



Financial Sanctions Notice

11/04/2019

Syria

Introduction

1. An asset freeze no longer 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 following entries has/have been annulled:

- Wael ABDULKARIM (Group ID 13230)
- ABDULKARIM GROUP (Group ID 13492)

Legislative details

3. On 18 March 2019 a Judgment of the General Court of the European Union of 31 January 2019 in regard to – Abdulkarim vs Council (Case T-559/17) and Alkarim for Trade and Industry v Council (Case T-667/17) (“the Judgments”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. C 103, 18.3.2019, p.30 & 33).
4. The Judgments annulled Council Regulation (EU) 36/2012 insofar as it concerned the Applicants.
5. The Judgments were not appealed with 2 months and 10 days and so it has now come into force.
6. As a consequence of the Judgments ABDULKARIM and ABDULKARIM GROUP are no longer subject to the asset freeze imposed by Council Regulation (EU) 36/2012.

Further Information

7. A copy of the judgements can be obtained from the Official Journal of the European Union website:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:62017TA0559&from=EN>
<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:62017TA0667&from=EN>

8. Copies of relevant Releases, certain EU Regulations, UNSC Resolutions and UK legislation can be obtained from the Syria Financial Sanctions page accessible via 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 see the FAQs for more information around financial sanctions:

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

Enquiries

11. 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.gov.uk

12. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.

13. 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

AMENDING ANNEX II TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 36/2012

DELISTINGS

Individual

ABDULKARIM Wael

DOB: 30/09/1973. **POB:** Danascus, Syria **a.k.a:** AL KARIM, Wael **Address:** Al Karim for Trade and Industry, PO Box 111, Damascus, Syria, 5797. **Other Information:** Leading businessperson of Palestinian origin operating in Syria in the oil, chemicals and manufacturing industries. Specifically, he represents Abdulkarim Group, a.k.a Al Karim Group/AlKarim for Trade and Industry/Al Karim Trading and Industry/Al Karim for the Trade and Industry. Abdulkarim Group is a leading manufacturer of lubricants, greases and industrial chemicals in Syria. **Listed on:** 09/03/2015 **Last Updated:** 18/03/2019 11/04/2019 **Group ID:** 13230.

Entity

ABDULKARIM GROUP

a.k.a: (1) Al Karim for Trade and Industry (2) Al Karim Group **Address:** 5797 , Damascus, Syria. **Other Information:** An internationally recognised Syrian conglomerate associated with Wael Abdulkarim who is listed as a leading business person operating in Syria **Listed on:** 11/07/2017 **Last Updated:** 11/07/2017 11/04/2019 **Group ID:** 13492.

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