



FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

27 September 2019

Financial Sanctions Notice

Venezuela

Introduction

1. Council Regulation (EU) 2017/2063 ("the Regulation") imposing financial sanctions against Venezuela 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 following entries have been added to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.
 - Nestor Blanco HURTADO (Group ID: 13791)
 - Rafael Ramon Blanco MARRERO (Group ID: 13792)
 - Carlos CALDERON (Group ID: 13793)
 - Alexis Enrique Escalona MARRERO (Group ID: 13794)
 - Rafael Antonio Franco QUINTERO (Group ID: 13795)
 - Alexander Enrique Granko ARTEAGA (Group ID: 13796)
 - Hannover Esteban Guerrero MIJARES (Group ID: 13797)

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 27 September 2019 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1586 (“the Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 248, 27.9.2019, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
6. The Amending Regulation amended Annex IV to the Regulation with effect from 27 September 2019.

Further Information

7. 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:32019R1586&from=EN>
8. 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>
9. 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>.
10. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-faqs>

Enquiries

11. 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
FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: VENZUELA
COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2019/1586
AMENDING ANNEX IV TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2017/2063

ADDITIONS

Individuals

- 1. HURTADO, Nestor Blanco**
DOB: 26/09/1982. **National Identification no:** V-15222057 **Position:** Major in the Bolivarian National Guard (GNB) **Other Information:** Has operated alongside officials in the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (Direccion General de Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM)) since at least December 2017 **Listed on:** 27/09/2019 **Last Updated:** 27/09/2019 **Group ID:** 13791.
- 2. MARRERO, Rafael Ramon Blanco**
DOB: 28/02/1968. **National Identification no:** V-6250588 **Position:** Deputy Director of the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (Direccion General de Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM)) and Division General of the Venezuelan Bolivarian National Army **Listed on:** 27/09/2019 **Last Updated:** 27/09/2019 **Group ID:** 13792
- 3. CALDERON, Carlos**
Position: Senior office holder (referred to as Commissioner, Director and Director General) in the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN). **Listed on:** 27/09/2019 **Last Updated:** 27/09/2019 **Group ID:** 13793
- 4. MARRERO, Alexis Enrique Escalona**
DOB: 12/10/1962. **Position:** Chief in Charge of the National Office Against Organized Crime and Terrorist Financing (ONDOFT) **Other Information:** National Commander of the National Anti-Extortion and Kidnapping Command (Comando Nacional Antiextorsion y Secuestro (CONAS)) between 2014 and 2017. **Listed on:** 27/09/2019 **Last Updated:** 27/09/2019 **Group ID:** 13794.
- 5. QUINTERO, Rafael Antonio Franco**
DOB: 14/10/1973. **National Identification no:** V-11311672 **Position:** Agent in the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN) **Other Information:** Head of Investigations at the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (Direccion General de Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM)) between at least 2017 and December 2018 **Listed on:** 27/09/2019 **Last Updated:** 27/09/2019 **Group ID:** 13795.

6. ARTEAGA, Alexander Enrique Granko

DOB: 25/03/1981. **National Identification no:** V-14970215 **Position:** Head (Director) of the Special Affairs Division (DAE) of the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (Direccion General de Contraineligencia Militar (DGCIM)) **Listed on:** 27/09/2019 **Last Updated:** 27/09/2019 **Group ID:** 13796.

7. MIJARES, Hannover Esteban Guerrero

DOB: 14/01/1971. **Other Information:** Head of Investigations at the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (Direccion General de Contraineligencia Militar (DGCIM)) from at least April 2019 to August 2019. As Head of Investigations he supervised the DGCIM facility in Boleita. **Listed on:** 27/09/2019 **Last Updated:** 27/09/2019 **Group ID:** 13797.

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