EU sanctions on Russia

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What this ledger covers

A package-by-package account of the EU's numbered sanctions rounds since February 2022, with the principal restrictions, selected exemptions and authorisation provisions, implementation deadlines and source links. The underlying sanctions framework began in 2014.

This edition identifies 21 numbered packages in the official Council record checked for this ledger. The additional listings announced on 12 October 2026 are recorded separately. They are not labelled a 22nd package without an official numbered designation.

How to read the entries

Measures are described as adopted. Each entry separates exceptions and transition periods from subsequent status notes. An elapsed deadline is historical information, not a permission that remains available. Some later amendments are highlighted; this is not a complete amendment-by-amendment legal consolidation.

For precise application, consult the current legal article and annex. The Council announcement explains the package; the regulation establishes the binding conditions. The principal amending regulation linked for each entry does not contain every separate listing or foreign-policy decision in that package.

The ledger does not reproduce every sanctioned person, company, vessel or goods code. Those lists are extensive and change independently of numbered packages; the authoritative annexes are linked below.

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Exceptions and deadlines

Exemption

An activity falls outside a prohibition when the specified conditions are met. An exemption can still carry notification, documentation or reporting requirements.

Derogation

A competent national authority may authorise an otherwise prohibited activity under stated conditions. Eligibility to apply is not permission to proceed.

Contract transition

A grandfathering or wind-down provision permits specified earlier contracts or transactions for a limited period. The contract date, completion date and any notification requirements all matter.

Country or product allowance

A rule may apply only to a named member state, commodity code, origin or transport route. It must not be generalised to other countries, products or routes.

Future or conditional measure

Adoption can precede application. A legal power to impose a restriction is distinct from a later decision activating it.

Cross-cutting permissions

Asset-freeze rules contain routes for authorisation of specified basic needs and reasonable legal fees. Humanitarian, food, medical and safety provisions vary by article; there is no single universal exemption from every Russia sanction.

Oil is especially sensitive to the distinction between an EU import prohibition, third-country maritime services, the price cap, pipeline allowances and refined products made from Russian feedstock. These are related but separate legal tests.

Likewise, removal from SWIFT, a transaction ban, an asset freeze and restrictions on deposits are different measures. The same institution may face more than one.

Package 1

23 February 2022

Territorial restrictions and sovereign financing

Territory Imports from the non-government-controlled parts of Donetsk and Luhansk were prohibited, alongside associated financing and insurance.

Investment and services Restrictions covered investment, tourism and specified goods and technology for transport, telecommunications, energy and mineral exploitation in those territories.

Finance Restrictions on financing the Russian state and government and on access to EU capital markets.

Listings 351 Duma members and 27 additional individuals and entities were targeted. Asset freezes and restrictions on making resources available apply separately from territorial trade rules.

Exceptions and implementation

Original Regulation 2022/263, Article 2(2): pre-23 February 2022 import contracts could be executed until 24 May 2022 with at least 10 working days' advance notification. Goods examined and certified by Ukrainian authorities under the EU–Ukraine Association Agreement were excepted. Article 3 governs investment restrictions. These are territory-specific rules, not a ban on all Ukrainian exports.

Status and later changes

The 2022 contract window has elapsed. Later territorial extensions must be read with the amended regulation. The Council timeline labels the first package 22 February, but the adoption announcement and regulation are dated 23 February.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2022/263

Package 2

25 February 2022

Banks technology aviation and refining

Finance Expanded capital-market restrictions; restrictions on deposits, central securities depository services and securities sales to Russian clients.

Technology Wider controls on dual-use goods and advanced technology capable of supporting defence and security.

Energy and aviation Export restrictions on oil-refining equipment and aviation and space goods, with related service restrictions.

People and visas Asset freezes on Vladimir Putin and Sergei Lavrov; additional political listings; partial suspension of visa facilitation for privileged categories.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 5b introduced a EUR100,000 deposit threshold per credit institution. This is not a blanket confiscation of Russian deposits. Original export provisions allowed authorisation for specified pre-26 February 2022 contracts for non-military users and uses if requested before 1 May 2022. Exemption and authorisation conditions differ by the goods and service concerned; Articles 2 and 2a must be read separately.

Status and later changes

The original application window is historical. Later packages repeatedly amended export exceptions, financial services and listed counterparties; the 2022 allowances should not be treated as current permissions.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2022/328

Package 3

28 February to 2 March 2022

Central bank aviation SWIFT and broadcasting

Bank messaging SWIFT exclusion for Bank Otkritie, Novikombank, Promsvyazbank, Bank Rossiya, Sovcombank, VEB and VTB, including qualifying Russian subsidiaries.

Central bank Transactions concerning management of Russian central-bank reserves and assets were prohibited under a separate act in the same round.

Aviation and cash EU airspace restrictions for Russian aircraft; restrictions on supplying euro banknotes and investment in projects co-financed by the Russian Direct Investment Fund.

Broadcasting RT services and Sputnik were covered by the separate broadcasting act, Regulation 2022/350, Article 2f and Annex XV.

Exceptions and implementation

SWIFT measures applied from 12 March 2022, allowing ten days for wind-down. The broadcasting restriction does not itself prohibit research or interviews by the affected outlets and staff; this is stated in Regulation 2022/350, recital 11. A messaging prohibition, asset freeze and full transaction ban are different legal measures and should not be conflated.

Status and later changes

Package 18 subsequently upgraded the relevant bank messaging prohibitions to transaction bans. The initial seven-bank list is historical, not the current universe of restricted banks.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2022/345

Package 4

15 March 2022

State companies steel luxury goods and energy investment

State enterprises Transaction restrictions on specified state-owned companies, rather than every Russian state enterprise.

Trade Restrictions on Russian iron and steel imports and exports of listed luxury goods to Russia.

Energy investment Restrictions on new investment in Russia's energy sector, with specified exceptions.

Services and people Ban on credit-rating services for Russian persons and entities; further defence-related restrictions and additional individual listings.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 3h and Annex XVIII identify luxury goods and category-specific thresholds; the label "luxury" alone does not define coverage. Article 3a contains the energy-investment rule and authorisation routes. Article 5aa and Annex XIX identify restricted state enterprises. Exceptions must be checked against the particular activity and counterparty, not inferred from a sector-wide description.

Status and later changes

Energy-investment restrictions were expanded to mining in package 9. Steel restrictions and the state-enterprise transaction rules were subsequently widened. Original provisions are retained here as the historical baseline.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2022/428

Package 5

8 April 2022

Coal ports road freight and procurement

Coal and imports Coal and other solid fossil fuels were banned, alongside additional revenue-generating imports and quota arrangements for specified fertiliser products.

Transport Russian-flagged vessels were restricted from EU ports; Russian road-haulage undertakings were prohibited from carrying goods in the EU, including transit.

Technology and fuel Further export controls included jet fuel and industrial goods.

Finance and public spending Further bank asset freezes, procurement and public-funding restrictions, and restrictions involving trusts and crypto services.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 3ea: port restrictions applied after 16 April 2022 and also captured vessels reflagged after 24 February. Distress, maritime-safety calls and saving life were exempt. Authorities could permit specified energy, food, medicine, humanitarian and nuclear-fuel traffic; the original coal authorisation ended on 10 August 2022. Port permission does not disapply a separate cargo ban. Article 3l governs road transport, with its own exceptions.

Status and later changes

Coal transition periods have elapsed. Subsequent vessel-specific sanctions under Article 3s are additional to the original Russian-flag port restriction and have separate legal conditions.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2022/576

Package 6

3 June 2022

Oil embargo and professional services

Oil Restrictions on purchasing, importing or transferring Russian crude and petroleum products into the EU; phased implementation and pipeline arrangements.

Maritime services Restrictions on insurance and financing of Russian oil transport to third countries, later modified by the price-cap framework.

Banks SWIFT restrictions extended to Sberbank, Credit Bank of Moscow and Russian Agricultural Bank.

Services and media Accounting, auditing and consulting restrictions; broadcasting measures covering Rossiya RTR, Rossiya 24 and TV Centre International.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 3m: pre-4 June contracts had wind-down dates of 5 December 2022 for crude and 5 February 2023 for products. Bulgaria could authorise eligible seaborne contracts through 31 December 2024. Croatia's vacuum gas oil route (CN 2710 19 71) originally ran through 31 December 2023, conditional on no alternative supply and prior notification. Pipeline crude had a separate exception. Non-Russian-origin, non-Russian-owned oil merely transiting Russia was excluded from the relevant prohibition.

Status and later changes

These contract windows are historical. Package 12 extended Croatia's date to 31 December 2024; package 18 ended Czechia's pipeline exception. The pipeline exception was never a general permission to resell Russian oil freely throughout the EU.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2022/879

Package 7

21 July 2022

Gold and implementation adjustments

Gold Import, purchase and transfer restrictions on Russian gold, including specified jewellery and third-country processing routes.

Technology and ports Additional controlled technology; port restrictions extended to locks.

Reporting and finance Asset-reporting obligations and adjustments to deposit authorisations.

Clarifications Changes intended to preserve permitted agricultural trade and address aviation and justice-related implementation issues.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 3o distinguishes gold products and relevant dates. Annex XXVII personal jewellery owned by travellers or accompanying immediate family, and not intended for sale, was excepted. Authorities could authorise cultural goods on loan under formal cultural cooperation. A separate adjustment under Article 3h concerned personal jewellery carried out of the EU. These narrowly defined travel exceptions do not permit commercial consignments.

Status and later changes

The package adjusted earlier measures rather than replacing them. Its sector exceptions must be read alongside asset-freeze rules and later amendments affecting the same transaction.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2022/1269

Package 8

6 October 2022

Oil price cap framework and wider services restrictions

Oil transport Legal framework for a price cap governing maritime transport of Russian oil to third countries and associated services.

Trade Additional import restrictions, including steel and other revenue-generating goods; additional technology and civilian firearms export controls.

Services Wider architectural, engineering, IT-consultancy and legal-advisory restrictions; tighter crypto-wallet services rules.

Governance and territory Restrictions on EU nationals holding specified state-company board posts; measures responding to the attempted annexation of additional Ukrainian regions.

Exceptions and implementation

The price cap is a conditional exception to otherwise prohibited transport and services, not an EU import licence. The cap's numerical level was set by later acts, not by the October framework alone. The legal-advisory restriction distinguishes non-contentious commercial advice from representation in judicial, administrative and arbitral proceedings; the General Court explains this distinction in case T-797/22, paragraphs 51–54.

Status and later changes

The original crude cap was subsequently reduced and given an adjustment mechanism in package 18; package 21 suspended automatic adjustment temporarily. Record the cap applicable to the transaction date, not simply the original headline value.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2022/1904

Package 9

16 December 2022

Mining drones services and food security permissions

Military supply Export controls widened to 168 additional entities and further chemicals, electronics and aircraft engines, including drone engines.

Mining New-investment restrictions expanded into mining and quarrying.

Finance and services Additional bank restrictions; advertising, market-research, polling, product-testing and technical-inspection services restricted.

Broadcasting Measures against NTV/NTV Mir, Rossiya 1, REN TV and Pervyi Kanal; additional individual listings.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 3a(5) excludes mining activities whose principal objective or highest value is production of materials in Annex XXX. This is a defined critical-materials exception, not an exemption for the mining sector generally. The round also introduced an asset-freeze derogation for certain previously significant food and agricultural traders, aimed at avoiding disruption to international food trade; national authorisation is required under the applicable listing regulation.

Status and later changes

The original critical-materials carve-out and food-trade permission have different legal bases. A permitted commodity does not by itself authorise payment to a listed person.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2022/2474

Package 10

25 February 2023

Industrial exports gas storage and reporting

Trade and technology Additional industrial export bans; asphalt and synthetic-rubber import restrictions; 96 further export-controlled entities, including Iranian drone suppliers.

Transit Restrictions on transit through Russia of dual-use goods and technology.

Infrastructure Restrictions on Russian nationals governing EU critical infrastructure and on provision of gas-storage capacity.

Media and reporting Broadcasting action against RT Arabic and Sputnik Arabic; stronger reporting on frozen assets and central-bank reserves.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 5p excludes the part of LNG facilities used for storage from that specific gas-storage definition. Non-compliant pre-26 February 2023 storage contracts could be terminated by 27 March 2023. Authorities may authorise capacity necessary for critical EU energy supply. Article 5o's governance ban applied from 27 March 2023 but excluded EU, EEA and Swiss nationals. These distinctions are important for dual nationals and LNG infrastructure.

Status and later changes

The 2023 wind-down has elapsed. Later LNG import and terminal-services restrictions are separate measures and cannot be assumed to inherit this storage exclusion.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2023/427

Package 11

23 June 2023

Circumvention transit and third country supply chains

Circumvention tool Created a last-resort mechanism for restricting sensitive exports to third countries where circumvention remains systemic after engagement.

Exports and transit Additional controlled entities and technology; wider Russian transit restrictions and associated intellectual-property controls.

Transport Russian trailers and semi-trailers brought into road restrictions; port measures addressing deceptive oil shipping and navigation practices.

Media Broadcasting restrictions extended to RT Balkan, Oriental Review, Tsargrad, New Eastern Outlook and Katehon.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 12b extended specified divestment permissions, with historical dates of 31 December 2023 and 31 March 2024 depending on the activity. Article 5n permissions for CPC pipeline services cover necessary operation and maintenance of the route carrying Kazakh-origin crude through Russia, with end-user certification and regular reporting. Newly controlled goods had product-specific wind-down clauses; many ran to 25 September 2023 for pre-24 June contracts.

Status and later changes

The divestment dates were later extended, including in package 15. The third-country tool was a legal power at adoption; the Council reported its first activation in package 20.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2023/1214

Package 12

18 December 2023

Diamonds LPG and no Russia clauses

Diamonds Direct Russian diamond restrictions began on 1 January 2024; third-country processing restrictions were phased in during 2024.

Imports LPG and additional iron, copper and aluminium products restricted, with commodity-specific transitions or quotas.

Circumvention Contractual no-Russia clauses for specified sensitive exports to non-partner countries; stronger oil-price documentation.

Software and finance Enterprise-management and industrial-design software restrictions; reporting on qualifying outward transfers exceeding EUR100,000.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 3i allowed execution of specified LPG and ferro-alloy contracts through 20 December 2024 if concluded before 19 December 2023. Pig iron (CN 7201) had quotas of 1.14mn tonnes through end-2024 and 700,000 tonnes in 2025. The announcement also identifies personal effects and diplomatic-car exceptions; EU residents' personal cars could require permission. Article 3m extended Croatia's vacuum gas oil allowance to end-2024.

Status and later changes

The listed LPG transition and pig-iron quota periods have elapsed. Diamond implementation was subsequently amended; original phase-in announcements must not be substituted for the later operative requirements.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2023/2878

Package 13

23 February 2024

Defence procurement and drone components

Listings 106 individuals and 88 entities added, including military suppliers and actors involved in North Korean support and child deportations.

Export counterparties 27 additional entities subjected to tighter defence-related export controls, including third-country suppliers.

Goods Further drone components, electronics and electrical transformers brought within export restrictions.

Partner treatment Changes to the partner-country arrangements relevant to iron and steel import controls.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 3k(3ac), inserted by Regulation 2024/745, allowed execution until 25 May 2024 of pre-24 February 2024 contracts for listed transformer-related CN codes: 8504 10, 8504 21, 8504 22, 8504 23, 8504 31, 8504 40, 8504 50 and 8504 90. Annex IV lists controlled entities; Annexes VII and XXIII define restricted goods. Listing under Annex IV is not identical to an asset freeze under Regulation 269/2014.

Status and later changes

The transformer contract window has elapsed. Names, technical specifications and ownership links must be checked in the updated annexes rather than inferred from the package's numerical totals.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2024/745

Package 14

24 June 2024

LNG transshipment shadow fleet and subsidiary controls

LNG Restricted Russian LNG reloading in the EU for onward shipment to third countries; prohibited support for completion of Russian LNG projects and certain off-grid terminal imports.

Vessels First vessel-specific port and services list, initially 27 ships.

Finance and influence SPFS restrictions and measures against third-country financial facilitators; restrictions on Russian funding for specified EU political and civil-society organisations.

Circumvention and trade Best-efforts obligations concerning foreign subsidiaries, battlefield-goods due diligence, expanded transport restrictions and helium import controls.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 3r gave pre-25 June 2024 LNG reloading contracts a transition until 26 March 2025. The measure targeted transshipment, not a general EU LNG import ban. Article 3r(8) provides a defined emergency exception for associated services in distress, maritime-safety, life-saving, serious health/environmental incidents and natural disasters. Monthly unloading-volume reporting began in July 2024.

Status and later changes

The reloading transition has elapsed. Package 19 later added an LNG import prohibition and package 20 added terminal-service restrictions. These are distinct stages, not one continuous blanket LNG ban dating from June 2024.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2024/1745

Package 15

16 December 2024

Shadow fleet legal protection and exit permissions

Listings and vessels 54 people and 30 entities added; 52 additional vessels targeted.

Export controls 32 additional entities subjected to tighter controls, including third-country procurement networks.

Court protection Restrictions on recognising or enforcing specified Russian anti-suit rulings in the EU.

Depositories and exits A central-securities-depository cash-release derogation and extended permissions for orderly withdrawal from Russia.

Exceptions and implementation

Regulation 2024/3192 amended Article 5aa to extend specified joint-venture wind-down and divestment arrangements to 31 December 2025. Article 12b included a permission for divestment from qualifying pre-24 February 2022 EU-incorporated gas-pipeline ventures with Russian participation. Authorisation was case-specific, not an automatic licence to continue business. The depository permission also requires the competent authority's approval.

Status and later changes

The dates shown are the package 15 provisions as adopted and have elapsed. Any later extension needs its own legal citation; an old permission cannot be assumed renewed.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2024/3192

Package 16

24 February 2025

Aluminium banks infrastructure and energy services

Banks and vessels SWIFT restrictions for 13 regional banks, action against foreign SPFS users and 74 additional vessel listings.

Trade Restrictions on primary aluminium, additional industrial goods, drone controllers and CNC-related software; 53 additional export-controlled entities.

Infrastructure Transaction restrictions on listed Russian ports, locks and airports; broader aviation measures.

Media and territory Eight additional broadcasting outlets targeted; further occupied-territory measures and parallel Belarus restrictions.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 3i(3cg–3ch): primary aluminium (CN 7601) had a 275,000-tonne allowance from 25 February 2025 to 26 February 2026, followed by up to 50,000 tonnes through 31 December 2026 for pre-25 February 2025 contracts. Article 3i(3e) permits authorisation for specified parts needed for Budapest metro line 3 cars delivered in 2018 under an earlier service-life guarantee.

Status and later changes

The first aluminium period has elapsed; the second is scheduled to run through end-2026 under the cited act. This does not establish remaining quota availability. The Budapest permission is narrowly tied to specified codes and equipment.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2025/395

Package 17

20 May 2025

Shadow fleet and military supply networks

Vessels 189 additional vessels targeted through port-access and maritime-service restrictions.

Energy and facilitators Surgutneftegas and shadow-fleet enablers among the targets; measures covered operators outside Russia.

Military technology 31 additional export-controlled entities; restrictions on chemical precursors and machine-tool parts.

Separate regimes Other measures announced alongside this round addressed hybrid activity, human rights and chemical-weapons issues under distinct regimes.

Exceptions and implementation

The sectoral amending act mainly updates annexes. A newly listed ship is subject to Article 3s and its specific emergency and authorisation rules; a company subject to an asset freeze is governed by Regulation 269/2014 instead. The absence of a new package-specific exemption does not remove underlying exceptions, and a vessel listing should not be described as an asset freeze unless separately designated.

Status and later changes

Later packages added ships and facilitators. The number added in this round is not the current fleet total. Separate human-rights and hybrid-regime actions should not be silently counted as additional numbered invasion packages.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2025/932

Package 18

18 July 2025

Lower oil cap refined products and bank transaction bans

Oil cap Crude cap reduced from $60 to $47.60 per barrel, with an automatic adjustment mechanism.

Refined products Restrictions on imports of third-country petroleum products made from Russian crude.

Banks and pipelines Relevant bank messaging bans upgraded to transaction bans; 22 further banks added; Nord Stream 1 and 2 transactions prohibited.

Other targets 105 additional ships, Russian Direct Investment Fund restrictions and further export controls.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 3ma applied from 21 January 2026 to CN 2710 products derived from Russian CN 2709 00 crude. Origin evidence is required, with Annex LI partner treatment for Canada, Norway, Switzerland, the UK and US; net crude exporters have a rebuttable domestic-origin presumption. Article 3m(3b) ended Czechia's pipeline exception from 1 July 2025. Article 3k(5h) permits authorisation for certain food, drink and pharmaceutical packaging equipment.

Status and later changes

The refined-products start date has passed. Package 21 later suspended the automatic cap adjustment; $47.60 is the package 18 starting figure, not a claim about the cap applicable on every later date.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2025/1494

Package 19

23 October 2025

LNG imports crypto and financial networks

LNG and oil Introduced an LNG import ban with differentiated contract dates; tightened Rosneft and Gazprom Neft transaction restrictions.

Vessels 117 further ships and additional shadow-fleet enablers targeted; reinsurance restrictions reinforced.

Finance Further Russian and foreign banks and traders targeted; A7A5 transactions prohibited; Mir and SBP engagement restricted.

Other measures Special-economic-zone restrictions, export and service controls, diplomatic-travel requirements and further listings.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 3ra: Russian LNG (CN 2711 11 00) prohibited from 25 April 2026; qualifying supply contracts longer than one year, concluded before 17 June 2025, run until the prohibition applies on 1 January 2027. Post-cut-off changes are limited to specified categories, including reduced volumes/prices, operational or confidentiality changes, affiliate transfers and certain court-required changes. Article 5ac supplied a separate pre-existing-contract transition for listed foreign financial institutions.

Status and later changes

The general LNG start date and specified financial wind-downs have passed; qualifying long-term LNG arrangements remain in transition until January 2027 under this act. “Long-term” alone is insufficient: the cut-off and amendment tests matter.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2025/2033

Package 20

23 April 2026

Maritime services LNG terminals and circumvention action

Energy Basis for a future maritime oil-services ban; more vessel and energy listings, tanker due diligence, LNG-vessel and icebreaker service restrictions.

Finance Further Russian and third-country bank transaction bans; restrictions on Russian crypto providers, RUBx and support for the digital rouble.

Trade First reported use of the third-country circumvention tool against specified machinery and radios to Kyrgyzstan; additional export/import controls and an ammonia quota.

Other measures Cybersecurity-service restrictions, stronger diamond traceability and protections against Russian litigation.

Exceptions and implementation

Article 3rb schedules LNG terminal-service restrictions and termination of prohibited contracts for 1 January 2027. Article 3sa differentiates LNG vessels linked to Russia by flag, certification, ownership or management from other vessels operating in Russia; the latter date is 1 January 2027. It contains emergency exceptions. Article 3s(3a) permits authorised operations necessary to send a listed vessel for recycling.

Status and later changes

The announced general maritime-services framework must not be presented as a fully activated ban solely because the package was adopted. January 2027 service provisions are future-dated at this ledger's cut-off.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2026/506

Package 21

23 July 2026

Oil cap suspension banks refineries and crypto

Energy Automatic oil-cap adjustment paused; 41 further vessels and additional oil-sector operators targeted. A Georgian refinery transaction ban was announced with a six-month delay.

Banks and crypto 33 additional Russian financial institutions and four non-Russian banks subjected to transaction bans; 14 foreign crypto platforms targeted, with a broader third-country crypto instrument.

Trade and infrastructure Further export controls, 51 additional controlled entities, ports and airports, and LNG-tanker sale notification obligations.

People 218 individual listings; legal basis for a combatant visa ban whose activation requires a further Council decision.

Exceptions and implementation

Consolidated Article 3n(11a–11b) suspends automatic adjustment from 24 July 2026 through 14 July 2027, provides a January 2027 review and schedules resumption on 15 July 2027. It does not abolish the cap. The existing cap remains unless changed by the prescribed decision. Refinery, tanker-sale and visa measures have different activation conditions; an enabling power is not an immediately operative universal ban.

Status and later changes

The adjustment suspension is within its stated period. The six-month refinery delay and visa activation should be checked against the relevant operative act before describing them as effective. Regulation 2026/1848 is linked by the Council; its cap provisions were checked in the consolidated text.

Official Council package announcement

Principal amending regulation 2026/1848

Additional listings in October 2026

12 October 2026

The Council announced 1,569 additional listings targeting Russia's military-industrial complex, comprising 826 companies and 743 chief executives. This is recorded as a separate listing action, not assigned an unverified package number.

Individual restrictive measures operate through the asset-freeze and funds-availability framework. A listing is distinct from an economy-wide product ban. Names, identifying details, reasons and any subsequent changes should be taken from the legal annex rather than inferred from headline totals.

Council announcement of the October listings

Individual sanctions framework and annex

Maintaining the permanent reference

This is a dated reference edition, not an automatically updating feed. For each revision, retain the original adoption entry and add the later change with its effective date and legal source. Update the edition date only after the sources have been checked.

Checks should cover new packages and standalone listings; amended or expired derogations; changes to price caps and quotas; future application dates becoming operative; and revised annexes. Preserve the distinction between proposed, adopted and applicable measures.

The Council chronology, EUR-Lex consolidated regulations and Commission FAQs serve different purposes and should all remain linked. Where a package summary and a legal article differ in precision, use the legal article for the operative condition.