



Financial Sanctions Notice

19/03/2018

Syria

Introduction

1. Council Regulation (EU) 36/2012 (“the Regulation”) imposing financial sanctions against Syria has been amended [so that an asset freeze now applies to the persons listed in the Annex to this Notice.

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

2. The entries listed in the Annex to this Notice have been added to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.

What you must do

3. 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.
4. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Legislative details

5. On 19 March 2018 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2018/420 (“the Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 75 I, 19.3.2018, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
6. The Amending Regulation amended Annex II to the Regulation with effect from 19 March 2018.

Further Information

7. 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:32018R0420&from=EN>
8. Copies of recent Notices, certain EU Regulations, UNSC Resolutions 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>
9. 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>.
10. 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>.

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

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-faqs>

Enquiries

12. 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

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 and Commonwealth Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: SYRIA

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 2018/420

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

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. **AJEEB Yusuf**

a.k.a: (1) AJEEB, Yousef (2) AJIB, Yousef (3) AJIB, Yusuf **Address:** Scientific Studies, Barzeh Street, P.O. Box 4470, Damascus. **Position:** Head of Security for the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) **Other Information:** Holds the rank of Brigadier General, a senior officer in the Syrian Armed Forces, in post after May 2011. Since 2012, he has been Head of Security for the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) which is involved in the chemical weapons proliferation sector. As a result of his senior position as Head of Security for SSRC, he is associated with the designated entity SSRC. **Listed on:** 19/03/2018 **Last Updated:** 19/03/2018 **Group ID:** 13620.

2. **FADHLUN Zuhair**

a.k.a: (1) FADHLOUN, Zohar (2) FADHLOUN, Zuhair (3) FADHLUN, Zohar (4) FADLOUN, Zohar (5) FADLOUN, Zuhair **Address:** Scientific Studies, Barzeh Street, P.O. Box 4470, Damascus. **Position:** Head of Institute 3000 (aka Institute 5000), Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) **Other Information:** Director of the branch of the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) that is known as Institute 3000 (a.k.a. Institute 5000). In this role, he is responsible for chemical weapons projects, including production of chemical agents and munitions. Due to his senior position at SSRC, he is associated with designated entity SSRC. **Listed on:** 19/03/2018 **Last Updated:** 19/03/2018 **Group ID:** 13623.

3. **SULAIMAN Maher**

a.k.a: (1) SULAIMAN, Mahir (2) SULEIMAN, Maher (3) SULEIMAN, Mahir **Address:** Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology (HIAST), PO Box 31983, Damascus. **Position:** Director of the Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology (HIAST) **Other Information:** Director of the Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology (HIAST), which provides training and support as part of the Syrian chemical weapons proliferation sector. Due to his senior position at the HIAST, which is an affiliate and subsidiary of the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC), he is associated with the HIAST and SSRC, both of which are designated entities. **Listed on:** 19/03/2018 **Last Updated:** 19/03/2018 **Group ID:** 13621.

4. **TOHME Salam**

a.k.a: (1) TAAME, Salam (2) TAAME, Salim (3) TA'MAH, Salam (4) TA'MAH, Salim (5) TOHME, Salim (6) TOUMAH, Salam (7) TOUMAH, Salim **Address:** Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC), Barzeh Street, PO Box 4470, Damascus. **Position:** Deputy Director General, Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) **Other Information:** Deputy Director General of the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) which is responsible for the development and production of non-conventional weapons, including chemical weapons, and the missiles to deliver them. Due to his senior position at SSRC, he is associated with designated entity SSRC. **Listed on:** 19/03/2018 **Last Updated:** 19/03/2018 **Group ID:** 13622.

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