



Office of Financial
Sanctions Implementation
HM Treasury

Financial Sanctions Notice

20/10/2025

Haiti

Introduction

1. The Haiti (Sanctions) Regulations 2022 (S.I. 2022/1281) (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 designated by the United Nations as responsible for or complicit in, or having engaged in, directly or indirectly, actions that threaten the peace, security or stability of Haiti.
2. On 20 October 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. Following the publication of the UK Sanctions List, information on the Consolidated List has been updated.

Notice summary

4. The following entries have been added to the Consolidated List and are now subject to an asset freeze:
 - Dimitri HERARD (Group ID: 17199)
 - Kempes SANON (Group ID: 17200)

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. Failure to comply with UK financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions may be a criminal offence.

Further Information

8. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Haiti 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 Haiti can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage:

<https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/information>.

10. The UN Consolidated List can be found here:

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

11. The Consolidated List can be found here:

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

12. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

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

13. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:

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

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

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

Enquiries

15. 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.

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

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

18. 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: HAITI

THE HAITI (SANCTIONS) REGULATIONS 2022 (S.I. 2022/1281)

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. HERARD, Dimitri

DOB: (1) 04/02/1986. (2) 19/08/1980. **POB:** Port-au-Prince, Haiti **Nationality:** Haiti **Passport Number:** (1) PP4605101 (2) PP5143023 **National Identification Number:** (1) 003-275-594-6 (2) 1006829931 **National Identification Details:** (1) Fiscal identity (2) Record from the National Identification Office, issued at Pétiön-Ville on 27 December 2019, expires 27 December 2029 **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): HAI0012. (UN Ref): HTi.009. Dimitri Herard is a former Haitian police officer and head of the National Palace General Security Unit (USGPN). From 2017 to 2021, he engaged in actions that threatened the peace, security, and stability of Haiti. In particular, he was charged by the Haitian authorities for complicity in threatening the country's national security, including the assassination of President Jovenel Moise and attempt to the life of the former First Lady, Martine Moise. Mr. Herard was arrested in July 2021. He escaped from the National Penitentiary in Port-au-Prince on 2 March 2024 and is currently wanted by the Haitian National Police (HNP) for a range of violent crimes that include homicide, burglary, rape, armed robbery, acts of terrorism and escape from prison. Dimitri Herard represents one of the primary threats to both the political transition in Haiti, as well as to any future government. He has been supporting individuals sanctioned by the United Nations,- including Jimmy Chérizier (alias "Barbeque" – HTi.001); Johnson André (alias "Izo" – HTi.002) and Renel Destina (alias "Ti Lapli" – HTi.003), he has strong ties with some of the most violent gangs in Haiti and has been colluding with the Viv Ansanm alliance, as well as with Guy Philippe and other political, private and security actors with whom he is currently conspiring to seize control of the country by force. Mr. Herard is behind Viv Ansanm's coordinated attacks against State institutions that started in late February 2024, including planning the attacks and providing certain gangs with training and firearms. Since his escape from prison, Mr. Herard has sought refuge with the 5 Segond gang (led by Johnson André, alias "Izo" - HTi.002) in the Village de Dieu neighborhood of Port-au-Prince, and with Guy Philippe in Pestel, Grand'Anse department. During his service at the USGPN, Mr. Herard played a significant role in fuelling the trafficking of illicit arms and drug in the country by diverting HNP weapons, importing arms and ammunition illicitly from abroad, and moving drugs for criminal organizations in the region. Dimitri Herard continues to be involved in significant criminal activities that have fuelled gang violence and instability across Haiti, including human rights violations and the obstruction of the delivery and distribution of, and access to, critical humanitarian assistance in the country. He was sanctioned by Canada for having committed acts that undermine the peace, security and stability of Haiti on 21 March 2025. He has provided logistical support to criminal gangs and political actors who aim to overthrow the government and is also an associate of Izo, already sanctioned by Canada for reasons concerning serious and systemic human rights violations. (Phone number): +50934371184 (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 20/10/2025 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 20/10/2025 **Last Updated:** 20/10/2025 **Group ID:** 17199.

2. SANON, Kempes

DOB: 16/06/1979. a.k.a: KEMPES **Nationality:** Haiti **Address:** Port-au-Prince, Haiti. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): HAI0013. (UN Ref): HTi.010. Kempes Sanon, alias "Kempes", is the leader of the Les Argentins gang (also known as the Bel Air gang), which has around 150 members. The gang's stronghold is located in the Haut Bel-Air area of Port-au-Prince, Haiti. Kempes has been involved in various actions that threaten the peace, security, and stability of Haiti. In particular, he has engaged in systematic violations of human rights, firearms and ammunition trafficking, and supporting individuals designated by the United Nations Security Council, including Jimmy Chérizier (alias "Barbeque" - HTi.001). Kempes Sanon has been playing a significant role in the consolidation of power by gangs over Port-au-Prince. Kempes was a founding member of the G-Pèp coalition, and has been playing a key role in enabling the growing hegemony of the Viv Ansanm alliance since February 2024. In particular, Kempes and his gang, along with Barbeque, the leader of the Delmas 6 gang and spokesperson of Viv Ansanm, conducted, in the course of several months, repeated assaults against the neighbourhood of Solino. Indiscriminate attacks against civilians and fighting with local self-defence groups resulted in many casualties and thousands of people having to flee their homes as a result of the extensive violence. Kempes and his allies eventually took full control of Solino in late October 2024 and, at the time of writing, are continuing to attack the last free bastions of Port-au-Prince, including Petion Ville and Haut-Delmas. Kempes Sanon and his gang are involved in extortion, illicit taxation and kidnappings. He has a network of people working for him within governmental institutions, including within security agencies, which allow him to avoid arrests, launder money and undertake kidnapping. Kempes Sanon is wanted by the Haitian National Police (HNP) as he escaped prison in 2021 where he was incarcerated for kidnapping, theft and assassination. In September 2022, the Dominican Republic banned Kempes from entering their territory and, on 4 March 2025, they designated the "Haut Bel-Air gang" (Les Argentins) as a terrorist organisation. In May 2025, the United States designated Viv Ansanm as a foreign terrorist organisation. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 20/10/2025 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 20/10/2025 **Last Updated:** 20/10/2025 **Group ID:** 17200.

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