

**Priority question for written answer P-001986/2023
to the Commission**

Rule 138

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Subject: Suspected circumvention of sanctions against Russia by CTC Global

According to the information available, it would appear that the company CTC Global, domiciled in the US state of Delaware, is owned by Russian shareholders through the conglomerates Kaskol and RU-COM. This company, which manufactures products used to reinforce high-tension cables, regularly responds to public calls for tender in the EU and has, thereby, reportedly won a significant number of tenders in Hungary in 2022. The company is still currently participating in further ongoing calls for tender in the EU.

1. Does the Commission not consider that the industrial conglomerates Kaskol and RU-COM, which have close ties with the Russian aerospace and defence sectors, should be covered by Regulation (EU) No 269/2014?
2. How is the Commission addressing the challenge posed by foreign jurisdictions that permit anonymisation and conceal ownership, thereby facilitating the circumvention of sanctions?
3. If it is confirmed that CTC Global is owned by these two Russian entities, should the company not be subject to Decision (CFSP) 2022/578, which prohibits 'the award and continued execution of public contracts and concessions with Russian nationals and entities or bodies established in Russia'?

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