



# FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

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17 April 2020

## Financial Sanctions Notice

### Iran (human rights)

#### Introduction

1. This notice is to issue a correction relating to the Iran (human rights) financial sanctions regime.

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

2. The following entries have been amended and are still subject to an asset freeze:
  - Mohammad HOSSEINI (Group ID: 12201)
  - Ali Ashraf RASHIDI AGHDAM (Group ID: 12849)
  - Hossein TAEB (Group ID: 11788)
  - CYBER POLICE (Group ID: 12864)

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

### **Legislative Details**

6. On 8 April 2020 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/510 (“the Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 113, 8.4.2020, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
7. The Amending Regulation amended Annex I to Council Regulation (EU) 359/2011 with effect from 8 April 2020.

### **Further Information**

8. 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:32020R0510&from=EN>

9. Copies of recent Notices, certain EU Regulations, and UK legislation can be obtained from the Iran (human rights) financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

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

10. Please note there are also import and export restrictions on Iran. Further guidance on export and trade sanctions is available from the GOV.UK 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>

## **Enquires**

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

**ANNEX TO NOTICE**  
**FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: IRAN (HUMAN RIGHTS)**  
**COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/510**  
**AMENDING ANNEX I TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 359/2011**

**AMENDMENTS**

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

**Individuals**

**1. HOSSEINI, Mohammad**

**Title:** Dr **DOB:** --/--/1961. **POB:** Rafsanjan, Kerman **a.k.a:** (1) HOSSEYNI, Dr, Sayyed, Mohammad (2) HOSSEYNI, Dr, Sayyid, Mohammad (3) HOSSEYNI, Dr, Seyyed, Mohammad (4) HOSSEYNI, Dr, Seyyed, Mohammad **Position:** (1) Advisor to Former President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad (2) Spokesperson for YEKTA, a hardline political faction **Other Information:** Gender: male. Former Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance (2009 – 2013). Ex-IRGC. Complicit in the repression of journalists. Listed on: 12/10/2011 **Last Updated:** ~~09/04/2020~~ 17/04/2020 **Group ID:** 12201.

**2. RASHIDI AGHDAM, Ali Ashraf**

**a.k.a:** ~~ROSTAMI AGHDAM, Ali, Ashraf~~ **Other Information:** Gender: male. Former Head of Evin Prison, appointed in mid-2012. During his tenure, conditions in the prison deteriorated and reports referenced intensified ill-treatment of prisoners. Listed on: 12/03/2013 **Last Updated:** ~~09/04/2020~~ 17/04/2020 **Group ID:** 12849.

**3. TAEB, Hossein**

**DOB:** --/--/1963. **POB:** Tehran, Iran **a.k.a:** (1) TAEB, Hassan (2) TA'EB, Hojjatoleslam, Hossein (3) TAEB, Hosein (4) TAEB, Hussayn ~~(5) TAEB, Hossein~~ **Position:** Head of IRGC Intelligence since October 2009 **Other Information:** Gender: male. His responsibilities were expanded in May 2019

with the merging the Office of the Deputy of Strategic Intelligence of the IRGC and the IRGC's Intelligence Organisation. Commander of the Basij until Oct 2009. EU listing under the Iran (human rights) and Syria regimes. **Listed on:** 14/04/2011 **Last Updated:** ~~09/04/2020~~ 17/04/2020 **Group ID:** 11788.

## **Entities**

### **1. CYBER POLICE**

**Address:** Tehran, Iran. **Other Information:** ~~The Iranian Cyber Police is~~ A unit of the Islamic Republic of Iran Police. Founded in January 2011. Headed by Esmail Ahmadi-Moqaddam *until early 2015*. Website: <http://www.cyberpolice.ir>  
**Listed on:** 12/03/2013 **Last Updated:** ~~13/04/2018~~ 17/04/2020 **Group ID:** 12864.

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