

2022, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, March 15, 2023.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by E.O. 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of derivative contracts entered into prior to 4:00 p.m. eastern standard time, December 15, 2022, that (i) include a blocked person described in paragraph (a) of this general license as a counterparty or (ii) are linked to covered debt or equity are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, March 15, 2023, provided that any payments to a blocked person are made into a blocked account in accordance with the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR).

(d) Paragraph (a) of this general license does not authorize:

(1) U.S. persons to sell, or to facilitate the sale of, covered debt or equity to, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked; or

(2) U.S. persons to purchase or invest in, or to facilitate the purchase of or investment in, directly or indirectly, covered debt or equity, other than purchases of or investments in covered debt or equity ordinarily incident and necessary to the divestment or transfer of covered debt or equity as described in paragraph (a) of this general license.

(e) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions prohibited by 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; or

(3) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the 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.

Andrea M. Gacki,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: December 15, 2022.

Andrea M. Gacki,
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 Licenses 8F, 13D, 60, and 61

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 Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations: GLs 8F, 13D, 60, and 61, each of which were previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: GLs 8F, 13D, 60, and 61 were issued on February 24, 2023. 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 February 24, 2023, OFAC issued GLs 8F, 13D, 60, and 61 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587. GLs 8F and 13D superseded GLs 8E and 13C, respectively. Each GL was made available on OFAC's website (www.treas.gov/ofac) when it was issued. The text of these GLs is provided below.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 8F

Authorizing Transactions Related to Energy

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 involving one or more of the following entities that are related to energy are authorized, through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, May 16, 2023:

- (1) State Corporation Bank for Development and Foreign Economic Affairs Vnesheconombank;
- (2) Public Joint Stock Company Bank Financial Corporation Otkritie;
- (3) Sovcombank Open Joint Stock Company;
- (4) Public Joint Stock Company Sberbank of Russia;
- (5) VTB Bank Public Joint Stock Company;
- (6) Joint Stock Company Alfa-Bank;
- (7) Public Joint Stock Company Rosbank;
- (8) Bank Zenit Public Joint Stock Company;
- (9) Bank Saint-Petersburg Public Joint Stock Company;
- (10) Any entity in which one or more of the above persons own, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest; or
- (11) the Central Bank of the Russian Federation.

(b) For the purposes of this general license, the term "related to energy" means the extraction, production, refinement, liquefaction, gasification, regasification, conversion, enrichment, fabrication, transport, or purchase of petroleum, including crude oil, lease condensates, unfinished oils, natural gas liquids, petroleum products, natural gas, or other products capable of producing energy, such as coal, wood, or agricultural products used to manufacture biofuels, or uranium in any form, as well as the development, production, generation, transmission, or exchange of power, through any means, including nuclear, thermal, and renewable energy sources.

(c) This general license does not authorize:

- (1) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 1A under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Certain Sovereign Debt of the Russian Federation*;

(2) 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*;

(3) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation; 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.

(d) Effective February 24, 2023, General License No. 8E, dated December 15, 2022, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 8F.

Note to General License No. 8F. This authorization is valid until May 16, 2023 unless renewed.

Andrea M. Gacki,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
Dated: February 24, 2023.

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GENERAL LICENSE NO. 13D

Authorizing Certain Administrative Transactions Prohibited by Directive 4 Under Executive Order 14024

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, U.S. persons, or entities owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a U.S. person, are authorized to pay taxes, fees, or import duties, and purchase or receive permits, licenses, registrations, or certifications, to the extent such transactions are prohibited by Directive 4 under Executive Order 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*, provided such transactions are ordinarily incident and necessary to the day-to-day operations in the Russian Federation of such U.S. persons or entities, through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, June 6, 2023.

(b) 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.

(c) Effective February 24, 2023, General License No. 13C, dated November 21, 2022, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 13D.

Andrea M. Gacki,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
Dated: February 24, 2023.

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31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 60

Authorizing the Wind Down and Rejection of Transactions Involving Certain Entities Blocked on February 24, 2023

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of transactions involving one or more of the following blocked persons (collectively, “the Blocked Entities”) are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, May 25, 2023, provided that any payment to a Blocked Entity is made into a blocked account in accordance with the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR):

(1) Bank Saint-Petersburg Public Joint Stock Company;

(2) Bank Zenit Public Joint Stock Company;

(3) Joint Stock Commercial Bank Primorye;

(4) Public Joint Stock Company Bank Uralsib;

(5) Joint Stock Company Commercial Bank Lanta Bank;

(6) SDM-Bank Public Joint Stock Company;

(7) Public Joint Stock Company Stock Commercial Bank Metallurgical Investment Bank;

(8) Public Joint Stock Company Ural Bank for Reconstruction And Development;

(9) Credit Bank of Moscow Public Joint Stock Company; or

(10) Any entity in which one or more of the above persons own, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, U.S. persons are authorized to reject, rather than block, all transactions prohibited by E.O. 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the processing of funds involving one or more of the Blocked Entities as an originating, intermediary, or beneficiary financial institution, through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, May 25, 2023.

(c) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions prohibited by 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; or

(3) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the RuHSR, including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR other than the Blocked Entities described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

Andrea M. Gacki,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
Dated: February 24, 2023.

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GENERAL LICENSE NO. 61

Authorizing Transactions Related to Debt or Equity of, or Derivative Contracts Involving, Certain Entities Blocked on February 24, 2023

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the divestment or transfer, or the facilitation of the divestment or transfer, of debt or equity of the following blocked persons (“covered debt or equity”) to a non-U.S. person are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, May 25, 2023:

(1) Bank Saint-Petersburg Public Joint Stock Company;

(2) Bank Zenit Public Joint Stock Company;

(3) Public Joint Stock Company Bank Uralsib;

(4) Joint Stock Company Commercial Bank Lanta Bank;

(5) SDM-Bank Public Joint Stock Company;

(6) Public Joint Stock Company Stock Commercial Bank Metallurgical Investment Bank; or

(7) Any entity in which one or more of the above persons own, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by E.O. 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to facilitating, clearing, and settling trades of covered debt or equity that were placed prior to 4:00 p.m. eastern standard time, February 24, 2023, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, May 25, 2023.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by E.O. 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of derivative contracts entered into prior to 4:00 p.m. eastern standard time, February 24, 2023, that (i) include a blocked person described in paragraph (a) of this general license as a counterparty or (ii) are linked to covered debt or equity are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, May 25, 2023, provided that any payments to a blocked person are made into a blocked account in accordance with the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR).

(d) Paragraph (a) of this general license does not authorize:

(1) U.S. persons to sell, or to facilitate the sale of, covered debt or equity to, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked; or

(2) U.S. persons to purchase or invest in, or to facilitate the purchase of or investment in, directly or indirectly, covered debt or equity, other than purchases of or investments in covered debt or equity ordinarily incident and necessary to the divestment or transfer of covered debt or equity as described in paragraph (a) of this general license.

(e) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions prohibited by 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; or (3) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the 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.

Andrea M. Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: February 24, 2023.

Andrea M. Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 117

[Docket No. USCG-2022-0892]

RIN 1625-AA09

Drawbridge Operation Regulation: Housatonic River, Stratford, CT

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is temporarily modifying the operating schedule that governs the US 1 Bridge across the Housatonic River, mile 3.5, at Stratford, CT. This action is necessary to allow for an unexpected delay in construction material delivery related to the COVID-19 pandemic. This temporary final rule is necessary to allow the bridge owner to complete the remaining replacements and repairs.

DATES: This temporary final rule is effective from March 21, 2023 through 12:01 a.m. on July 1, 2023.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>. Type the docket number (USCG-2022-0892) in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH". In the Document Type column, select "Supporting & Related Material."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this temporary final rule, call or email Stephanie E. Lopez, Coast Guard Bridge Management Specialist; telephone (212) 514-4335, email Stephanie.E.Lopez@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations

DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
TFR Temporary Final Rule
OMB Office of Management and Budget
Pub. L. Public Law
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary final rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are "impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because it is unnecessary.

On 19 April 2021, the Coast Guard issued a General Deviation which allowed the bridge owner to deviate from the current operating schedule in 33 CFR 117.207(a) to repair the bridge. This deviation letter can be found in this Docket as supporting documentation. Due to delays in procuring materials, the project ran past the approved deviation. The work cannot stop and needs to continue in order to bring the bridge back to normal operation. Therefore, there is lack of sufficient time to provide a reasonable comment period and then consider those comments before issuing the modification.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making it effective in less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. For reasons presented above, delaying the effective date of this rule would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest given the need to complete repairs to the bridge which are already underway and preventing full operation.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 33 U.S.C. 499. The Coast Guard is modifying the operating schedule that governs the US 1 Bridge across the Housatonic River, mile 3.5, Stratford, Connecticut. The US 1 Bridge has a vertical clearance in the closed position of 32 feet at mean high water.

The existing drawbridge regulation is listed at 33 CFR 117.207(a). The Connecticut Department of Transportation, the bridge owner, has requested this modification as