
**A I R N A V I G A T I O N (R U S S I A S A N C T I O N S)
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Having decided that it is necessary in the public interest to do so, the Administrator makes the following Directions in exercise of the power conferred by article 68 of the Air Navigation (Overseas Territories) Order 2013(a).

Short title and commencement

1.—(1) These Directions may be cited as the Air Navigation (Russia Sanctions) Directions 2022.

(2) These Directions come into force on 18 March 2022.

Interpretation

2.—(1) In these Directions—

“beneficial interest” means any beneficial interest, however arising (whether held by trustee or nominee or arising under a contract or otherwise), other than an interest held by any person as mortgagee;

“designated person” means a person designated by the Secretary of State under regulation 5 (power to designate persons) of the Russia (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019(b) for the purposes of regulation 57J (movement of aircraft) or regulation 57M (registration of an aircraft in the United Kingdom) of those Regulations;

“Russian aircraft” means an aircraft—

- (a) owned, chartered or operated by—
 - (i) a designated person, or
 - (ii) a person connected with Russia, or
- (b) registered in Russia;

(2) For the purposes of these Directions, an aircraft is “owned by a person if—

- (a) the legal title to the aircraft, or to any share in the aircraft, is vested in the person, or

(a) S.I. 2013/2870 of the United Kingdom

(b) S.I. 2019/855 of the United Kingdom, relevant amending instruments are S.I. 2022/194, 2022/203 and 2022/241 of the United Kingdom.

(b) the person has a beneficial interest in the aircraft or in any share in the aircraft, and the reference to a legal title or other interest includes one held jointly with any other person or persons.

(3) For the purposes of these Directions a person is to be regarded as “connected with” Russia if the person is—

- (a) an individual who is, or an association or combination of individuals who are, ordinarily resident in Russia,
- (b) an individual who is, or an association or combination of individuals who are, located in Russia,
- (c) a person, other than an individual, which is incorporated or constituted under the laws of Russia, or
- (d) a person, other than an individual, which is domiciled in Russia.

Movement of aircraft

3.—(1) Subject to paragraphs (2) and (3) a Russian aircraft must not—

- (a) overfly the Sovereign Base Areas, or
- (b) land in the Sovereign Base Areas.

(2) The prohibition in paragraph (1) is not contravened by the landing of a Russian aircraft in the Sovereign Base Areas if failing to land would endanger the lives of persons on board or the safety of the aircraft.

(3) The prohibition in paragraph (1) is not contravened by the flight of a Russian aircraft in the airspace over the Sovereign Base Areas preparatory to landing mentioned in paragraph (2).

Dated this 18th day of March 2022.

R. Thomson,
Administrator,
Sovereign Base Areas.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Directions)

1. This explanatory note relates to the Air Navigation (Russia Sanctions) Directions 2022 (“the Directions”). It has been prepared by the Office of the Attorney General and Legal Adviser in order to assist the reader of the Directions. It does not form part of the Directions.

2. The Directions prevent Russian aircraft from flying over or landing in the SBAs unless there is an immediate risk to the safety of the passengers or the plane.

3. It is an offence to contravene these Directions.

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