

Financial Sanctions Notice

24/02/2020

ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida Organisations

Introduction

1. The United Nations Security Council's sanctions list has been updated.

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

- 2. By virtue of the United Nations and European Union Financial Sanctions (Linking) Regulations 2017, the following entries have been <u>added</u> to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.
 - ISLAMIC STATE IN THE GREATER SAHARA (ISGS) (Group ID: 13825) (the "DP")
 - ISLAMIC STATE WEST AFRICA PROVINCE (ISWAP) (Group ID: 13826) (the "DP")

Legislative Details

- 3. On 23 February 2020, the United Nations Security Council Committee established by resolutions 1267 (1999), 1989 (2011) and 2253 (2015) concerning the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida organisations approved the addition of 2 entries to its list of individuals and entities subject to an asset freeze.
- 4. Unless the DP is listed under EU Regulation 881/2002 by 24 March 2020, the asset freeze will cease to apply from 11:59 p.m. on 24 March 2020 until the date upon which the DP is listed by the EU.

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;
- 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.
- 6. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or seeking to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Further Information

7. The UN's press release describing these changes can be found here:

https://www.un.org/press/en/2020/sc14118.doc.htm

- 8. Further details on the UN measures in respect of the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida organisations can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage: https://www.un.org/sc/suborg/en.
- 9. Copies of recent Notices, UNSC Resolutions and UK legislation can be obtained from the ISIL (Da'esh) and Al-Qaida organisations financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

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

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:

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation HM Treasury 1 Horse Guards Road London SW1A 2HQ ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk

- 12. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 13. 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: ISIL (DA'ESH) AND AL-QAIDA ORGANISATIONS

Entities

1. ISLAMIC STATE IN THE GREATER SAHARA (ISGS)

a.k.a: (1) ISIS in the Greater Sahara (2) ISIS in the Greater Sahel (3) ISIS in the Islamic Sahel (4) Islamic State in Iraq and Syria – Greater Sahara (ISIS-GS) (5) Islamic State of Iraq and Syria – Greater Sahara (ISIS-GS) (6) Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant - Greater Sahara (ISIL-GS) (7) Islamic State of the Greater Sahel Other Information: UN Ref: QDe.163. Formed in May 2015 by Adnan Abu Walid al-Sahraoui (QDi.415). Associated with the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (listed as Al-Qaida in Iraq (QDe.115)). Splinter group of Al-Mourabitoun (QDe.141). Committed terrorist attacks in Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso. (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). Listed on: 24/02/2020 Last Updated: 24/02/2020 Group ID: 13825.

2. ISLAMIC STATE WEST AFRICA PROVINCE (ISWAP)

a.k.a: (1) Islamic State of Iraq and Syria – West Africa (ISIS-WA) (2) Islamic State of Iraq and Syria West Africa Province (ISISWAP) (3) Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant – West Africa (4) Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant – West Africa (ISIL-WA) Other Information: UN Ref: QDe.162. Associated with the Islamic State in Iraq and the Levant (listed as Al-Qaida in Iraq (QDe.115)). Formed in March 2015 by Abubakar Shekau (QDi.322). Splinter group of Jama'atu Ahlis Sunna Lidda'Awati Wal-Jihad (Boko Haram) (QDe.138). Committed terrorist attacks in Nigeria. (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). Listed on: 24/02/2020 Last Updated: 24/02/2020 Group ID: 13826.

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