EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order is made under the Anti-terrorism, Crime and Security Act 2001 ("the Act") (c.24) to impose a freeze on funds in relation to Andrey Lugovoy (AL) and Dmitri Kovtun (DK). By virtue of section 8 of the Act, this Order expires at the end of the period of two years beginning with the day on which it is made.

Article 3 provides that a specified person may request the reason why they are specified. Article 4 prohibits any person from making funds available to or for the benefit of AL or DK. It also makes provision prohibiting anyone, including AL and DK, from dealing with funds owned, controlled or held by AL or DK.

Article 5 makes it an offence to breach the prohibition on making funds available or to engage in activity knowing or intending that it will enable or facilitate the commission of such an offence, subject to a defence based on no knowledge or reasonable suspicion of the relevant circumstances. Article 6 provides for the Treasury to be able to grant licences to disapply the prohibitions and article 7 makes provision in relation to licensing procedure.

Article 8 gives effect to the Schedule which makes provision about information and disclosure of information.

Article 9 sets the penalties for offences under the Order, article 10 makes provision relating to criminal proceedings and article 11 relates to offences by bodies corporate and Scottish partnerships.

Article 12 makes provision about the service of notices.

Article 13 makes provision for supplemental amendments arising from this Order.

A full impact assessment has not been prepared for this instrument as no, or no significant, impact on the private, voluntary or public sector is foreseen.

Changes to legislation:There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Andrey Lugovoy and Dmitri Kovtun Freezing Order 2020.