



# **FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

13 November 2019

## **Financial Sanctions Notice**

### **Venezuela**

#### **Introduction**

1. Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1891 ("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. 8 entries, listed in the annex to this Notice, have been amended following the publication of Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1891 on 12 November 2019 and are still subject to an asset freeze.
4. A further 16 entries have been corrected to update identifying information and are still subject to an asset freeze. Details of these corrections can be found in the Annex to this Notice.

#### **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;
  - 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.
6. 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.
7. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

#### **Legislative details**

8. On 12 November 2019 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1891 (“the Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 291, 12.11.2019, p.13) by the Council of the European Union.
9. The Amending Regulation amended Annex IV to the Regulation with effect from 13 November 2019.

#### **Further Information**

10. 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:32019R1891&from=EN>

11. 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>

12. 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>.

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

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

### **Enquiries**

14. 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](mailto:David.Arkley@fco.gov.uk)

## ANNEX TO NOTICE

### FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: VENEZUELA COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2019/1891 AMENDING ANNEX IV TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2017/2063

#### AMENDMENTS (2019/1891)

##### Individuals

1. **REVEROL TORRES, Nestor Luis Reverol**  
DOB: 28/10/1964. Position: Minister for Interior, Justice and Peace. Vice-President of Public Works and Services and Executive Secretary of the Electrical General Staff. Other Information: EU-only listing. Former Commander General of the Bolivarian National Guard. Listed on: 22/01/2018 Last Updated: ~~22/04/2018~~ 13/11/2019 Group ID: 13580.
2. **LUCENARAMIREZ, Tibisay Lucena**  
DOB: 26/04/1959. Position: President of the National Electoral Council (Consejo Nacional Electoral - CNE) Other Information: EU-only listing Listed on: 22/01/2018 Last Updated: ~~22/04/2018-13/11/2019~~ Group ID: 13582.
3. **SAAB HALABI, Tarek William Saab**  
DOB: 10/09/1963. POB: El Tigre, Anzoategui state, Venezuela Position: Venezuelan Attorney General appointed by the Constituent Assembly Other Information: EU- only listing. Previously Ombudsman and President of the Republican Moral Council. Listed on: 22/01/2018 Last Updated: ~~22/04/2018-13/11/2019~~ Group ID: 13585.
4. **SUAREZ CHOURIO, Jesus Rafael Suarez**  
DOB: 19/07/1962. Position: ~~General Commander~~ Commander in Chief of the Bolivarian National Army and Chief of the General Staff to the Commander-in-Chief. Other Information: Former General Commander of the Venezuelan Bolivarian National Army. Former Commander of Venezuela's Comprehensive Defence Region of the Central Zone (REDI Central). Listed on: 26/06/2018 Last Updated: ~~26/06/2018-13/11/2019~~ Group ID: 13683.
5. **JAUAMILANO, Elias Jose Jaua**  
DOB: 16/12/1969. Position: ~~Minister of Popular Power for Education~~ Other Information: Former Minister of Popular Power for Education. Former President of the Presidential Commission for the illegitimate National Constituent Assembly. Listed on: 26/06/2018 Last Updated: ~~26/06/2018-13/11/2019~~ Group ID: 13688.
6. **BERNAL ROSALES, Freddy Alirio Bernal**  
DOB: 16/06/1962. POB: San Cristobal, Tachira state, Venezuela Position: Head of the National Control Centre of the Committee for Local Supply and Production (CLAP) and Protector of Tachira State. Commissioner General of the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN). Other Information: ~~Head of the National Control Centre of the Committee for Local Supply and Production (CLAP) and Commissioner General of SEBIN.~~ Listed on: 26/06/2018 Last Updated: ~~26/06/2018-13/11/2019~~ Group ID: 13691.

7. **BLANCO HURTADO, Nestor Blanco-Neptali**  
**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~~ 13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13791.
8. **CALDERON CHIRINOS, Carlos Alberto**  
**National Identification no:** V-10352300 **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~~ 13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13793.

## **CORRECTIONS**

### **Individuals**

1. **GRANKO 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 Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM)) **Listed on:** 27/09/2019 **Last Updated:** ~~27/09/2019~~ 13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13796.
2. **HERNANDEZ DALA, Ivan Hernandez**  
**DOB:** 18/05/1966. **Position:** Head of Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence **Other Information:** Head of the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (DGCIM) since January 2014 and Head of the Presidential Guard since September 2015. **Listed on:** 26/06/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~26/06/2018~~ 13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13685.
3. **RODRIGUEZ GOMEZ, Delcy Eloina Rodriguez**  
**DOB:** 18/05/1969. **Position:** Vice President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela **Other Information:** Vice President of Venezuela, former President of the illegitimate Constituent Assembly and former member of the Presidential Commission for the illegitimate National Constituent Assembly. **Listed on:** 26/06/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~26/06/2018~~ 13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13687.
4. **HERNANDEZ HERNANDEZ, Socorro Elizabeth Hernandez**  
**DOB:** 11/03/1952. **Other Information:** Member (Rector) of the National Electoral Council (CNE) and member of the National Electoral Board (JNE). **Listed on:** 26/06/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~26/06/2018~~ 13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13695.
5. **EL-AISSAMI MADDAH, Tareck Zaidan El-Aissami**  
**DOB:** 12/11/1974. **Position:** Vice President of Economy and Minister for National Industry and Production **Other Information:** Former Vice President of Venezuela with oversight of the Bolivarian National Intelligence Service (SEBIN). **Listed on:** 26/06/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~26/06/2018~~ 13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13679.

6. **RIVERO MARCANO, Sergio Jose Rivero**  
**DOB:** 08/11/1964. **Position:** Inspector General of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces **Other Information:** General Commander of the Bolivarian National Guard until 16 January 2018. **Listed on:** 26/06/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~26/06/2018~~-13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13680.
7. **BLANCO 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~~ 13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13792.
8. **ESCALONA 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~~-13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13794.
9. **GUERRERO MIJARES, Hannover Esteban Guerrero**  
**DOB:** 14/01/1971. **Other Information:** Head of Investigations at the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (Direccion General de Contrainteligencia 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~~-13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13797.
10. **HARRINGTON PADRON, Katherine Nayarith Harrington**  
**DOB:** 05/12/1971. **Other Information:** Formerly Deputy Prosecutor General (also translated as Deputy Attorney General) 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:** ~~10/07/2019~~-13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13694.
11. **MORENO PEREZ, Maikel Jose Moreno**  
**DOB:** 12/12/1965. **Position:** 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:** ~~10/07/2019~~-13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13584.
12. **FRANCO 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~~-13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13795.
13. **MORENO REYES, Xavier Antonio Moreno**  
**Position:** Secretary-General of the National Electoral Council **Other Information:** Secretary-General of the National Electoral Council (CNE). **Listed on:** 26/06/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~26/06/2018~~-13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13696.

**14. CABELLO RONDON, Diosdado Cabello**

**DOB:** 15/04/1963. **Position:** President of the Constituent Assembly and First Vice President of the United Socialist Party of Venezuela (PSUV) **Other Information:** EU-only listing **Listed on:** 22/01/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~08/11/2018~~ 13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13586.

**15. BENAVIDES TORRES, Antonio Jose Benavides**

**DOB:** 13/06/1961. **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:** ~~10/07/2019~~ 13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13583.

**16. OBLITASRUZZA, Sandra Oblitas**

**DOB:** 07/06/1969. **Position:** Vice President of National Electoral Council **Other Information:** Vice President of the National Electoral Council (CNE) and President of the Commission of the Electoral and Civilian Register. **Listed on:** 26/06/2018 **Last Updated:** ~~26/06/2018~~ 13/11/2019 **Group ID:** 13690.

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