

# FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

30th June 2020

# **Financial Sanctions Notice**

# Venezuela

#### Introduction

 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. 11 entries have been added to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.

#### What you must do

#### You must:

- 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;
- 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

- On 29 June 2020 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/897 ("the Amending Regulation") was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 205 I, 29.6.2020, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
- The Amending Regulation amended Annex IV to the Regulation with effect from 29 June 2020.

#### **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:32020R0897&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-specificconsolidated-lists-and-releases

- 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: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions">https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions</a>.
- 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: VENEZUELA COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/897

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

# **ADDITIONS**

#### Individuals

#### 1. BUSTAMANTE PUERTA, Dinorah Yoselin

DOB: 14/01/1975. National Identification no: V-10002096 Other Information: Gender: female. Prosecutor serving at the Venezuelan First Special Court of First Instance, with an office within the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (Direction General de Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM)). Initiated politically motivated prosecutions which resulted in the arbitrary detention of members of the National Assembly and other officials opposing the Maduro regime. Listed on: 30/06/2020 Last Updated: 30/06/2020 Group ID:13848.

#### 2. DIAZ GONZALEZ, Tania Valentina

DOB: 18/06/1963. POB: Caracas, Distrito Capital, Venezuela National Identification no: V-6432672 Position: First Vice-President of the non-recognised National Constituent Assembly (ANC) since 4 January 2018 Other Information: Gender: female. Member of the non-recognised National Constituent Assembly (ANC). Signed the decree that stripped the president of the National Assembly of Venezuela of his parliamentary immunity. Listed on: 30/06/2020 Last Updated: 30/06/2020 Group ID: 13843.

#### 3. DUARTE, Franklyn Leonardo

DOB: 15/05/1977. National Identification no: V-3304045 Position: First Vice-President of the National Assembly (illegitimately elected) Other Information: Member of the National Assembly. Staged his election as the first Vice-President of the National Assembly on 5 January 2020. The election took place while entry of several parliamentarians to the premises of the National Assembly was blocked by military police, and without a quorum being reached. Listed on: 30/06/2020 Last Updated: 30/06/2020 Group ID: 13850

#### 4. HIDROBO AMOROSO, Elvis Eduardo

DOB: 04/08/1963. POB: Caracas, Distrito Capital, Venezuela National Identification no: V-7659695 Position: Comptroller General since 23 October 2018 Other Information: Gender: male. Former First and Second Vice-President of the non-recognised National Constituent Assembly (ANC). Lead the non-recognised ANC, signing the 'law against hatred', justifying the removal of a legally-elected opposition governor and banning Juan Guaido from running for any public office. Listed on: 30/06/2020 Last Updated: 30/06/2020 Group ID: 13844.

# 5. MARQUEZ MONSALVE, Jorge Elieser

**DOB:** 20/02/1971. **POB:** Caracas, Venezuela **National Identification no:** V-8714253 **Position:** Director-General of the National Commission of Telecommunications (CONATEL) since 7 August 2017 **Other Information:** Gender: male. Severely limited the rights of the Venezuelan people to free press, free speech and information. Used the special powers of CONATEL to silence criticism and dissidents of the regime by blocking, filtering and obstructing internet websites and by revoking existing licences for radio and television stations and refusing to grant new such licences. **Listed on:** 30/06/2020 **Last Updated:** 30/06/2020 **Group ID:** 13846.

#### 6. MENDOZA JOVER, Juan Jose

DOB: 11/03/1969. POB: Trujillo, Venezuela National Identification no: V-9499372 Address: Arnoldo Gabaldon, Candelaria, Edo. Trujillo. Position: (1) Second Vice-President of the Venezuelan Supreme Court of Justice (Tribunal Supremo de Justicia (TSJ)) (2) President of the Constitutional Chamber of the TSJ since 24 February 2017 Other Information: Gender: male. His actions have undermined democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela, including by a number of judicial rulings that have limited or undermined the constitutional powers of Venezuela's democratically-elected legislative body, the National Assembly. Listed on: 30/06/2020 Last Updated: 30/06/2020 Group ID: 13845.

#### 7. MORA SALCEDO, Farik Karin

National Identification no: V-8608523 Other Information: Gender: male. Prosecutor serving at the Venezuelan First Special Court of First Instance with an office within the Directorate-General of Military Counter-Intelligence (Direction General de Contrainteligencia Militar (DGCIM)). Initiated politically motivated prosecutions which resulted in the arbitrary detention of members of the National Assembly and other officials opposing the Maduro regime. Listed on: 30/06/2020 Last Updated: 30/06/2020 Group ID: 13847.

#### 8. NORIEGA FIGUEROA, Jose Gregorio

DOB: 21/02/1969. National Identification no: V-8348784 Position: Second Vice-President of the National Assembly (illegitimately elected) Other Information: Gender: male. Member of the National Assembly. Staged his election as the second Vice- President of the National Assembly on 5 January 2020. The election took place while entry of several parliamentarians to the premises of the National Assembly was blocked by military police, and without a quorum being reached. Listed on: 30/06/2020 Last Updated: 30/06/2020 Group ID: 13851.

#### 9. ORNELAS FERREIRA, Jose Adelino

DOB: 14/12/1964. POB: Caracas. Distrito Capital, Venezeula a.k.a: (1) ORNELLA FERREIRA, Jose, Adelino (2) ORNELLAS FERREIRA, Jose, Adelino National Identification no: V-7087964 Position: Secretary-General of the National Defence Council since 26 July 2019 Other Information: Gender: male. Former commander of the National Capital Integral Strategic Defence Region (REDI Capital). Former Chief of Staff and former Second-in-Command of the Operational and Strategic Command of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces of Venezuela (CEOFANB). Has supported and facilitated actions and policies of the Government of Venezuela. Responsible for obstructing the provision of humanitarian aid and the use of excessive force by officials. Listed on: 30/06/2020 Last Updated: 30/06/2020 Group ID: 13841.

#### 10. PARRA RIVERO, Luis Eduardo

**DOB:** 07/07/1978. **National Identification no:** V-14211633 **Position:** President of the National Assembly (illegitimately elected) **Other Information:** Gender: male. Member of the National Assembly. Staged his election as the President of the National Assembly on 5 January 2020. The election took place while entry of several parliamentarians to the premises of the National Assembly was blocked by military police, and without a quorum being reached. **Listed on:** 30/06/2020 **Last Updated:** 30/06/2020 **Group ID:** 13849.

#### 11. REQUENA, Gladys del Valle

DOB: 09/11/1952. POB: Puerto Santo, Sucre, Venezuela National Identification no: V-4114842 Position: Second Vice-President of the non-recognised National Constituent Assembly (ANC) since 26 October 2018 Other Information: Gender: female. Member of the non-recognised National Constituent Assembly (ANC). Signed the decree that stripped the president of the National Assembly of Venezuela of his parliamentary immunity. Listed on: 30/06/2020 Last Updated: 30/06/2020 Group ID: 13842.