

(9) Special Russian crude oil project

The term “special Russian crude oil project” means a project intended to extract crude oil from—

- (A) the exclusive economic zone of the Russian Federation in waters more than 500 feet deep;
- (B) Russian Arctic offshore locations; or
- (C) shale formations located in the Russian Federation.

(Pub. L. 113–272, § 2, Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2952; Pub. L. 116–283, div. F, title LXI, § 6110(e)(2), Jan. 1, 2021, 134 Stat. 4563.)

Editorial Notes**AMENDMENTS**

2021—Par. (4). Pub. L. 116–283 substituted “(Z)” for “(Y)”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries**SHORT TITLE**

Pub. L. 113–272, § 1(a), Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2952, provided that: “This Act [enacting this chapter] may be cited as the ‘Ukraine Freedom Support Act of 2014.’”

§ 8922. Statement of policy regarding Ukraine

It is the policy of the United States to further assist the Government of Ukraine in restoring its sovereignty and territorial integrity to deter the Government of the Russian Federation from further destabilizing and invading Ukraine and other independent countries in Central and Eastern Europe, the Caucasus, and Central Asia. That policy shall be carried into effect, among other things, through a comprehensive effort, in coordination with allies and partners of the United States where appropriate, that includes economic sanctions, diplomacy, assistance for the people of Ukraine, and the provision of military capabilities to the Government of Ukraine that will enhance the ability of that Government to defend itself and to restore its sovereignty and territorial integrity in the face of unlawful actions by the Government of the Russian Federation.

(Pub. L. 113–272, § 3, Dec. 18, 2014, 128 Stat. 2953.)

§ 8923. Sanctions relating to the defense and energy sectors of the Russian Federation**(a) Sanctions relating to the defense sector****(1) Rosoboronexport**

Except as provided in subsection (d), not later than 30 days after December 18, 2014, the President shall impose 3 or more of the sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect to Rosoboronexport.

(2) Russian producers, transferors, or brokers of defense articles

Except as provided in subsection (d), on and after the date that is 45 days after December 18, 2014, the President shall impose 3 or more of the sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect to a foreign person the President determines—

- (A) is an entity—
 - (i) owned or controlled by the Government of the Russian Federation or owned

or controlled by nationals of the Russian Federation; and

(ii) that—

(I) knowingly manufactures or sells defense articles transferred into Syria or into the territory of a specified country without the consent of the internationally recognized government of that country;

(II) transfers defense articles into Syria or into the territory of a specified country without the consent of the internationally recognized government of that country; or

(III) brokers or otherwise assists in the transfer of defense articles into Syria or into the territory of a specified country without the consent of the internationally recognized government of that country; or

(B) knowingly, on or after December 18, 2014, assists, sponsors, or provides financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, an entity described in subparagraph (A) with respect to an activity described in clause (ii) of that subparagraph.

(3) Specified country defined**(A) In general**

In this subsection, the term “specified country” means—

- (i) Ukraine, Georgia, and Moldova; and
- (ii) any other country designated by the President as a country of significant concern for purposes of this subsection, such as Poland, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, and the Central Asia republics.

(B) Notice to Congress

The President shall notify the appropriate congressional committees in writing not later than 15 days before—

- (i) designating a country as a country of significant concern under subparagraph (A)(ii); or
- (ii) terminating a designation under that subparagraph, including the termination of any such designation pursuant to subsection (i).

(b) Sanctions related to the energy sector**(1) Development of special Russian crude oil projects**

Except as provided in subsection (d), on and after the date that is 30 days after August 2, 2017, the President shall impose, unless the President determines that it is not in the national interest of the United States to do so, 3 or more of the sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect to a foreign person if the President determines that the foreign person knowingly makes a significant investment in a special Russian crude oil project.

(2) Authorization for extension of licensing limitations on certain equipment

The President, through the Bureau of Industry and Security of the Department of Commerce or the Office of Foreign Assets Control of the Department of the Treasury, as appro-