

NOTICE REGARDING N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1
Entities Engaged in Prohibited Activities in Russia and Belarus
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N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1 requires the Department of the Treasury (Treasury) to establish a list of persons and entities engaging in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus. The law prohibits the State from (1) entering into or renewing contracts; (2) approving or renewing Public Works Contractor Registrations; (3) approving economic development subsidies; (4) providing tax clearance certificates; and (5) certifying urban renewal entities for the purposes of the “Long Term Tax Exemption Law” with a person or entity identified on the list.

On December 22, 2023, a company obtained a permanent injunction from the United States District Court for the District of New Jersey, which enjoins the State from enforcing N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1 against that company on the ground that such enforcement would conflict with the existing federal sanctions regime and thus violate the U.S. Constitution’s Supremacy Clause.

N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.4 provides that N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1 “shall not apply in circumstances when their application would violate federal law.” Accordingly, to enforce N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1 in a manner consistent with the District Court’s decision and federal law, Treasury deems its list of persons and entities engaging in prohibited activities in Russia or Belarus to consist of all persons and entities appearing on the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons promulgated by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) on account of activity relating to Russia or Belarus. A searchable database of OFAC-listed persons and entities is available here: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>.

State agencies shall ensure that they review the OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list prior to (1) entering into or renewing contracts; (2) approving or renewing Public Works Contractor Registrations; (3) approving economic development subsidies; (4) providing tax clearance certificates; and (5) certifying urban renewal entities for the purposes of the “Long Term Tax Exemption Law” with any vendor.

Treasury is publishing a revised *Certification of Non-Involvement In Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus* form in light of the District Court’s decision. Vendors are required to complete and submit the revised *Certification of Non-Involvement In Prohibited Activities in Russia or Belarus* to the State agency when (1) entering into or renewing contracts; (2) seeking a Public Works Contractor Registration; (3) seeking an economic development subsidy; (4) seeking a tax clearance certificate; or (5) seeking a “Long Term Tax Exemption Law” as an urban renewal entities.



CERTIFICATION OF NON-INVOLVEMENT IN PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES IN RUSSIA OR BELARUS

Pursuant to N.J.S.A. 52:32-60.1, et seq. ([L. 2022, c. 3](#)) any person or entity (hereinafter “Vendorⁱ”) that seeks to enter into or renew a contract with a State agency for the provision of goods or services, or the purchase of bonds or other obligations, must complete the certification below indicating whether or not the Vendor is identified on the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list, available here: <https://sanctionssearch.ofac.treas.gov/>. If the Department of the Treasury finds that a Vendor has made a certification in violation of the law, it shall take any action as may be appropriate and provided by law, rule or contract, including but not limited to, imposing sanctions, seeking compliance, recovering damages, declaring the party in default and seeking debarment or suspension of the party.

I, the undersigned, certify that I have read the definition of “Vendor” below, and have reviewed the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list, and having done so certify:

(Check the Appropriate Box)

- A. That the Vendor is not identified on the [OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus](#).

OR

- B. That I am unable to certify as to “A” above, because the Vendor is identified on the [OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list on account of activity related to Russia and/or Belarus](#).

OR

- C. That I am unable to certify as to “A” above, because the Vendor is identified on the [OFAC Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons list](#). However, the Vendor is engaged in activity related to Russia and/or Belarus consistent with federal law, regulation, license or exemption. A detailed description of how the Vendor’s activity related to Russia and/or Belarus is consistent with federal law is set forth below.

(Attach Additional Sheets If Necessary.)

Signature of Vendor’s Authorized Representative

Print Name and Title of Vendor’s Authorized Representative

Vendor’s Name

Vendor’s Address (Street Address)

Vendor’s Address (City/State/Zip Code)

Date

Vendor’s FEIN

Vendor’s Phone Number

Vendor’s Fax Number

Vendor’s Email Address

ⁱ Vendor means: (1) A natural person, corporation, company, limited partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, business association, sole proprietorship, joint venture, partnership, society, trust, or any other nongovernmental entity, organization, or group; (2) Any governmental entity or instrumentality of a government, including a multilateral development institution, as defined in Section 1701(c)(3) of the International Financial Institutions Act, 22 U.S.C. 262r(c)(3); or (3) Any parent, successor, subunit, direct or indirect subsidiary, or any entity under common ownership or control with, any entity described in paragraph (1) or (2).