

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2021/999**of 21 June 2021****implementing Article 8a(1) of Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 of 18 May 2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 8a(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 18 May 2006, the Council adopted Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 concerning restrictive measures in respect of Belarus.
- (2) On 24 and 25 May 2021, the European Council adopted conclusions in which it strongly condemned the forced landing of a Ryanair flight in Minsk, Belarus, on 23 May 2021 endangering aviation safety, and the detention by Belarusian authorities of journalist Raman Pratasevich and Sofia Sapega. It called on the Council to adopt additional listings of persons and entities as soon as possible on the basis of the relevant sanctions framework.
- (3) In view of the gravity of that incident, one further entity should be included in the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 765/2006.
- (4) Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Luxembourg, 21 June 2021.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 134, 20.5.2006, p. 1.

ANNEX

Annex 1 to Regulation (EC) No 765/2006 is amended as follows:

(1) the following entity is added to table 'B. Legal persons, entities and bodies referred to in Article 2(1)':

	Names Transcription of Belarusian spelling Transcription of Russian spelling	Names (Belarusian spelling) (Russian spelling)	Identifying Information	Reasons for listing	Date of listing
'15.	Belaeronavigatsia State-owned enterprise	Belarusian: Белаэронавігацыя Дзяржаўнае прадпрыемства Russian: Белаэронавигация Государственное предприятие	Address: 19 Korotkevich Str., Minsk, 220039, Republic of Belarus Tel.: +375 (17) 215-40-51 Fax: +375 (17) 213-41-63 Website: http://www.ban.by/ Email: office@ban.by Date of registration: 1996	State-owned Enterprise BELAERONAVIGATSIA is responsible for Belarusian air traffic control. It therefore bears responsibility for diverting passenger flight FR4978 to Minsk airport without proper justification on 23 May 2021. This politically motivated decision was aimed at arresting and detaining opposition journalist Raman Pratasevich and Sofia Sapega and is a form of repression against civil society and democratic opposition in Belarus. The BELAERONAVIGATSIA State-owned Enterprise is therefore responsible for the repression of civil society and democratic opposition.	21.6.2021'