

**(b) Investment described**

An investment described in this subsection is an investment that directly and significantly contributes to the enhancement of the ability of the Russian Federation to construct energy export pipelines.

**(c) Goods, services, technology, information, or support described**

Goods, services, technology, information, or support described in this subsection are goods, services, technology, information, or support that could directly and significantly facilitate the maintenance or expansion of the construction, modernization, or repair of energy export pipelines by the Russian Federation.

(Pub. L. 115–44, title II, §232, Aug. 2, 2017, 131 Stat. 917.)

**§ 9527. Sanctions with respect to investment in or facilitation of privatization of State-owned assets by the Russian Federation****(a) In general**

The President shall impose five or more of the sanctions described in section 9529 of this title if the President determines that a person, with actual knowledge, on or after August 2, 2017, makes an investment of \$10,000,000 or more (or any combination of investments of not less than \$1,000,000 each, which in the aggregate equals or exceeds \$10,000,000 in any 12-month period), or facilitates such an investment, if the investment directly and significantly contributes to the ability of the Russian Federation to privatize state-owned assets in a manner that unjustly benefits—

- (1) officials of the Government of the Russian Federation; or
- (2) close associates or family members of those officials.

**(b) Application of new sanctions**

The President may waive the initial application of sanctions under subsection (a) with respect to a person only if the President submits to the appropriate congressional committees—

- (1) a written determination that the waiver—
  - (A) is in the vital national security interests of the United States; or
  - (B) will further the enforcement of this chapter; and
- (2) a certification that the Government of the Russian Federation is taking steps to implement the Minsk Agreement to address the ongoing conflict in eastern Ukraine, signed in Minsk, Belarus, on February 11, 2015, by the leaders of Ukraine, Russia, France, and Germany, the Minsk Protocol, which was agreed to on September 5, 2014, and any successor agreements that are agreed to by the Government of Ukraine.

(Pub. L. 115–44, title II, §233, Aug. 2, 2017, 131 Stat. 917.)

## REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in subsec. (b)(1)(B), was in the original “this title”, meaning title II of Pub. L. 115–44, Aug. 2, 2017, 131 Stat. 898, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification

of title II to the Code, see section 201 of Pub. L. 115–44, set out as a Short Title note under section 9501 of this title and Tables.

**§ 9528. Sanctions with respect to the transfer of arms and related materiel to Syria****(a) Imposition of sanctions****(1) In general**

The President shall impose on a foreign person the sanctions described in subsection (b) if the President determines that such foreign person has, on or after August 2, 2017, knowingly exported, transferred, or otherwise provided to Syria significant financial, material, or technological support that contributes materially to the ability of the Government of Syria to—

- (A) acquire or develop chemical, biological, or nuclear weapons or related technologies;
- (B) acquire or develop ballistic or cruise missile capabilities;
- (C) acquire or develop destabilizing numbers and types of advanced conventional weapons;
- (D) acquire significant defense articles, defense services, or defense information (as such terms are defined under the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.)); or
- (E) acquire items designated by the President for purposes of the United States Munitions List under section 38(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778(a)(1)).

**(2) Applicability to other foreign persons**

The sanctions described in subsection (b) shall also be imposed on any foreign person that—

- (A) is a successor entity to a foreign person described in paragraph (1); or
- (B) is owned or controlled by, or has acted for or on behalf of, a foreign person described in paragraph (1).

**(b) Sanctions described**

The sanctions to be imposed on a foreign person described in subsection (a) are the following:

**(1) Blocking of property**

The President shall exercise all powers granted by the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (except that the requirements of section 202 of such Act (50 U.S.C. 1701) shall not apply) to the extent necessary to block and prohibit all transactions in all property and interests in property of the foreign person if such property and interests in property are in the United States, come within the United States, or are or come within the possession or control of a United States person.

**(2) Aliens ineligible for visas, admission, or parole****(A) Exclusion from the United States**

If the foreign person is an individual, the Secretary of State shall deny a visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall exclude from the United States, the foreign person.