



FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

10 July 2019

Financial Sanctions Notice

Venezuela

Introduction

1. Council Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 ("the Regulation") imposing financial sanctions against Venezuela has been amended.
2. Identifying information for the individuals listed in the Annex to this Notice has been amended.

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

3. The following entries have been amended and are still subject to an asset freeze:
 - Gustavo Enrique GONZALEZ LOPEZ (Group ID: 13581)
 - Antonio Jose Benavides TORRES (Group ID: 13583)
 - Maikel Jose Moreno PEREZ (Group ID: 13584)
 - Katherine Nayarith Harrington Padron (Group ID: 13694)

What you must do

4. 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.
- 5. 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.
- 6. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Legislative details

- 7. On 9 July 2019 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1169 (“the Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 183, 9.7.2019, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
- 8. The Amending Regulation amended Annex IV to the Regulation with effect from 10 July 2019.

Further Information

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

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32019R1169&from=EN>

- 10. Copies of recent Notices, certain EU Regulations and UK legislation can be obtained from the Venezuela financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

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

- 11. Please note there are also import and export restrictions on Venezuela. Further guidance on export and trade sanctions is available from the GOV.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions>.

- 12. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions:

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

Enquiries

13. 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: David.Arkley@fco.gov.uk

ANNEX TO NOTICE

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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2019/1169

AMENDING ANNEX IV TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2017/2063

AMENDMENTS

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

Individuals

1. **GONZALEZ LOPEZ, Gustavo Enrique**
DOB: 02/11/1960. **Position:** Head of the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN) **Other Information:** EU-only listing. *Formerly Security and Intelligence Adviser for the President's office until 30 April 2019.* **Listed on:** 22/01/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~04/03/2018~~ 10/07/2019 **Group ID:** 13581.
2. **TORRES, Antonio Jose Benavides**
DOB: 13/06/1961. **Position:** ~~Chief of the Capital District (Distrito Capital) Government~~ **Other Information:** EU-only listing. *Formerly Chief of the Capital District (Distrito Capital) Government until January 2018.* General Commander of the Bolivarian National Guard until 21 June 2017. **Listed on:** 22/01/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~22/01/2018~~ 10/07/2019 **Group ID:** 13583.
3. **PEREZ, Maikel Jose Moreno**
DOB: 12/12/1965. **Position:** ~~President, and former Vice President, of the Supreme Court of Justice of Venezuela (Tribunal Supremo de Justicia)~~ **Other Information:** EU-only listing. *Formerly Vice President of the Supreme Court of Justice of Venezuela.* **Listed on:** 22/01/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~22/01/2018~~ 10/07/2019 **Group ID:** 13584.
4. **PADRON, Katherine Nayarith Harrington**
DOB: 05/12/1971. **Position:** ~~Deputy Prosecutor General (also translated as Deputy Attorney General)~~ **Other Information:** *Formerly Deputy Prosecutor General (also translated as Deputy Attorney General) since from July 2017 until October 2018.* Appointed Deputy Prosecutor General by the Supreme Court in violation of the Constitution, rather than by the National Assembly. **Listed on:** 26/06/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~26/06/2018~~ 10/07/2019 **Group ID:** 13694.

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