



An Roinn Gnóthaí  
Eachtracha agus Trádála  
Department of  
Foreign Affairs and Trade

Our Ref: FOI/Req/20/017

25 February 2020

Dear Mr. Harvey

I refer to the request which you have made under the Freedom of Information Act 2014 for access to records held by this Department, as follows:

*"I am attempting to find, in documentation relating to the decision by the European Union to impose sanctions on Russia concerning the annexation of Crimea and events in Ukraine in March 2014 and subsequently, those which specifically concern the reason for including, on the list of persons to be sanctioned, DMITRY ROGOZIN, then deputy prime minister of the Russian federation and subsequently head of the Russian space agency Roskosmos. In this case, I would like to obtain any documents circulated to Irish officials or representatives who may have been involved in or informed about the proposal and subsequent decision. I would like to obtain any documents, briefings or other texts so circulated to inform the decision on Dmitry Rogozin; the reason and justification for his inclusion on the list; any consideration of the consequences of his inclusion; and related documentation which may shed light on the decision."*

I refer also to the acknowledgement of your request which was sent to you on 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2020.

Having conducted a search of the Department's records in relation to your request, I have identified 9 records that fall within the scope of your request. The records are listed in the schedule attached. I have made a decision to grant 6, and refuse 3.

Exemptions under section 33 of the Act relate to the security, defence and international relations of the State.

I have exempted three records under Section 33(3)(c)(ii). These are mandatory exemptions and I am obliged to refuse access to the relevant records.

By way of background, on 17 March 2014, the European Council adopted Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine.

On 21 March 2014, the Council decided that additional persons should be added to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures, including Dmitry Olegovich Rogozin, then the Deputy Prime Minister of the Russian Federation. The reason for his listing was having “publicly called for the annexation of Crimea”. These restrictive measures were last extended in September 2019 until 15 March 2020.

### Right of Appeal

Should you wish to appeal this decision, you may do so in writing to the Freedom of Information Unit, Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade, 76-78 Harcourt Street, Dublin 2 or by email to [foi@dfa.ie](mailto:foi@dfa.ie). A fee applies for an appeal for access to non-personal information; the level of this fee has been set at €30. For methods of payment, please contact FOI Unit at [foi@dfa.ie](mailto:foi@dfa.ie), or 01-4082857.

You should make your appeal within 4 weeks (20 working days) from the date of this notification. However, the making of a late appeal may be permitted in appropriate circumstances. The appeal will involve a complete reconsideration of the matter by a more senior member of the staff of this Department.

Yours sincerely



Ruth Mac Kenna  
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