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**Question for written answer E-002080/26
to the Commission
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(20 May 2026)**

Subject: Circumvention of EU sanctions against Russia in the aviation sector

Recent reporting and documentation suggests that entities linked to Russia's aviation sector, including S7 Engineering LLC and S7 Airlines, continued to feature after February 2022 in contracts, invoices, freight records and maintenance records involving intermediaries in the United Arab Emirates, Jordan and Kyrgyzstan.

Other companies referenced include Golden Falcon Aviation FZE, Casper Aviation Spares Trading FZE, U.C.A Aviation Spares Trading FZE, Aerospace Technical Services, ATS Heavy Equipment and Machinery Spare Parts Trading, Aeroparts AOG, Royal Aircraft Maintenance Company and Sky Asia Technics LLC. In December 2023, the U.S. Department of the Treasury added A T S Heavy Equipment and Machinery Spare Parts Trading to the sanctions list, alleging it had supplied millions of dollars worth of aircraft parts to Russia.

Given that under EU sanctions, the export of aviation goods, technology and related maintenance services to Russia or for use in Russia is prohibited:

1. Will the Commission investigate whether the companies and supply chains identified have enabled the diversion of aviation goods, maintenance services or technical support to Russian operators?
2. Will the Commission share relevant information with Member State enforcement authorities, the European Anti-Fraud Office (OLAF) and international partners including the US, the UK and Ukraine?
3. Does the Commission intend to propose further listings, export restrictions or anti-circumvention measures targeting aviation supply routes through non-EU countries used by Russian operators?

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**Answer given by Ms Albuquerque on behalf of the European Commission
(16 July 2026)**

The EU has imposed a broad range of restrictive measures (sanctions) in response to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine, including a ban on the sale, supply, transfer or export of goods and technology suited for use in aviation to Russia or for use in Russia, as well as a ban on related services ⁽¹⁾.

Member States are primarily responsible for the implementation and enforcement of EU sanctions, including conducting investigations into possible cases of sanctions circumvention.

The Commission supports Member States in the uniform implementation and enforcement of EU sanctions. This includes information exchange with national competent authorities, also in cooperation with the European Anti-Fraud Office, which has a role in preventing, detecting, and investigating cases of sanctions circumvention and cooperates with international partners to exchange information.

The Commission continuously monitors developments that may contribute to Russia's ability to sustain its war of aggression against Ukraine.

Where credible information emerges regarding activities that may circumvent or undermine existing EU sanctions, the Commission engages on the matter together with Member States as well as with relevant third countries. The Commission will also not hesitate to propose additional measures where necessary to safeguard the effectiveness of EU sanctions.

⁽¹⁾ Article 3c of Council Regulation (EU) No 833/2014, <https://eur-lex.europa.eu/eli/reg/2014/833/oj/eng>.