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UK Adopts Sanctions to Target Belarus Government Officials

The UK imposes travel bans and financial sanctions on eight Belarusian officials — including Belarus' President.

On 29 September 2020, the United Kingdom imposed sanctions on eight Belarusian officials it considers to have been involved in human rights abuses associated with the recent disputed elections. The targeted individuals include the President of Belarus, Alexander Lukashenko, and his son, Victor Lukashenko. The reasons for the designation are set out in the [UK list](#).

The UK's measures ban President Lukashenko and the seven other targets from travelling to British territory. The sanctions impose an asset-freeze on the funds and economic resources of the targeted officials. These restrictions include a broad prohibition that applies to persons within the jurisdiction of UK law, barring such persons from dealing with funds or economic resources owned, held or controlled by the targeted Belarusian officials, or from making funds or economic resources available, directly or indirectly, to or for the Belarusian officials' benefit. The UK imposed the restrictions as part of its sanctions regime in support of [Global Human Rights](#), which it adopted in July 2020.

The UK's Global Human Rights regime is outlined in Latham's previous [Client Alert](#). This regime initially targeted persons including Myanmar generals, as well as government entities accused of operating North Korean forced labour camps. President Lukashenko is the first national leader targeted under this sanctions regime.

The UK's actions stand in contrast to the European Union's delays in agreeing on sanctions against Belarus. The UK announced its sanctions on Belarusian officials [in coordination with Canada](#), which has imposed similar measures under a comparable sanctions regime. In recent [statements](#), the United States has also indicated that it expects, in the near future, to announce targeted individual sanctions related to events in Belarus. These sanctions would add to existing US sanctions on the President, his son, and 14 other high-level Belarusian officials.

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