or the provision of related technical assistance, brokering services or other services, or financing or financial assistance, for the operation and maintenance of the Caspian Pipeline Consortium (CPC) pipelines and associated infrastructure necessary for the transport of goods falling under CN 2709 00 originating in Kazakhstan and which are only being loaded in, departing from or transiting through Russia, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, after having determined that:’;

(21) Article 4u is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 8 is replaced by the following:

‘8. For the purposes of paragraphs 3 and 4 of this Article, goods falling under CN codes 7102 31 00 and 7102 10 00 that are imported into the Union shall be submitted for verification without delay, together with a certificate pursuant to Council Regulation (EC) No 2368/2002* in which the country of mining origin or the countries of mining origin are clearly stated, to the authority specified in Annex XXXVIII B to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014. The Member State where those goods are brought into the customs territory of the Union shall ensure their submission to the authority specified in Annex XXXVIII B to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014. Customs transit may be granted to that effect. If such customs transit is granted, the verification provided for in this paragraph shall be suspended until the arrival of those goods at the authority specified in Annex XXXVIII B to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014. The importer shall be responsible for the proper movement of those goods and the costs of such movement. A submission to that authority shall not be necessary provided that the goods had previously undergone the verification procedure provided for in this paragraph and provided that that is proven by traceability evidence, including a corresponding certificate certifying that the diamonds are not mined, processed or produced in Russia, as provided for in paragraph 10.

* Council Regulation (EC) No 2368/2002 of 20 December 2002 implementing the Kimberley Process certification scheme for the international trade in rough diamonds (OJ L 358, 31.12.2002, p. 28, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2002/2368/oj>).’;

(b) paragraph 10 is replaced by the following:

‘10. For the purposes of paragraphs 3 and 4, at the moment of importation, importers shall provide evidence of the country of origin of the diamonds or products incorporating diamonds used as inputs for the processing of the product in a third country.

As of 1 March 2025, the traceability evidence for products listed in Part A of Annex XXXVIII A to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014 falling under CN codes 7102 10 00 and 7102 31 00 shall include a corresponding certificate certifying that the diamonds are not mined, processed or produced in Russia. With regard to products falling under CN code 7102 39 00, as listed in Part A of Annex XXXVIII A to Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, the mandatory use of traceability evidence, including a due-diligence statement confirming that the diamonds are not mined, processed or produced in Russia, shall apply as from ... [OJ: please insert date of entry into force of this amending Decision].’;

(22) Article 4v is replaced by the following:

‘Article 4v

1. It shall be prohibited for any national of a Member State, natural person residing in a Member State, and any legal person, entity or body which is established in the Union to sell, or otherwise transfer ownership, directly or indirectly, of tanker vessels for the transport of crude oil or petroleum products listed in Annex XIII, falling under HS code ex 8901 20, whether or not originating in the Union, to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia.
2. Without prejudice to the prohibition in paragraph 1, any national of a Member State, any natural person residing in a Member State, and any legal person, entity or body which is established in the Union that sells, or otherwise transfers the ownership, to persons, entities and bodies in any third country directly or indirectly, of tanker vessels for the transport of crude oil or petroleum products listed in Annex XIII, falling under HS code ex 8901 20, whether or not those products originate in the Union, shall:
 - (a) take appropriate steps, proportionately to their nature and size, to identify and assess the risks of retransfer to Russia or for use in Russia, and ensure that those risk assessments are documented and kept up-to-date;

- (b) implement appropriate policies, controls and procedures, proportionately to their nature and size, to mitigate and manage effectively the risks of retransfer to Russia or for use in Russia.
3. Natural and legal persons, entities or bodies referred to in paragraph 2 acquiring the vessels shall provide all the information necessary for the completion of the steps referred to in paragraph 2, point (a).
4. Any sale or other arrangement entailing a transfer of ownership by a national of a Member State, a natural person residing in a Member State, or a legal person, entity or body which is established in the Union to any third country of tanker vessels for the transport of crude oil or petroleum products listed in Annex XIII, falling under HS code ex 8901 20, with the exception of a sale or other transfer of ownership prohibited under paragraph 1, shall be notified immediately to the competent authorities of the Member State where the owner of the vessel is a citizen, a resident or is established.

The notification to the competent authority shall contain at least the following information: the identities of the seller and the purchaser and, where applicable, the incorporation documents of the seller and the purchaser including the shareholding and management; the IMO ship identification number of the vessel; and the Call Sign of the vessel.

5. Any sale or other arrangement entailing a transfer of ownership by a national of a Member State, by a natural person residing in a Member State or by a legal person, entity or body which is established in the Union to any third country of a tanker vessel for the transport of crude oil or petroleum products listed in Annex XIII, falling under HS code ex 8901 20 shall contain a written contractual prohibition on any further resale or transfer of the vessel to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia.
6. The sale or other arrangement referred to in paragraph 5 shall also include written contractual provisions by which the third-country party acquiring the vessel:
 - (i) commits to mirroring the prohibition in paragraph 5 in any further resale or transfer that it may undertake; and,
 - (ii) obliges, in any further resale or transfer, the acquirer of the vessel to include written contractual provisions equivalent to those required by paragraph 5 and this paragraph.
7. The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any notification under paragraph 4, within two weeks of the notification.’;

(23) the following Article is inserted:

‘Article 4wb

From 1 January 2027, it shall be prohibited to provide, directly or indirectly, LNG terminal services to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or to any legal person, entity or body established in the Union which is more than 50 % owned, or which is controlled, by a Russian citizen or by a legal person, entity or body in Russia.

It shall be prohibited to maintain contracts concerning prohibited LNG services pursuant to this Article after 1 January 2027.’;

(24) Article 4x is amended as follows:

(a) the following paragraph is inserted:

‘3a. By way of derogation from paragraph 1, the competent authorities of a Member State may authorise the carrying out of the operations referred to in points (a) to (g) of paragraph 1 in respect of a vessel listed in Annex XVI, after having determined that:

(a) the vessel is intended to be recycled; and,

(b) the operations in question are necessary for the vessel to proceed to her recycling facility, for any relevant activities of the recycling facility in relation to the vessel, or for payments related to the recycling.’;

(b) paragraph 5 is replaced by the following:

‘5. The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisation granted under paragraphs 3a and 4 within two weeks of the authorisation.’;

(25) the following article is inserted:

‘Article 4xa

1. It shall be prohibited to provide, directly or indirectly, technical assistance, brokering services or financing or financial assistance, related to any ice-breaker vessel falling under CN code ex 8906 90 or to any liquefied natural gas (LNG) tanker vessel falling under CN code ex 8901 20, where such vessel is registered under the flag of Russia, is certified by the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping, is owned or managed by any Russian natural or legal person, entity or body, is operating in Russia, or is for use in Russia.

2. Paragraph 1 shall apply only from 25 April 2026 to LNG tanker vessels falling under CN code ex 8901 20 registered under the flag of Russia, certified by the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping, or owned or managed by any Russian natural or legal person, entity or body.
3. Paragraph 1 shall apply only from 1 January 2027 to LNG tanker vessels falling under CN code ex 8901 20 operating in Russia or for use in Russia, other than those registered under the flag of Russia, certified by the Russian Maritime Register of Shipping, or owned or managed by any Russian natural or legal person, entity or body.
4. Paragraph 1 shall not apply in the case of a vessel in need of assistance seeking a place of refuge, of an emergency port call for reasons of maritime safety, or for saving life at sea or for the urgent prevention or mitigation of an event likely to have a serious and significant impact on human health and safety or the environment, or as a response to natural disasters.’;

(26) Article 5d is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

‘1. Russian nationals, who are members of the diplomatic or consular personnel of Russia, or members of the administrative and technical staff or of the service staff of diplomatic missions or consular posts of Russia, or their family members, holders of a valid residence permit, including diplomatic identification documents, or a valid visa issued by another State, who intend to travel to or transit through the territory of any Member State, based on that residence permit or visa, shall notify the Member State or Member States concerned by the travel not later than on the last working day in that Member State or those Member States, whichever is the earlier, before the intended date of entry into their territory and, in any case, not later than 24 hours before that intended date of entry.’;

(b) the following paragraph is inserted:

‘1a. Russian nationals subject to the obligation in paragraph 1 shall carry a copy of the notification and present it, upon request, to the authorities of the Member State or Member States concerned by the travel.’;

(27) in Article 7(1), the following point is added:

‘(d) any natural person of a third country who is not a Russian national and any legal person, entity or body established in a third country other than Russia, with the exception of partner countries listed in Annex VII to this Decision, selling, supplying, transferring or exporting goods, technology and services, the sale, supply, transfer or export of which is prohibited under this Decision or under Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, whether or not originating in the Union, to the persons, entities or bodies referred to in points (a), (b) or (c) of this paragraph or for use in Russia.’;

(28) Article 8c is replaced by the following:

‘Article 8c

The Council, acting by unanimity on the basis of Articles 29 and 30 of the Treaty on European Union, shall amend Annexes I, II, III, IV, V, VI, VIII, IX, X, XI, XIV, XVI, XVII, XVIII, XIX, XX, XXI, XXII, XXIII, XXIV, XXV, XXVI, XXVII, XXVIII and XXIX.’;

(29) the Annexes to Decision 2014/512/CFSP are amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the day following that of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at ..., ...

For the Council
The President


