



FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

13th August 2020

Financial Sanctions Notice

Central African Republic

Introduction

1. Council Regulation (EU) 224/2014 ("the Regulation") imposing financial sanctions with regard to Central African Republic has been amended.

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

2. The following entry has been added and is still subject to an asset freeze:

- Bi Sidi SOULEMAN (Group ID: 13912)

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 13 August 2020 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1194 (“the Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 266 I, 13.8.2020, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
7. The Amending Regulation amended Annex I to the Regulation with effect from 13 August 2020.
8. The Amending Regulation reflects the decisions made on 5 August 2020 by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Committee established pursuant to Resolution 2127 (2013) to add 1 individual to the UN Central African Republic list.
9. In accordance with the United Nations and European Union Financial Sanctions (Linking) Regulations 2017 made under the Policing and Crime Act 2017, the UK enacted this decision on 6 August 2020 and issued Notice 'HM Treasury notice, 06/08/2020, Central African Republic'.
10. This EU Amending Notice supersedes that Notice of 6 August 2020.

Further Information

11. 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:32020R1194&from=EN>

12. Copies of recent Notices, certain EU Regulations, UNSC Resolutions and UK legislation can be obtained from the Central African Republic financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

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

13. Further details on the UN measures in respect of the Central African Republic can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage:
<http://www.un.org/sc/committees>.
14. Please note there are also import and export restrictions on the Central African Republic. Further guidance on export and trade sanctions is available from the GOV.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions>.
15. It should be noted that the Annex to this Notice and the Consolidated List may include certain background information provided by the UN Sanctions Committee that is not included in Annex I to the Regulation.
16. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-faqs>

Enquiries

Non-media enquiries, reports and licence applications should be addressed to:

His Excellency, the Governor
The Governor's Office
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Montserrat
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ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION

(EU) 2020/1194

AMENDING ANNEX I TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 224/2014

AMENDMENT

Individual

1. SOULEMAN, Bi Sidi

DOB: 20/07/1962. **POB:** Bocaranga, Central African Republic **a.k.a:** (1) ABBAS, Sidiki (2) BI SIDI, Souleymane (3) SIDIKI (4) SIDIKI, 'General' (5) SOULEMANE, Bi Sidi

Nationality: Central African Republic **Passport**

Details: N°235/MISPAT/DIRCAB/DGPC/DGAEI/SI/SP

(laissez-passer) issued 15 March 2019 by the Minister of Interior of the Central African Republic **Address:** Kouï, Ouham-Pende prefecture, Central African Republic. **Position:**

President and self-proclaimed 'general' of the Retour, Reclamation et Rehabilitation (3R)

Other Information: UN Ref: CFI.014. Souleman leads the Central African Republic (CAR)-based militia group Retour, Reclamation, Rehabilitation (3R) which has killed,

tortured, raped, and displaced civilians and engaged in arms trafficking, illegal taxation activities, and warfare with other militias since its creation in 2015. Souleman himself has

also participated in torture. On 6 February 2019, 3R signed the Political Agreement for Peace and Reconciliation in the CAR but has engaged in acts violating the Agreement and remains a threat to the peace, stability and security of the CAR. For instance, on 21

May 2019, 3R killed 34 unarmed civilians in three villages, summarily executing adult males. (~~Listing to be treated as temporary for 30 days from the date of listing by the UN~~

~~or until the EU adds the new listing to an existing sanctions regulation (whichever is sooner) in accordance with Policing and Crime Act 2017).~~ [UN Listing (formerly

temporary listing, in accordance with Policing and Crime Act 2017)]. **Listed on:** 06/08/2020 **Last Updated:** 06/08/2020-13/08/2020 **Group ID:** 13912.