



Financial Sanctions Notice

21/01/2019

Chemical Weapons

Introduction

1. Council Regulation (EU) 2018/1542 (“the Regulation”) imposing financial sanctions against the proliferation and use of chemical weapons has been amended.

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

2. Nine entries detailed in the Annex to this Notice have been added to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.
3. One entry, detailed in the Annex to this Notice, has been amended and is still subject to an asset freeze.

What you must do

4. 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 Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI);

- iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulation;
 - v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that OFSI may request. Information reported to OFSI may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
5. 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.
6. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Legislative details

7. On 21 January 2019 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/84 (“the Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 18 I, 21.1.2019, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
8. The Amending Regulation amended Annex I to the Regulation with effect from 21 January 2019.

Further Information

9. 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:32019R0084&from=EN>

10. Copies of recent Notices, certain EU Regulations and UK legislation can be obtained from the Chemical Weapons financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

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

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

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

Enquiries

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

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation

HM Treasury

1 Horse Guards Road

London

SW1A 2HQ

ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk

13. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.

14. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: CHEMICAL WEAPONS

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2019/84

AMENDING ANNEX I TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2018/1542

ADDITIONS

Individuals

- 1. YASMINA, Tariq**
Title: Colonel **a.k.a:** YASMINA, Tarq **Nationality:** Syrian **Other Information:** Tariq Yasmina acts as the liaison officer between the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) and the Presidential Palace, and, as such, is involved in the use and preparations for the use of chemical weapons by the Syrian regime. **Listed on:** 21/01/2019 **Last Updated:** 21/01/2019 **Group ID:** 13743.
- 2. NASRI, Khaled**
a.k.a: (1) NASRI , Mohammed , Khaled (2) NATSRI, Haled **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** Head of Institute 1000 of the SSRC **Other Information:** Khaled Nasri is the Director of Institute 1000, the division of the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) responsible for developing and producing computer and electronic systems for Syria's chemical weapons programme. **Listed on:** 21/01/2019 **Last Updated:** 21/01/2019 **Group ID:** 13745.
- 3. ZUGHAIB, Walid**
Title: Dr. **a.k.a:** (1) ZGHA'IB, Dr., Walid (2) ZUGHAYB, Dr., Walid (3) ZUGHIB, Dr., Walid **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** Head of Institute 2000 of the SSRC **Other Information:** Walid Zughaib is the Director of Institute 2000, the division of the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) responsible for mechanical development and production for Syria's chemical weapons programme. **Listed on:** 21/01/2019 **Last Updated:** 21/01/2019 **Group ID:** 13746.
- 4. AHMED, Firas**
Title: Colonel **DOB:** 21/01/1967. **a.k.a:** AHMAD, Colonel , Firas **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** Head of Security Office at Institute 1000 of the SSRC **Other Information:** Firas Ahmed is the Director of the Security Office of Institute 1000, the division of the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) responsible for developing and producing computer and electronic systems for Syria's chemical weapons programme. He was involved in transferring and concealing chemical weapons related materials following Syria's accession to the Chemical Weapons Convention. **Listed on:** 21/01/2019 **Last Updated:** 21/01/2019 **Group ID:** 13749.

5. **SAID, Said**
Title: Dr. **DOB:** 11/12/1955. **a.k.a:** (1) SAEED, Dr., Said (2) SA'ID, Dr., Sa'id **Position:** Member of Institute 3000 (a.k.a. Institute 6000 a.k.a. Institute 5000) of the SSRC **Other Information:** Said Said is a significant figure in Institute 3000 a.k.a Institute 6000 a.k.a. Institute 5000, the division of the Scientific Studies and Research Centre (SSRC) that is responsible for developing and producing Syria's chemical weapons. **Listed on:** 21/01/2019 **Last Updated:** 21/01/2019 **Group ID:** 13750.
6. **CHEPIGA, Anatoliy Vladimirovich**
DOB: (1) 05/04/1979. (2) 12/04/1978. **POB:** 1) Nikolaevka, Amur Oblast, Russia; 2) Dushanbe, Tajikistan **a.k.a:** BOSHIROV, Ruslan **Other Information:** GRU Officer Anatoliy Chepiga (a.k.a. Ruslan Boshirov) possessed, transported and then, during the weekend of 4 March 2018, in Salisbury, used a toxic nerve agent ("Novichok"). On 5 September 2018, the UK Crown Prosecution Service charged Ruslan Boshirov for conspiracy to murder Sergei Skripal, for the attempted murder of Sergei Skripal, Yulia Skripal and Nick Bailey, for the use and possession of Novichok and for causing grievous bodily harm with intent to Yulia Skripal and Nick Bailey. **Listed on:** 21/01/2019 **Last Updated:** 21/01/2019 **Group ID:** 13751.
7. **MISHKIN, Alexander Yevgeniyevich**
DOB: 13/07/1979. **POB:** 1) Loyga, Russia 2) Kotlas, Russia **a.k.a:** PETROV, Alexander **Other Information:** GRU Officer Alexander Mishkin (a.k.a. Alexander Petrov) possessed, transported and then, during the weekend of 4 March 2018, in Salisbury, used a toxic nerve agent ("Novichok"). On 5 September 2018, the UK Crown Prosecution Service charged Alexander Petrov for conspiracy to murder Sergei Skripal, for the attempted murder of Sergei Skripal, Yulia Skripal and Nick Bailey, for the use and possession of Novichok, and for causing grievous bodily harm with intent to Yulia Skripal and Nick Bailey. **Listed on:** 21/01/2019 **Last Updated:** 21/01/2019 **Group ID:** 13744
8. **ALEXSEYEV, Vladimir Stepanovich**
Position: First Deputy Head of the GRU **Other Information:** Vladimir Stepanovich Alexseyev is the First Deputy Head of the GRU (a.k.a. GU). Given his senior leadership role in the GRU, Alexseyev is responsible for the possession, transport and use in Salisbury during the weekend of 4 March 2018 of the toxic nerve agent "Novichok" by officers from the GRU. **Listed on:** 21/01/2019 **Last Updated:** 21/01/2019 **Group ID:** 13747.
9. **KOSTYUKOV, Igor Olegovich**
Position: Head of the GRU **Other Information:** Igor Olegovich Kostyukov, given his senior leadership role as First Deputy Head of the GRU (a. k. a. GU) at that time, is responsible for the possession, transport and use in Salisbury during the weekend of 4 March 2018 of the toxic nerve agent "Novichok" by officers from the GRU. **Listed on:** 21/01/2019 **Last Updated:** 21/01/2019 **Group ID:** 13748.

AMENDMENT

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Entity

1. CENTRE D'ETUDES ET DE RECHERCHES SYRIEN (CERS)

a.k.a: (1) Centre de Recherche de Kaboun (2) Centre d'Etude et de Recherche Scientifique (CERS) (3) Scientific Studies and Research Center ~~Center~~ Centre (SSRC) **Address:** Barzeh Street, PO Box 4470, Damascus. **Other Information:** Government entity responsible for developing and producing non-conventional weapons, including chemical weapons, and the missiles to deliver them. Listed under both the Syria and Chemical Weapons Regimes **Listed on:** 21/01/2019 **Last Updated:** ~~27/09/2017~~ 21/01/2019 **Group ID:** 12426.

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