

Financial Sanctions Notice

08/03/2023

Syria

Introduction

- 1. The Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/792) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (the Sanctions Act) and provide for the freezing of funds and economic resources of certain persons, entities or bodies involved in repressing the civilian population in Syria or who is or has been involved in supporting or benefitting from the Syrian regime and who are or have been carrying on prohibited activities related to chemical weapons.
- On 8 March 2023 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK. This list provides details of those designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act. A link to the UK Sanctions List can be found below.
- 3. Following the publication of the UK Sanctions List, information on the Consolidated List has been updated.

Notice summary

- 4. The following entry has been added to the consolidated list and is now subject to an asset freeze.
 - Amjad YOUSSEF (Group ID: 15850)

What <u>you</u> must do

5. You must:

- i. check whether you maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice;
- ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources and any funds which are owned or controlled by persons set out in the Annex to the Notice
- iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI);
- iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulations;
- v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that OFSI may request. Information reported to OFSI may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
- 6. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Further Information

- 7. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Syria financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specificconsolidated-lists-and-releases</u>
- The Consolidated List can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets</u>
- The UK Sanctions List can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list</u>

10. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-guidance

Enquiries

11. Non-media enquiries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK should be addressed to:

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation HM Treasury 1 Horse Guards Road London SW1A 2HQ ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk

- 12. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: <u>fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk</u>
- 13. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 14. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: SYRIA

THE SYRIA (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/792)

ADDITION

Individual

1. YOUSSEF, Amjad

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DOB: --/--/1986. **a.k.a**: (1) YOUSEF, Amjad (2) YOUSSUF, Amjad **Nationality**: Syria **Address**: Military Intelligence Branch 227, Daboul Street, Tadamon, Syria. **Position**: Officer **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref):SYR0395 (UK Statement of Reasons):Amjad YOUSSEF is an "involved person" under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the "Syrian Sanctions Regulations") on the following ground: YOUSSEF as a member of the Syrian security and intelligence services is or has been involved in repressing the civilian population in Syria, including through systematic rape and killing of civilians. (Gender):Male **Listed on**: 08/03/2023 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated**: 08/03/2023 **Last Updated**: 08/03/2023 **Group ID**: 15850.

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