

US TREASURY REPORT

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A. <u>United States, Australia and the United Kingdom Jointly Sanction Key</u> <u>Infrastructure that Enables Ransomware Attacks - Cyber-related Designations</u>

On 11 February 2025, OFAC, Australia's Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the United Kingdom's Foreign Commonwealth and Development Office are jointly designating **Zservers**, a Russia-based bulletproof hosting (BPH) services provider, for its role in supporting LockBit ransomware attacks. LockBit, a Russia-based ransomware group best known for its ransomware variant of the same name, is one of the most deployed ransomware variants and was responsible for the November 2023 attack against the Industrial Commercial Bank of China U.S. brokerdealer. BPH service providers sell access to specialized servers and other computer infrastructure designed to evade detection and defy law enforcement attempts to disrupt these malicious activities. OFAC is also designating two Russian nationals who are key administrators of **Zservers** and have enabled ransomware attacks and other criminal activity.

As a result of this action, all property and interests in property of the blocked persons described below that are in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked and must be reported to OFAC. In addition, any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, 50 % or more by one or more blocked persons are also blocked. Unless authorized by a general or specific license issued by OFAC, or exempt, OFAC's regulations generally prohibit all transactions by U.S. persons or within (or transiting) the United States that involve any property or interests in property of designated or otherwise blocked persons.

In addition, financial institutions and other persons that engage in certain transactions or activities with the sanctioned entities and individuals may expose themselves to sanctions or be subject to an enforcement action. The prohibitions include the making of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services by, to, or for the benefit of any designated person, or the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person.

In this respect, please see below the updated OFAC's SDN List:

The following individuals have been added to OFAC's SDN List:



BOLSHAKOV, Aleksandr Sergeyevich (Cyrillic: БОЛЬШАКОВ, Александр Сергеевич) (a.k.a. SERGEEVICH, Aleksandr Bol'shakov; a.k.a. "AAELBAS"; a.k.a. "WTLFNT"), 97 Vzletnaya, Apartment 170, Entrance 2, Floor 4, Barnaul 656067, Russia; DOB 23 Jul 1994; POB Semipalatinsk, Kazakhstan; nationality Russia; Gender Male; Passport 0114990629 (Russia); alt. Passport 756311712 (Russia); National ID No. 9933108128 (Russia) (individual) [CYBER3] (Linked To: ZSERVERS).

MISHIN, Alexander Igorevich (Cyrillic: МИШИН, Александр Игоревич) (a.k.a. MISHIN, Aleksandr Igorvich; a.k.a. "ALEX560560"; a.k.a. "JAMES1789"; a.k.a. "KLICHKO, Ivan P"; a.k.a. "PIPPIN, James"; a.k.a. "SASHA-BRN"; a.k.a. "TRIPLEX560"), Ul. Yubileynaya, D. 32, Barnaul, Altai Krai, Russia; DOB 18 Mar 1994; POB Altai Krai, Russia; nationality Russia; Gender Male; Digital Currency Address - XBT 3FfRvC3kSo2SxiQe5e7SSuNdegwgq8iusL; Passport 5904776 (Russia) expires 05 Sep 2027 (individual) [CYBER3] (Linked To: ZSERVERS).

The following entity has been added to OFAC's SDN List:

ZSERVERS, 32, Jubileinaia, Barnaul, Altai Krai 656902, Russia; Netherlands; Website Zservers.ru; Digital Currency Address - XBT 1M5N4sJ1NHb4fviLVZA5MZLKhLZqU4CPZz; alt. Digital Currency Address - XBT 1Gekw8ACSs37oXcc5XQHvoux3iKoVFtpF4; alt. Digital Currency Address - XBT bc1q4yzd2rjmshm8ucrwy6dzj5rna20j0zlf8hf8vz; Organization Established Date 25 Feb 2011; Organization Type: Other information technology and computer service activities [CYBER3].

Press Release Link:

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B. <u>Issuance of Executive Order Imposing Sanctions on the International Criminal Court; International Criminal Court-related Designation</u>

On 13 February 2025, OFAC imposed sanctions on Karim Khan, the Chief Prosecutor of the International Criminal Court (ICC). Khan was added to OFAC's SDN List, resulting in the freezing of his U.S. assets and potential restrictions on his entry into the United States.

The sanctions were enacted following an executive order signed by President Donald Trump on 6 February 2025, which targets the ICC over its investigations into alleged war crimes by U.S. citizens and its allies, including Israel. The ICC had issued arrest warrants against Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant for alleged war crimes in Gaza, actions that both Israeli officials deny.



The U.S. government contends that the ICC lacks jurisdiction over the United States and Israel, as neither country is a party to the Rome Statute, the treaty that established the ICC. Both nations have consistently rejected the court's authority. The U.S. argues that the ICC's actions set a dangerous precedent, potentially exposing American and allied personnel to unwarranted legal actions.

These sanctions have been met with widespread criticism from various international entities, including the United Nations and the European Union, which emphasize the ICC's role in upholding international justice

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