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COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2026/1707

of 13 July 2026

amending Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's destabilising activities

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 from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 8 October 2024, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) In its conclusions of 18 and 19 June 2026, the European Council condemned all recent hybrid attacks against the Union and its Member States. In light of the persistent hybrid campaigns by hostile actors, notably Russia and Belarus, the European Council called for increased and urgent efforts to strengthen resilience, enhance preparedness, protect critical infrastructure, and prevent, deter and respond to hybrid attacks.
- (3) The Union remains unwavering in its condemnation of Russia's malicious activities directed against the Union, its Member States, international organisations and third countries.
- (4) In view of the gravity of the situation, the Council considers that one natural person should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643.
- (5) Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 of 8 October 2024 concerning restrictive measures in view of Russia's destabilising activities (OJ L, 2024/2643, 9.10.2024, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/dec/2024/2643/oj>).

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 July 2026.

For the Council

The President

K. KALLAS

ANNEX

The following entry is added to Annex I to Decision (CFSP) 2024/2643 under the heading ‘A. Natural persons’:

	Name	Identifying information	Statement of Reasons	Date of listing
‘80.	Ivan Sergeevich KASYANENKO (Russian: Иван Сергеевич КАСЬЯНЕНКО)	Function: deputy commander and senior official of the Special Operations Service (SSD) of the GRU Rank: Lt. General DOB: 9.9.1975 Nationality: Russian Gender: male Individual Taxpayer Number: 773471856698	Ivan Kasyanenko is the deputy commander of the Special Operations Service (SSD) of the GRU, which absorbed certain elements of Unit 29155, and is a senior official who oversees SSD operations. He has been identified as a principal organiser and supervisor of Unit 29155 activities connected to Afghanistan, including alleged efforts to provide financial incentives for attacks targeting the United States and personnel of the international coalition operating in Afghanistan. Ivan Kasyanenko also coordinated operations linked to the 2018 Novichok poisonings of Sergei Skripal and his daughter, Yulia Skripal. In addition, he has been linked to the coordination of covert Russian activities in Europe, the management and integration of Wagner Group networks in Africa in 2023 and military-technical cooperation initiatives involving Iran. Therefore, Ivan Kasyanenko is responsible for and implementing actions or policies attributable to the Government of the Russian Federation which undermine or threaten democracy, the rule of law, stability and security in third countries by undermining public order and safety, and by exploiting armed conflicts, instability and insecurity.	13.7.2026’