

Oil Price Cap General Licence Issued

On 5 December 2022, the United Kingdom (UK) introduced legislation that bans the provision of services that enable the seaborne transport of Russian oil and oil products globally, including finance, insurance, and shipping services.

This ban was automatically extended to the Virgin Islands by the Russia (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order, 2020.

To enable oil to continue to flow in a tight market, the UK and its partners (G7 + Australia) agreed to create a price cap exception to the services ban. This permits UK and coalition partners' services to continue facilitating the transport of Russian oil and oil products by sea to and between third countries if sold at or under an agreed price ("the price cap").

These exceptions to the ban are implemented by the UK's General Licence, which came into force on 5 December. Further information can be found here.

As the UK's General Licence does not automatically apply to the Overseas Territories, on 20 December 2022, the Virgin Islands issued its own Oil Price Cap General Licence.

All persons, including financial institutions supervised by the Financial Services Commission and DNFBPs supervised by the FIA, are kindly asked to familiarise themselves with the provisions of the General Licence and ensure that they adhere to the record-keeping and other requirements of the licence when transacting business with or on behalf of any entity that may be involved in the transport of Russian oil and oil products as outlined in the licence.