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(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/658

of 21 April 2022

implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to 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 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 14(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 17 March 2014 the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.
- (2) The Union continues to condemn actions and policies undermining the territorial integrity of Ukraine.
- (3) The Council considers that two individuals should be added to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 for their role in undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine and for benefitting from Russian decision-makers responsible for the annexation of Crimea or the destabilisation of Eastern Ukraine.
- (4) Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 6.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 April 2022.

For the Council
The President
J.-Y. LE DRIAN

ANNEX

The following persons are added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014:

Persons

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
|-------|--|---|---|-----------------|
| '211. | Serhiy Vitaliyovich KURCHENKO (Ukrainian: Сергій Віталійович КУРЧЕНКО; Russian: Сергей Витальевич КУРЧЕНКО) | Gender: male DOB: 21.9.1985 POB: Kharkiv, Ukraine Nationality: Ukrainian | <p>Mr Serhiy Kurchenko is a Ukrainian businessman. With support from pro-Russia separatists, he took control of several large metallurgical, chemical and energy plants in the separatist-held areas of Donbas. His 'Gaz-Alliance' company monopolised coal mining in Donbas after its competitors had been forced out of the market, reportedly with help from Russia. He organised and benefitted from the illegal scheme of exporting Donbas coal to Russia and Europe despite EU sanctions. Coal extracted in Mr Kurchenko's mines has been re-registered and illegally exported via Russian ports.</p> <p>Mr Kurchenko helped large Russian companies and State-owned holdings to bypass EU restrictive measures by acting as their sub-contractor in the Russian-held territories. He has been an intermediary in Russian gas, fuel and electricity exports to the separatist-held parts of Donbas, which strengthened their independent energy supplies and undermined their economic integration with Ukraine. Moreover, he delivered fuel to the illegally occupied Crimean Peninsula. By doing so, he strengthened the independent power supplies of this territory. He also owns the largest oil depot on the Crimean Peninsula.</p> <p>He thereby benefitted from Russian decision-makers responsible for the annexation of Crimea and the destabilisation of Eastern Ukraine, conducted transactions with the separatist groups in the Donbas region of Ukraine, and actively supported actions and policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.</p> | 21.4.2022 |

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| 234. | Yevgeniy Viktorovich PRIGOZHIN (Евгений Викторович ПРИГОЖИН) | <p>DOB: 1.6.1961</p> <p>POB: Leningrad, former USSR (now St Petersburg, Russian Federation)</p> <p>Function: prominent businessman, with close ties to Russian political leadership</p> <p>Associated persons: Lyubov Valentinovna Prigozhina (spouse); Violetta Prigozhina (mother)</p> <p>Associated entities: Wagner Group, Internet Research Agency, Concord company group, Concord Management and Consulting LLC, Megaline LLC</p> <p>Nationality: Russian</p> <p>Gender: male</p> | <p>Yevgeniy Prigozhin is a prominent Russian businessman with close ties to President Putin and the Russian Ministry of Defence. He is the funder and unofficial head of the Wagner Group, a Russia-based unincorporated military entity, responsible for the deployment of Wagner Group mercenaries in Ukraine.</p> <p>Concord, also known as KOMBINAT PITANIYA KONKORD OOO, a company which Prigozhin founded and owned until November 2019, and a group of other companies with ties to him, including Concord Management and Consulting LLC and Megaline LLC, have been benefitting from large public contracts with the Russian Ministry of Defence following the illegal annexation of Crimea by Russia and occupation of Eastern Ukraine by Russia-backed separatists.</p> <p>He is thus responsible for and has actively implemented actions which have undermined and threatened the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. He has also been benefitting from Russian decision-makers responsible for the annexation of Crimea and the destabilisation of Eastern Ukraine.</p> | 21.4.2022' |