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To impose sanctions and establish strict conditions on the termination of sanctions in response to acts of aggression by the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation against the people of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

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Mr. LANKFORD introduced the following bill; which was read twice and referred to the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs

A BILL

To impose sanctions and establish strict conditions on the termination of sanctions in response to acts of aggression by the Islamic Republic of Iran and the Russian Federation against the people of Ukraine, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Deterring Iranian Sup-
5 port for Russia in Ukraine and Pre-empting Terrorism
6 Act of 2023” or the “DISRUPT Act of 2023”.

1 **SEC. 2. IMPOSITION OF SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO IRA-**
2 **NIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS FOR SUP-**
3 **PORTING RUSSIAN AGGRESSION AGAINST**
4 **UKRAINE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 120 days after the
6 date of the enactment of this Act, the President shall im-
7 pose sanctions under the International Emergency Eco-
8 nomic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) with respect
9 to—

10 (1) an Iranian person that the President deter-
11 mines provides material, tactical, or operational sup-
12 port for activities by the Russian Federation against
13 Ukraine, including—

14 (A) selling or entering into an agreement
15 to sell defense articles to the Armed Forces of
16 the Russian Federation or any other agency or
17 instrumentality of the Russian Federation, in-
18 cluding—

- 19 (i) unmanned aerial vehicles;
20 (ii) surface-to-surface missiles;
21 (iii) short-range ballistic missiles;
22 (iv) armored ground vehicles;
23 (v) munitions; and
24 (vi) conventional arms;

25 (B) providing or entering into an agree-
26 ment to provide defense services, including

1 training related to the sale of defense articles
2 described in subparagraph (A), to the Armed
3 Forces of the Russian Federation or any such
4 agency or instrumentality; and

5 (C) acquiring or entering into an agree-
6 ment to acquire defense articles from the
7 Armed Forces of the Russian Federation or any
8 such agency or instrumentality; and

9 (2) any Iranian financial institution, including
10 the Central Bank of Iran, that facilitates trans-
11 actions with or on behalf of a Russian person, in-
12 cluding a Russian person described in subsection
13 (b), that the President determines provides material,
14 tactical, or operational support for activities by the
15 Russian Federation against Ukraine.

16 (b) PERSONS DESCRIBED.—A person described in
17 this subsection is any of the following:

18 (1) Any agency or instrumentality of the Armed
19 Forces of the Russian Federation.

20 (2) The Wagner Group.

21 (3) The Central Bank of the Russian Federa-
22 tion.

23 (4) Any Russian person on the SDN list.

1 **SEC. 3. LIMITATION ON REMOVING IRANIAN PERSONS**
2 **FROM SDN LIST.**

3 An Iranian person may not be removed from the
4 SDN list unless the President submits to the appropriate
5 congressional committees a certification that the Iranian
6 person has not, during the 1-year period preceding the
7 date of the certification—

8 (1) sold or entered into an agreement to sell de-
9 fense articles to the Armed Forces of the Russian
10 Federation or any other agency or instrumentality of
11 the Russian Federation, including—

- 12 (A) unmanned aerial vehicles;
13 (B) surface-to-surface missiles;
14 (C) short-range ballistic missiles;
15 (D) armored ground vehicles;
16 (E) munitions; and
17 (F) conventional arms;

18 (2) provided or entered into an agreement to
19 provide defense services, including training related
20 to the sale of defense articles described in paragraph
21 (1), to the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation
22 or any such agency or instrumentality;

23 (3) acquired or entered into an agreement to
24 acquire defense articles from the Armed Forces of
25 the Russian Federation or any such agency or in-
26 strumentality; or

1 (4) engaged in a transaction or transactions
2 with any Russian person, including a Russian finan-
3 cial institution, with respect to which sanctions have
4 been imposed pursuant to the International Emer-
5 gency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et
6 seq.).

7 **SEC. 4. LIMITATION ON REVOCATION OF DESIGNATION OF**
8 **IRAN AS JURISDICTION OF PRIMARY MONEY**
9 **LAUNDERING CONCERN.**

10 The designation of Iran as a jurisdiction of primary
11 money laundering concern under section 5318A of title 31,
12 United States Code, may not be revoked unless the Presi-
13 dent submits to the appropriate congressional committees
14 a certification that—

15 (1) the Government of Iran is no longer en-
16 gaged in providing material or financial support to
17 the Armed Forces of the Russian Federation or any
18 other agency or instrumentality of the Russian Fed-
19 eration; and

20 (2) the Armed Forces of the Russian Federa-
21 tion and such agencies and instrumentalities are not
22 actively using defense articles described in section
23 2(a)(1) procured from Iran.

24 **SEC. 5. DEFINITIONS.**

25 In this Act:

1 (1) APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMIT-
2 TEES.—The term “appropriate congressional com-
3 mittees” means—

4 (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations
5 and the Committee on Banking, Housing, and
6 Urban Affairs of the Senate; and

7 (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and
8 the Committee on Financial Services of the
9 House of Representatives.

10 (2) IRANIAN FINANCIAL INSTITUTION.—The
11 term “Iranian financial institution” means—

12 (A) a financial institution organized under
13 the laws of Iran or any jurisdiction within Iran,
14 including a foreign branch of such an institu-
15 tion;

16 (B) a financial institution located in Iran;

17 (C) a financial institution, wherever lo-
18 cated, owned or controlled by the Government
19 of Iran; and

20 (D) a financial institution, wherever lo-
21 cated, owned or controlled by a financial insti-
22 tution described in subparagraph (A), (B), or
23 (C).

24 (3) IRANIAN PERSON.—The term “Iranian per-
25 son” means—

1 (A) an individual who is a citizen or na-
2 tional of Iran; and

3 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
4 Iran or otherwise subject to the jurisdiction of
5 the Government of Iran.

6 (4) RUSSIAN PERSON.—The term “Russian per-
7 son” means—

8 (A) an individual who is a citizen or na-
9 tional of the Russian Federation; or

10 (B) an entity organized under the laws of
11 the Russian Federation or otherwise subject to
12 the jurisdiction of the Government of the Rus-
13 sian Federation.

14 (5) SDN LIST.—The term “SDN list” means
15 the list of specially designated nationals and blocked
16 persons maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets
17 Control of the Department of the Treasury.

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