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Answer given by Ms Albuquerque
on behalf of the European Commission
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Delegated Regulation 2025/1393¹ introduced an obligation for the Commission to conclude by the end of 2025 the assessment of third countries not listed by the Financial Action Task Force but suspended from that organisation. Russia falls under the scope of this review.

The Commission has taken into account relevant information from various sources, which indicate circumstances raising serious concerns regarding the state of Russian's system for combatting money laundering and terrorist financing and pointing to strategic deficiencies in the same.

Consequently, the Commission proposed to list Russia as a high-risk country for money laundering and terrorist financing. This proposal was transmitted to the co-legislators for scrutiny on 3 December 2025. Neither of the co-legislators objected to the proposal. Consequently, the delegated Regulation was published in the Official Journal on 9 January 2026². It will enter into force twenty days after publication.

¹ OJ L, 2025/1393, 21.8.2025.

² OJ L, C/2025/8435, 9.1.2026. https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg_del/2026/46/oj.