



Financial Sanctions Notice

27/02/2018

Syria

Introduction

1. Council Regulation (EU) 36/2012 ("the Regulation") imposing financial sanctions in relation to Syria has been amended.

Notice summary (Full details are provided in the Annex to this Notice)

2. The following entries have been added to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.
 - YOUSEF, Mohamed Mazen Ali (Group ID: 13613)
 - SARA, Imad, Abdullah (Group ID: 13614)
3. The following entries have been amended and are still subject to an asset freeze:
 - AYYUB, Ali, Abdullah (Group ID: 12211)
 - AL-FURAYJ, Fahd, Jasim (Group ID: 12763)
 - AL-SHARIF, Ammar (Group ID: 13385)
 - TOURJMAN, Mohammed, Ramez (Group ID: 13400)
 - AL-HAMU, Ahmad (Group ID: 13406)

What you must do

4. 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;
 - 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 Regulation;
 - 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.
5. Where a relevant institution has already reported details of accounts, other funds or economic resources held frozen for designated persons, they are not required to report these details again.
6. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Legislative details

7. On 26 February 2018 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2018/282 (“the Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 54 I, 26.2.2018, p.3) by the Council of the European Union.
8. The Amending Regulation amended Annex II to the Regulation with effect from 26 February 2018.

Further Information

9. A copy of the Amending Regulation can be obtained from the website of the Official Journal of the European Union:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018R0282&from=EN>

10. Copies of recent Notices, certain EU Regulations, and UK legislation can be obtained from the Syria financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases>

11. Further details on the UN measures in respect of Syria can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage: <http://www.un.org/sc/committees>.
12. Please note there are also import and export restrictions on Syria. Further guidance on export and trade sanctions is available from the GOV.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions>.
13. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-faqs>

Enquiries

14. Non-media enquiries, reports and licence applications should be addressed to:

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

15. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
16. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: SYRIA

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 2018/282

AMENDING ANNEX II TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) No 36/2012

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. **YOUSEF, Mohamed, Mazen, Ali**
DOB: 17/05/1969. **POB:** Damascus Countryside, Syria **Position:** Minister of Industry **Other Information:** Minister of Industry. Appointed in January 2018. **Listed on:** 27/02/2018 **Last Updated:** 27/02/2018 **Group ID:** 13613.
2. **SARA, Imad, Abdullah**
DOB: --/--/1968. **POB:** Damascus, Syria **Position:** Minister of Information **Other Information:** Minister of Information. Appointed in January 2018. **Listed on:** 27/02/2018 **Last Updated:** 27/02/2018 **Group ID:** 13614.

AMENDMENTS

Deleted information appears in strikethrough. Additional information appears in italics and is underlined.

Individuals

1. **AYYUB, Ali, Abdullah**
Title: ~~Lt. General~~ **a.k.a:** (1) AYOB, Ali, Abdallah (2) AYOB, Ali, Abdullah (3) AYOUB, Ali, Abdallah (4) AYOUB, Ali, Abdullah (5) AYUB, Ali, Abdallah (6) AYUB, Ali, Abdullah (7) AYYOUB, Ali, Abdallah (8) AYYOUB, Ali, Abdullah (9) AYYUB, Ali, Abdallah **DOB:** 1952 **POB:** *Lattakia, Syria* **Position:** *Minister of Defence. Appointed in January 2018. Other Information: Officer of the rank of General in the Syrian Army, in post after May 2011. Former Chief of General Staff of the Syrian Armed Forces.* ~~Chief of General Staff of the Syrian Arab Army~~ **Listed on:** 15/11/2011 **Last Updated:** ~~01/10/2016~~ 27/02/2018 **Group ID:** 12211.
2. **AL-FURAYJ, Fahd, Jasim**
Title: ~~Lt. General~~ **DOB:** 01/01/1950. **POB:** Hama, Syria **a.k.a:** (1) AL-FREIJ, Jasem (2) AL-FREIJ, Jasim (3) AL-FREIJ, Jassimm (4) AL-FURAYJ, Fahd, Jassem (5) AL-FURAYJ, Jasem (6) AL-FURAYJ, Jasim (7) AL-FURAYJ, Jassim **Position:** ~~Minister of Defence and Deputy Commander in Chief of the Syrian Armed Forces~~ **Other Information:** *Former* Minister of Defence and Deputy Commander in Chief of the Syrian Armed Forces **Listed on:** 16/10/2012 **Last Updated:** ~~01/10/2016~~ 27/02/2018 **Group ID:** 12763.

3. **AL-SHARIF, Ammar**
a.k.a: (1) AL SHAREEF, Ammar (2) AL-CHARIF, Amar (3) AL-SHARIF, Amar (4) CHARIF, Ammar (5) SHARIF, Ammar (6) SHERIF, Ammar (7) SHERIF, Ammar, Medhat **DOB:** 26 June 1969 **POB:** Lattakia **Nationality:** Syrian **Passport:** Number: 010312413, issue number: 002-15-L093534, date of issue: 14 July 2015, place of issue: Damascus-Centre, expiry date: 13 July 2021. **National Insurance Number:** 060-10276707 **Other Information:** Leading Syrian businessman operating in Syria, active in the banking, insurance and hospitality sectors. Founding partner of Byblos Bank Syria, major shareholder in Unlimited Hospitality Ltd and board member of the Solidarity Alliance Insurance Company and the Al-Aqueelah Takaful Insurance Company. **Listed on:** 28/10/2016 **Last Updated:** ~~28/10/2016~~ 27/02/2018 **Group ID:** 13385.
4. **TOURJMAN, Mohammed, Ramez**
DOB: --/--/1966. **POB:** Damascus, Syria a.k.a: (1) TOURJMAN, Mohamed, Ramez (2) TOURJMAN, Mohammad, Ramez (3) TOURJMAN, Muhammad, Ramez (4) TOURJUMAN, Mohamed (5) TOURJUMAN, Mohammad (6) TOURJUMAN, Mohammed (7) TOURJUMAN, Muhammad **Position:** ~~Information Minister~~ **Other Information:** Former Minister of Information **Listed on:** 14/11/2016 **Last Updated:** ~~15/11/2016~~ 27/02/2018 **Group ID:** 13400.
5. **AL-HAMU, Ahmad**
DOB: --/--/1947. a.k.a: AL-HAMO, Ahmad **Position:** ~~Minister for Industry~~ **Other Information:** Former Minister for Industry **Listed on:** 14/11/2016 **Last Updated:** ~~15/11/2016~~ 27/02/2018 **Group ID:** 13406.

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