

# Ukraine Bans Russian Payment System

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The Ukrainian government has banned a group of Russian money transfer services from operating in Ukraine, the Interfax Ukraine news agency [reported](#).

The Golden Crown, Unistream, Kolibri, Leader, Anelik, and the Blizko money transfer systems will all have their activities halted and their contracts with residents of Ukraine cancelled, according to a decree published on the website of the Ukrainian president. The ban comes as part of a one-year extension of Ukrainian sanctions against Russia.

The payment systems are owned or operated by Russian companies or banks. Kolibri and Blizko are managed by state-controlled banks Sberbank and Svyaz-Bank.

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