



18 May 2022

Minister of Foreign Affairs

For approval by

25 May 2022

Russia Sanctions – SOEs and Other Companies

BRIEFING Decision Submission

PURPOSE To seek approval to authorise the drafting of regulations to amend the Russia Sanctions Regulations 2022 to: implement proposed designations of State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and other companies of strategic importance to Russia, for their role in supporting Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Tukunga tūtohua – Recommended referrals

Prime Minister	For concurrence by	25 May 2022
Deputy Prime Minister	For concurrence by	25 May 2022
Minister Responsible for the GCSB	For concurrence by	25 May 2022
Attorney-General	For concurrence by	25 May 2022
Minister for Trade and Export Growth	For concurrence by	25 May 2022
Minister of Immigration	For concurrence by	25 May 2022
Minister of Defence	For concurrence by	25 May 2022

Taipitopito whakapā – Contact details

NAME	ROLE	DIVISION	WORK PHONE
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Mā te Tari Minita e whakakī – Minister's Office to complete

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Approved | <input type="checkbox"/> Noted | <input type="checkbox"/> Referred |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Needs amendment | <input type="checkbox"/> Declined | <input type="checkbox"/> Withdrawn |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Overtaken by events | <input type="checkbox"/> See Minister's notes | |

Comments

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Pito matua – Key points

- Russian State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and other major corporations of strategic importance play a crucial role in fuelling Russia's war effort: through providing communications, transportation, infrastructure, funding, and raw materials for the production of weapons.
- This proposed tranche of sanctions expands on earlier designations of entities with links to the Russian military. It continues Aotearoa New Zealand's condemnation of the Russian war in Ukraine by targeting entities that are supporting the Russian military in various ways. This tranche also includes Belarussian entities, building on the previous cycle of sanctions announced on 16 May. Advice will be provided to the Minister of Foreign Affairs proposing the specific entities to be considered for designation.
- Advice may also be provided to the Minister of Foreign Affairs proposing continuous improvement amendments to the Russia Sanctions Regulations (the Regulations).
- Approval is sought to authorise the drafting of regulations to amend the Russia Sanctions Regulations in order to implement the proposed designations and refinements to the Regulations.
- We propose the following timeline for action
 - 25 May: Receive approval to begin work drafting regulations;
 - 26 May: Advice on proposed designations and draft regulations goes to the Minister of Foreign Affairs (copied for information to Ministers with Power to Act);
 - 2 June: Receive approval from Minister of Foreign Affairs on proposed designations;
 - 7 June: Executive Council;
 - 8 June: Gazetting and public notification;
 - 9 June: Entry into force of regulations.

Andrea Smith
for Secretary of Foreign Affairs and Trade

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Tūtohu – Recommendations

It is recommended that you:

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| 1 | Note that officials propose State Owned Enterprises (SOEs) and other companies of strategic importance to Russia (including Belarussian entities) as the next area of focus for designations by Aotearoa New Zealand; | Yes / No |
| 2 | Note that officials will provide advice to the Minister of Foreign Affairs proposing designation of a number of SOEs and other companies of strategic importance to Russia, for her consideration; | Yes / No |
| 3 | Note that officials may also provide advice to the Minister of Foreign Affairs proposing continuous improvement amendments to the Regulations. | Yes / No |
| 4 | Agree to authorise the Minister of Foreign Affairs to issue drafting instructions to give effect to the above; | Yes / No |
| 5 | Note that a waiver of the 28-day rule is sought for the regulations (once approved) to come into force, on the basis that Russia's invasion of Ukraine constitutes an international emergency that requires a swift response; | Yes / No |
| 6 | Agree to waive the 28-day rule so that the regulations can come into force on 20 May 2022; | Yes / No |
| 7 | Authorise the submission to the Executive Council of Russia Sanctions Amendment Regulations (no. 6) 2022 on 7 June 2022. | Yes / No |

Hon Nanaia Mahuta
Minister of Foreign Affairs / Minita Take Aorere

Rt Hon Jacinda Ardern
Prime Minister

Date: / /

Date: / /

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Deputy Prime Minister

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