

# FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION

14 January 2023

#### **Financial Sanction Notice**

## **Directions from Financial Services Commission**

Please be informed that 1 entry has been amended under the Syria financial sanctions regime.

On 14 January 2023 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on Gov.Uk. This list provides details of those details designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act.

1 entry has been amended under the Syria financial sanctions regime and is still subject to an asset freeze.

The consolidated list of asset freeze targets has been updated to reflect these changes.

The notice will also be placed on our website at www.fscmontserrat.org (http://www.fscmontserrat.org/ under the heading "Sanctions") for your future reference.

Please be guided accordingly.



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## **Syria**

#### Introduction

- 1. The Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/792) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (the Sanctions Act) and provide for the freezing of funds and economic resources of certain persons, entities or bodies involved in repressing the civilian population in Syria or who is or has been involved in supporting or benefitting from the Syrian regime and who are or have been carrying on prohibited activities related to chemical weapons.
- 2. On 14 January 2023 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK. This list provides details of those designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act. A link to the UK Sanctions List can be found below.
- 3. Following the publication of the UK Sanctions List, information on the Consolidated List has been updated.

## **Notice summary**

- 4. The following entry has been amended and is still subject to an asset freeze:
  - Hayel AL-ASAD (Group ID: 12039)

## 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 and any funds which are owned or controlled by persons set out in the Annex to the Notice
- 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 Regulations;
- 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.

## **Further Information**

- 8. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Syria financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website: <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases">https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases</a>
- 9. The Consolidated List can be found here:
  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets</a>
- 10. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:
  <a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list</a>

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

<a href="https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-guidance">https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-guidance</a>

## **Enquiries**

12. Non-media enquiries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK should be addressed to:

Her Excellency, the Governor The Governor's Office #8 Farara Plaza Brades, MSR 1110

E-Mail: <u>david.vincent@fcdo.gov.uk</u>

## **ANNEX TO NOTICE**

#### **FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: SYRIA**

## THE SYRIA (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/792)

#### **AMENDMENT**

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## <u>Individual</u>

1. AL-ASAD, Hayel

Name (non-Latin script): هائل األس د

**a.k.a:** AL-ASSAD, Hayel **Position**: Assistant to Maher al Asad and responsible for the Military Police **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref):SYR0085 Serves in same military division as Maher al Asad (UK Statement of Reasons):Assistant to Maher Al-Assad, Head of the military police unit of the army's 4th Division, involved in repression (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 24/08/2011 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** 31/12/2020 **I**4/01/2023 **Group ID:** 12039.

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