



Global Human Rights

Introduction

1. The Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/680) (the Regulations) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (“the Sanctions Act”) and provide for the imposition of financial sanctions, namely the freezing of funds and economic resources of persons who are or have been involved in an activity which, if carried out by or on behalf of a State within the territory of that State, would amount to a serious violation by that State of an individual's right to life, right not to be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment, or right to be free from slavery, not to be held in servitude or required to perform forced or compulsory labour, whether or not the activity is carried out by or on behalf of a State.
2. On 27 March 2025 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. One entry has been corrected on the Consolidated List, bringing the entry in line with the UK Sanctions List.

Notice summary

4. The following entry has been corrected and is still subject to an asset freeze:
 - Wasantha KARANNAGODA (Group ID: 16831)

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. 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

9. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Global Human Rights financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

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

10. The Consolidated List can be found here:

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

11. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

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

12. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:

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

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

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

Enquiries

14. 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.

15. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to:
fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk.

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

17. 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: GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS

THE GLOBAL HUMAN RIGHTS SANCTIONS REGULATIONS 2020 (S.I. 2020/680)

CORRECTION

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

Individual

1. **KARANNAGODA, Wasantha**

Title: Admiral **DOB:** 22/11/1952. **POB:** Sri Lanka **a.k.a:** (1) JAYADEVA, *Admiral*, Wasantha, Kumar (2) KARANNAGODA, *Admiral*, Wasantha, Kumar, Jayadeva Nationality: Sri Lanka **Position:** Admiral of the Fleet **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): GHR0149. (UK Statement of Reasons): Wasantha KARANNAGODA is an involved person within the meaning of the Global Human Rights Sanctions Regulations 2020 on the basis that he has been and remains responsible for an activity that amounts to a serious violation of an individual's right to life and right not to be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. Specifically, KARANNAGODA was the Commander of the Navy between September 2005 and July 2009 and during this time the Sri Lankan Navy under KARANNAGODA's command responsibility committed human rights violations including illegal killings and engaged in activities amounting to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 24/03/2025 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 24/03/2025 **Last Updated:**~~24/03/2025~~ 27/03/2025 **Group ID:** 16831.

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation

HM Treasury

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