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**CRIMINAL LAW**

**The Belarus (Asset-Freezing) (Amendment) Regulations 2015**

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The Treasury are designated(a) for the purposes of section 2(2) of the European Communities Act 1972(b) in relation to restrictive measures against persons or bodies listed by an international organisation. The Treasury, in exercise of powers conferred by that section, make the following Regulations:

**Citation and commencement**

1. These Regulations may be cited as the Belarus (Asset-Freezing) (Amendment) Regulations 2015 and come into force on 4th November 2015.

**Amendments to the Belarus (Asset-Freezing) Regulations 2013**

2. The Belarus (Asset-Freezing) Regulations 2013(c) are amended as follows.

3. In regulation 2, paragraph (1), in the definition of “designated person”, for “means a person, entity or body listed in Annex I of the Council Regulation;” substitute—

“means—

- (a) in regulations 3 to 7, a person, entity or body that is listed in Annex I to the Council Regulation and is not listed in Annex IV to the Council Regulation; and
- (b) in regulation 8 and the Schedule, a person, entity or body that is listed in Annex I to the Council Regulation;”.

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3rd November 2015

Two of the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty’s Treasury

**EXPLANATORY NOTE**

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

Council Regulation (EC) No. 765/2006 (“the 2006 Council Regulation”) of 18th May 2006 concerning certain restrictive measures in respect of Belarus (O.J. L 134, 20.5.2006, p.1) imposes

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(a) S.I. 2010/1834.

(b) 1972 c.68. Section 2(2) was amended by section 27(1)(a) of the Legislative and Regulatory Reform Act 2006 (c.51) and the European Union (Amendment) Act 2008 (c.7), Schedule, Part 1.

(c) S.I. 2013/164.

various sanctions in relation to specified officials of Belarus. These sanctions include measures freezing the funds and economic resources of the persons, entities and bodies listed in Annex I to the Council Regulation. Regulations 3 to 7, and 10, of the Belarus (Asset-Freezing) Regulations 2013 (“the 2013 Regulations”) impose criminal penalties for the breach of those measures.

Those measures have now been partially suspended by Council Regulation (EU) No. 2015/1948 of 29th October 2015 (O.J. L 284, 30.10.2015, p.62) (“the 2015 Council Regulation”). The 2015 Council Regulation amends the 2006 Council Regulation by inserting a new Annex IV which lists those persons, entities and bodies against whom those measures are suspended. In all other respects, the 2006 Council Regulation continues to apply to those listed in Annex IV.

Regulations 3 amends the definition of “designated person” in regulation 2 of the 2013 Regulations. This suspends the prohibitions set out in regulations 3 to 7, insofar as they relate to persons, entities and bodies listed in the new Annex IV to the 2006 Council Regulation. The remaining obligations and restrictions set out in 2013 Regulations continue to apply to those persons.

A list of designated persons is available on the internet at: [www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets](http://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets) or can be obtained from Financial Sanctions, H.M. Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ.

Further information is available from Financial Sanctions, HM Treasury, 1 Horse Guards Road, London SW1A 2HQ and on the H.M. Treasury website ([www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-treasury](http://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/hm-treasury)).

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