



Office of Financial
Sanctions Implementation
HM Treasury

Financial Sanctions Notice

13/08/2020

Central African Republic

Introduction

1. Council Regulation (EU) 224/2014 ("the Regulation") imposing financial sanctions with regard to Central African Republic has been amended.

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

2. The following entry has been added and is still subject to an asset freeze:

- Bi Sidi SOULEMAN (Group ID: 13912)

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

Legislative details

6. On 13 August 2020 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1194 ("the Amending Regulation") was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 266 I, 13.8.2020, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
7. The Amending Regulation amended Annex I to the Regulation with effect from 13 August 2020.
8. The Amending Regulation reflects the decisions made on 5 August 2020 by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Committee established pursuant to Resolution 2127 (2013) to add 1 individual to the UN Central African Republic list.
9. In accordance with the United Nations and European Union Financial Sanctions (Linking) Regulations 2017 made under the Policing and Crime Act 2017, the UK enacted this decision on 6 August 2020 and issued Notice '[HM Treasury notice, 06/08/2020, Central African Republic](#)'.
10. This EU Amending Notice supersedes that Notice of 6 August 2020.

Further Information

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

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020R1194&from=EN>

12. Copies of recent Notices, certain EU Regulations, UNSC Resolutions and UK legislation can be obtained from the Central African Republic financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

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

13. Further details on the UN measures in respect of the Central African Republic can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage:
<http://www.un.org/sc/committees>.
14. Please note there are also import and export restrictions on the Central African Republic. Further guidance on export and trade sanctions is available from the GOV.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions>.
15. It should be noted that the Annex to this Notice and the Consolidated List may include certain background information provided by the UN Sanctions Committee that is not included in Annex I to the Regulation.
16. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-faqs>

Enquiries

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

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation
HM Treasury
Horse Guards Road
London
SW1A 2HQ
ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk
18. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
19. 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: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/1194

AMENDING ANNEX I TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 224/2014

AMENDMENT

Individual

1. SOULEMAN, Bi Sidi

DOB: 20/07/1962. **POB:** Bocaranga, Central African Republic **a.k.a:** (1) ABBAS, Sidiki (2) BI SIDI, Souleymane (3) SIDIKI (4) SIDIKI, 'General' (5) SOULEMANE, Bi Sidi

Nationality: Central African Republic **Passport Details:** N°235/MISPAT/DIRCAB/DGPC/DGAEI/SI/SP (laissez-passer) issued 15 March 2019 by the Minister of Interior of the Central African Republic **Address:** Kouï, Ouham-Pende prefecture, Central African Republic. **Position:** President and self-proclaimed 'general' of the Retour, Reclamation et Rehabilitation (3R) **Other Information:** UN Ref: CFI.014. Souleman leads the Central African Republic (CAR)-based militia group Retour, Reclamation, Rehabilitation (3R) which has killed, tortured, raped, and displaced civilians and engaged in arms trafficking, illegal taxation activities, and warfare with other militias since its creation in 2015. Souleman himself has also participated in torture. On 6 February 2019, 3R signed the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the CAR but has engaged in acts violating the Agreement and remains a threat to the peace, stability and security of the CAR. For instance, on 21 May 2019, 3R killed 34 unarmed civilians in three villages, summarily executing adult males. ~~(Listing to be treated as temporary for 30 days from the date of listing by the UN or until the EU adds the new listing to an existing sanctions regulation (whichever is sooner) in accordance with Policing and Crime Act 2017). [UN Listing (formerly temporary listing, in accordance with Policing and Crime Act 2017)]. Listed on: 06/08/2020 Last Updated: 06/08/2020 13/08/2020 Group ID: 13912.~~

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