

#### **Financial Sanctions Notice**

11/03/2024

# **Democratic People's Republic of Korea**

#### Introduction

- 1. The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/411) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 ("the Sanctions Act") and provide for the imposition of financial sanctions, including the freezing of funds and economic resources, of persons who are or have been involved in the facilitation of any of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea's military programmes.
- 2. On 11 March 2024 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 amended and is still subject to an asset freeze:
  - MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE (Group ID: 13575)

#### What you 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 and any entities owned or controlled by them;

- ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources;
- iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or economic resources or making them available directly or indirectly to or for the benefit of designated persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) or if an exception applies;
- iv. refrain from participating, directly or indirectly, in business arrangements, including joint ventures, with the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice and any person acting on behalf of or at the direction of them;
- v. close any representative office in the United Kingdom within 90 days of designation if you are an entity set out in the Annex to this Notice;
- vi. report any findings to OFSI, together with the information or other matter on which the knowledge or suspicion is based. Where the information relates to funds or economic resources, the nature and quantity should also be reported.
- 6. Information received by OFSI may be disclosed to third parties in accordance with provisions set out in the Information and Records part of the regulations and in compliance with applicable data protection laws.
- 7. Information regarding a suspected designated person, and funds or economic resources belonging to them, does not need to be disclosed to OFSI where it has previously been reported.
- 8. Failure to comply with UK financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions may be a criminal offence.

#### **Further Information**

- Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases</a>.
- 10. Further details on the UN measures in respect of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage:
  <a href="https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/information">https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/information</a>.

11. The UN Consolidated List can be found here:

https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/content/list-updates-unsc-consolidated-list.

12. The Consolidated List can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets.

13. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list.

14. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/suspected-breach-of-financial-sanctions-what-to-do.

15. For more information please see our financial sanctions guidance:

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

#### **Enquiries**

16. 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.

- 17. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.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, Commonwealth & Development Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

# **ANNEX TO NOTICE**

### FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA

# THE DEMOCRATIC PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF KOREA (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/411)

#### **AMENDMENT**

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

# **Entity**

1. MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES (MPAF) MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENCE a.k.a: MPAF (1) MINISTRY OF NATIONAL DEFENSE (2) MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (3) MINISTRY OF DEFENSE (4) MINISTRY OF THE PEOPLE'S ARMED FORCES (MPAF) Address: Pyongyang, North Korea. Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): DPR0176. (UN Ref): KPe.054. The Ministry of the People's Armed Forces The Ministry Of National Defence manages the general administrative and logistical needs of the Korean People's Army Listed on: 22/12/2017 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 22/12/2017 Last Updated: 31/12/2020 11/03/2024 Group ID: 13575.

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