** FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

 

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**Syria****Introduction** 1. Council Regulation (EU) 36/2012 (“the Regulation”) imposing financial sanctions against Syria has been amended so that an asset freeze now applies to the individuals and entities listed in the Annex to this Notice.
2. Identifying information in relation to four individuals and entities already subject to an asset freeze has also been amended and are listed in the Annex to this Notice.

**Notice summary (Full details are provided in the Annex to this Notice).** 1. Sixteen individuals and two entities have been added to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.
2. The following four entries in relation to individuals and entities have been amended:
	* ZAYTUN, Muhammad, Dib (Group ID: 11907)
	* JABIR, Ayman (Group ID: 12023)
	* AKHRAS, Tarif (Group ID: 12060)
	* SOURUH COMPANY (Group ID: 12066)

**What you must do**1. You must:
2. check whether you maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice;
3. freeze such accounts, and other funds or assets;
4. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available to such persons unless licensed by the Treasury;
5. report any findings to the Treasury, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulation;
6. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that the Treasury may request. Information reported to the Treasury may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement;
7. 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;
8. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

**Legislative details**1. On 21 October 2014 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 1105/2014 (“the

Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 301, 21.10.2014, p.7) by the Council of the European Union. 1. The Amending Regulation amended Annex II to the Regulation, with effect from 21

October 2014.**Further Information**1. A copy of the Regulation can be obtained from the Official Journal of the European

Union website:<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=OJ:JOL_2014_301_R_0004&from=EN>1. 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>1. Please note there are also import and export restrictions on Syria that involve restrictions on insurance, reinsurance, etc. Further guidance on export and trade sanctions is available from the Gov.uk website:

<https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions>1. Please see the FAQs for more information around financial sanctions:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-faqs>**Enquiries/Contact Details**1. Non-media enquiries should be addressed to:

The CommissionerFinancial Services CommissionBradesMontserrat22/10/2014**ANNEX TO NOTICE****FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: SYRIA****COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) NO 1105/2014****AMENDING ANNEX II TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) NO 36/2012****ADDITIONS****Individuals****ABDALLAH, Khalaf, Souleymane**DOB: --/--/1960. POB: Deir Ezzor a.k.a: AL- ABDULLAH, Khalaf, Sleiman Position: Minister of Labour Group ID: 13155. **ABDULLAH, Abdelhamid, Khamis**a.k.a: (1) ABDULLAH, Abdulhamid, Khamis (2) ADBALLA, Abdelhamid, Khamis, Ahmad (3) KHAMIS, Hamid Position: Chairman of Overseas Petroleum Trading Company (OPT) Other Information: Overseas Petroleum Trading Company (OPT) is a listed entity. Group ID: 13164. **BEK, Ghazwan, Kheir**DOB: --/--/1961. POB: Latakia a.k.a: BEK, Ghazqan, Kheir Position: Minister of Transport Group ID: 13160. **BILAL, Mohammed**Title: Colonel a.k.a: BILAL, Lieutenant Colonel, Muhammad Position: Senior officer in the Air Force Intelligence Service of Syria Other Information: He is associated with the listed Scientific Studies Research Centre (SSRC). Group ID: 13162. **CHEIKHA, Kamal**DOB: --/--/1961. POB: Damascus a.k.a: AL-SHEIKHA, Kamal Position: Minister of Water Resources Group ID: 13152. **FARAHAT, Mohamed** a.k.a: FARAHAT, Muhammad Position: Vice-President of Finance and Administration at Tri-Ocean Energy Other Information: Tri-Ocean Energy is a listed entity. Group ID: 13163. **GHANNAN, Ghassan, Ahmed**Title: Major General a.k.a: (1) GHANEM, Brigadier General, Ghassan, Ahmad (2) GHANNAN, Major General, Ghassan Position: Commander of the 155 Missile Brigade Other Information: Associated with Maher al- Assad. Group ID: 13161. **GHAZAL, Mohammad, Walid**DOB: --/--/1951. POB: Aleppo Position: Minister of Housing and Urban Development Group ID: 13154. **JALALI, Mohamad, Ghazi** DOB: --/--/1969. POB: Damascus a.k.a: AL-JALALI, Mohammad, Ghazi Position: Minister of Communications and Technology Group ID: 13151. **JAZA'IRI, Houmam**DOB: --/--/1977. a.k.a: AL- JAZAERI, Humam Position: Minister of Economy and Foreign Trade Group ID: 13148. **KHALIL, Issam** DOB: --/--/1965. POB: Banias Position: Minister of Culture Group ID: 13158. **MARDINI, Mohamad, Amer** DOB: --/--/1959. POB: Damascus a.k.a: MARDINI, Mohammad, Amer Position: Minister of Higher Education Group ID: 13149. **MOUAYYAD, Mohammad, Mouti'**DOB: --/--/1968. POB: Ariha (Idlib) a.k.a: MOAYYAD, Mohammad, Muti'a Position: State Minister Group ID: 13159. **NOURI, Hassan**DOB: 09/02/1960. a.k.a: AL-NOURI, Hassan Position: Minister of Administrative Development Group ID: 13153. **SAFIYEH, Hassan**DOB: --/--/1949. POB: Latakia a.k.a: SAFIYE, Hassan Position: Minister of Internal Trade and Consumer Protection Group ID: 13157. **YAZAJI, Nizar, Wahbeh**DOB: --/--/1961. POB: Damascus a.k.a: YAZIGI, Nizar, Wehbe Position: Minister of Health Group ID: 13156.**Entities****ABDULKARIM GROUP**a.k.a: (1) Al Karim for Trade and Industry (2) Al Karim Group Address: Damascus, Syria, 5797. Other Information: Parent company of Pangates with operational control of it. It is also associated with the listed Syrian oil company Sytrol. Group ID: 13166. **PANGATES INTERNATIONAL CORP LTD**a.k.a: Pangates Address: Sharjah Airport International Free Zone, United Arab Emirates, PO Box 8177. Other Information: Pangates acts as an intermediary in the supply of oil to the Syrian regime. Group ID: 13165.**AMENDMENTS**Deleted information appears in strikethrough. Additional information appears in italics and is underlined.**Individuals****ZAYTUN, Muhammad, Dib** DOB: 20/05/1951. POB: Damascus a.k.a: ZEITOUN, Mohammed, Dib Passport Details: D000001300 (Diplomatic) Position: ~~Head of Political Security Directorate~~ *Head of General Security Directorate*Group ID: 11907.**JABIR, Ayman**POB: Latakia a.k.a: JABER, Ayman Other Information: Associate of Mahir al-Assad for the Shabiha militia. Directly involved in coordination of Shabiha militia groups. Also provides financial support to the regime.Group ID: 12023.**AKHRAS, Tarif** DOB: 02/06/1951. POB: Homs, Syria a.k.a: AL-AKHRAS, Tarif Passport Details: 0000092405 (Syrian) Other Information: Prominent businessman benefiting from and supporting the regime.Founder of the Akhras Group (commodities, trading, processing and logistics). Member of the Board of the Federation of Syrian Chambers of Commerce. Former Chairman of the Homs Chamber of Commerce. He has close business relations with President Al-Assad's family. Provided logistical support for the regime (buses and tank loaders). Group ID: 12060.**Entities****SOURUH COMPANY**a.k.a: SOROH Al Cham Company Address: Adra Free Zone Area, Damascus, Syria. Other Information: ~~Investment in local military industrial projects, manufacturing weapons parts and related items.~~ ~~100% owned by Rami Makhlouf~~. Majority of the shares of the company are owned directly or indirectly by Rami Makhlouf.Tel: +963-11-5327266.Mobile: +963- 933-526812, +963-932-878282. Fax: +963-11-5316396. Email sorohco@gmail.com.Website: http://sites.google.com/site/sorohco.Group ID: 12066.**Financial Services Commission****22/10/2014** |
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