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# Commission adds Russia to list of high-risk jurisdictions to strengthen international fight against financial crime

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Today, the European Commission has listed Russia as a high-risk country with strategic deficiencies in its <u>anti-money laundering and counter-terrorist financing frameworks (AML/CFT).</u>

On 8 July 2025, the Commission adopted <u>Delegated Regulation (EU) 2025/1393</u>. This Regulation committed the Commission to concluding, by the end of 2025, a review of third countries not listed by the <u>Financial Action Task Force (FATF)</u>, but whose membership is suspended. The aim is to assess the need for amending the <u>EU AML list</u> based on this review.

As Russia falls under the scope of this Delegated Regulation, the Commission conducted a technical assessment using well-defined methodologies and incorporating information collected from public sources, Member States' competent authorities and the European External Action Service. This assessment concluded that Russia meets the criteria to be designated as a high-risk third country.

In accordance with <u>the 4th Anti-money Laundering Directive (4AMLD)</u> the Commission is therefore taking action to preserve the integrity of the EU financial system, by adding Russia to its list of highrisk jurisdictions presenting strategic deficiencies in their national AML/CFT regimes. EU entities covered by the AML framework are required to apply enhanced vigilance in transactions involving these jurisdictions.

### **Next steps**

The delegated regulation will enter into force after scrutiny and non-objection of the European Parliament and the Council within a period of one month. This can be prolonged for another month. The Commission will monitor the progress of all listed countries and will continue to follow relevant developments.

## For more information

Directive on anti-money laundering and terrorist funding (AMLD IV)

Anti-Money Laundering Authority (AMLA)

The Financial Action Taskforce (FATF)

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#### Quote(s):

"This summer, the Commission pledged to assess the anti-money laundering deficiencies of countries whose membership in the FATF has been suspended. We have delivered on that commitment, and following our detailed assessment, we are now taking the necessary steps to add Russia to our list of high-risk jurisdictions. This demonstrates our firm determination to safeguard the integrity of the EU financial system."

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