

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2021/2196

of 13 December 2021

amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 17 March 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/145/CFSP ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) In view of the involvement in Ukraine of the Wagner Group, a Russia-based unincorporated private military entity, in actions that undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, in particular in Donbas, the Council considers that three persons should be added to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
- (3) The Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The persons listed in the Annex to this Decision shall be added to the list set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 13 December 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 16).

ANNEX

The following persons are added to the list of persons, entities and bodies set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP:

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
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| 201. | Dimitriy(Dimitry, Dmitri, Dmitry) Valerievich UTKIN (Дмитрий Валерьевич УТКИН) | Position(s): Founder and Commander of the Wagner Group; CEO of Concord Management and Consulting Rank: Lieutenant Colonel (Russian military) Callsign: Vagner/Wagner DOB: 1.6.1970 or 11.6.1970 Wagner Group ID: M-0209 POB: Asbest, Sverdlovsk Oblast, former USSR (now Russian Federation) Nationality: Russian Address: Pskov, Russian Federation Gender: male | Dimitriy Utkin, a former Russian military intelligence (GRU) officer, is the founder of the Wagner Group and responsible for coordinating and planning operations for the deployment of Wagner Group mercenaries in Ukraine. In his commanding position within the Wagner Group, he was personally present on the combat field in Ukraine coordinating and planning the activities of Wagner members. Given his commanding position, he is thus responsible for and has actively implemented actions which have undermined and threatened the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. | 13.12.2021 |
| 202. | Denis Yurievich KHARITONOV (Денис Юрьевич ХАРИТОНОВ) | Position(s): Deputy regional head of the Astrakhan branch of the Union of Donbass Volunteers; member of Duma of Astrakhan Oblast; Wagner Group mercenary DOB: 16.3.1980 POB: Astrakhan Oblast, Russian SFSR Nationality: Russian Passport: 76 2759110 Issued by MVD 30001 Expiry Date: 10.3.2030 Address: Village of Ilyinka, Astrakhan Oblast, Russian Federation Gender: male | Denis Kharitonov is deputy regional head of the Astrakhan branch of the Union of Donbass Volunteers, member of Duma of Astrakhan Oblast and Wagner Group mercenary. He fought in Donbas in the separatist Steppe battalion, where he commanded a portable anti-aircraft missile complex platoon. He admitted that he personally shot down a Ukrainian helicopter and two Su-25 aircraft while in Donbas. He received the Russian Federation's Order of Merit for the Fatherland. He also received internal Wagner Groups awards as well as awards from the head of the Union of Donbas Volunteers and former prime minister of the so-called Donetsk People's Republic (DPR) Alexander Borodai (subject to restrictive measures on the basis of Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP). Thereby he actively supported actions and implemented policies, which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. | 13.12.2021 |

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| 203. | Sergey Vladimirovich SHCHERBAKOV (Сергей Владимирович ЩЕРБАКОВ) | Position(s): Freelance employee of the Russian GRU and Wagner group mercenary DOB: 21.7.1981 Nationality: Russian Address: Possibly: Astrakhan, Kirovskiy rayon, Raskolnikova 11 app. 5, Russian Federation Gender: male | Sergey Shcherbakov is a freelance employee of the Russian GRU and a Wagner Group mercenary. He fought in Donbas for the pro-Russian separatist forces as a member of a portable anti-aircraft missile complex military unit within the pro-Russian separatist Steppe battalion which shot down an Ukrainian helicopter and two Su-25 aircraft in Donbas. Thereby he actively supported actions and implemented policies, which undermine and threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine. | 13.12.2021' |