

Russia

Specification Restrictive measures in view of the situation in Russia

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Notes As part of the EU's response to the accelerating and systematic repression in Russia as well as the continuing deterioration of the human rights situation in Russia, on 27 May 2024, the Council of the EU adopted a new framework for restrictive measures in view of the situation in Russia.

This follows the untimely death of the opposition politician Alexei Navalny in February 2024 and the European Council conclusions of 22 March 2024, which called for an end to the persecution of the political opposition and for the establishment of a dedicated sanctions regime.

The new framework allows to sanction those responsible for serious human rights violations or abuses, repression of civil society and democratic opposition, and undermining democracy and the rule of law in Russia. It also allows to target those who provide financial, technical, or material support for, or are otherwise involved in or associated with people and entities committing human rights violations in Russia. The measures consist of an asset freeze and a prohibition to make funds available for designated individuals and entities, as well as a travel ban for individuals.

Furthermore, the new sanctions regime introduces trade restrictions on exporting equipment, which might be used for internal repression, as well as on equipment, technology or software intended primarily for use in information security and the monitoring or interception of telecommunication.

Together with the establishment of the framework, the Council also adopted on 27 May 2024 the first designations under the sanctions regime.

Measures



Asset freeze and prohibition to make funds available

All funds and economic resources belonging to, owned, held or controlled by any natural or legal person, entity or body listed in Annex IV of Regulation (EU) 2024/1485 shall be frozen. It is also prohibited to make any funds or assets directly or indirectly available to them or to their benefit.



Restrictions on admission

Member States shall take the necessary measures to prevent the entry into, or transit through, their territories of natural persons listed in Annex of Council Decision (CFSP) 2024/1484.



Restrictions on equipment used for internal repression

It is prohibited to sell, supply, transfer or export equipment which might be used for internal repression. Related technical, financial and other assistance is also prohibited.



Telecommunications equipment

It is prohibited to sell, supply, transfer or export, directly or indirectly, equipment, technology or software listed in Annex II of Council Regulation (EU) 2024/1485, whether or not originating in the Union, to any natural or legal person, entity or body in Russia or for use in Russia. Related services are also prohibited.