

FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

19 March 2018

Financial Sanctions Notice

Syria

Introduction

Council Regulation (EU) 36/2012 ("the Regulation") imposing financial sanctions against Syria
has been amended [so that an asset freeze now applies to the persons listed in the Annex to
this Notice.

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

2. The entries listed in the Annex to this Notice have been <u>added</u> to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.

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 Governor;
- iv. report any findings to the Governor, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulation;
- v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that the Governor may request. Information reported to the Governor may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.

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

Legislative details

- 5. On 19 March 2018 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 2018/420 ("the Amending Regulation") was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 75 I, 19.3.2018, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
- 6. The Amending Regulation amended Annex II to the Regulation with effect from 19 March 2018.

Further Information

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

http://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32018R0420&from=EN

- 8. Copies of recent Notices, certain EU Regulations, UNSC Resolutions and UK legislation can be obtained from the Syria financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website: https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specificconsolidated-lists-and-releases
- 9. Further details on the UN measures in respect of Syria can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage: http://www.un.org/sc/committees.
- 10. Please note there are also import and export restrictions on Syria. Further guidance on export GOV.UK and trade sanctions is available from the website: https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions.
- 11. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions: https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-faqs

Enquiries

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

His Excellency, the Governor The Governor's Office #8 Farara Plaza Brades, MSR 1110 Montserrat Email: Tony.Bates@fco.gsi.gov.uk

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: SYRIA COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) No 2018/420 AMENDING ANNEX II TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) No 36/2012

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. AJEEB Yusuf

a.k.a: (1) AJEEB, Yousef (2) AJIB, Yousef (3) AJIB, Yusuf Address: Scientific Studies, Barzeh Street, P.O. Box 4470, Damascus. Position: Head of Security for the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) Other Information: Holds the rank of Brigadier General, a senior officer in the Syrian Armed Forces, in post after May 2011. Since 2012, he has been Head of Security for the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) which is involved in the chemical weapons proliferation sector. As a result of his senior position as Head of Security for SSRC, he is associated with the designated entity SSRC. Listed on: 19/03/2018 Last Updated: 19/03/2018 Group ID: 13620.

2. FADHLUN Zuhair

a.k.a: (1) FADHLOUN, Zoher (2) FADHLOUN, Zuhair (3) FADHLUN, Zoher (4) FADLOUN, Zoher (5) FADLOUN, Zuhair Address: Scientific Studies, Barzeh Street, P.O. Box 4470, Damascus. Position: Head of Institute 3000 (aka Institute 5000), Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) Other Information: Director of the branch of the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) that is known as Institute 3000 (a.k.a. Institute 5000). In this role, he is responsible for chemical weapons projects, including production of chemical agents and munitions. Due to his senior position at SSRC, he is associated with designated entity SSRC. Listed on: 19/03/2018 Last Updated: 19/03/2018 Group ID: 13623.

3. SULAIMAN Maher

a.k.a: (1) SULAIMAN, Mahir (2) SULEIMAN, Maher (3) SULEIMAN, Mahir Address: Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology (HIAST), PO Box 31983, Damascus. Position: Director of the Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology (HIAST) Other Information: Director of the Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology (HIAST), which provides training and support as part of the Syrian chemical weapons proliferation sector. Due to his senior position at the HIAST, which is an affiliate and subsidiary of the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC), he is associated with the HIAST and SSRC, both of which are designated entities. Listed on: 19/03/2018 Last Updated: 19/03/2018 Group ID: 13621.

4. TOHME Salam

a.k.a: (1) TAAME, Salam (2) TAAME, Salim (3) TA'MAH, Salam (4) TA'MAH, Salim (5) TOHME, Salim (6) TOUMAH, Salam (7) TOUMAH, Salim Address: Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC), Barzeh Street, PO Box 4470, Damascus. Position: Deputy Director General, Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) Other Information: Deputy Director General of the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) which is responsible for the development and production of non-conventional weapons, including chemical weapons, and the missiles to deliver them. Due to his senior position at SSRC, he is associated with designated entity SSRC. Listed on: 19/03/2018 Last Updated: 19/03/2018 Group ID: 13622.

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