

Financial Sanctions Notice

20/03/2020

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Introduction

- 1. Council Regulation (EC) 1183/2005 ("the Regulation") imposing financial sanctions against the Democratic Republic of the Congo has been amended.
- 2. Identifying information for the individual listed in the Annex to this Notice has been amended.

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

- 3. The following entry has been <u>amended</u> and is still subject to an asset freeze:
 - Ignace MURWANASHYAKA (Group ID: 8713)

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 <u>already reported</u> details of accounts, other funds or economic resources held frozen for designated persons, <u>they are not required to report</u> <u>these details again</u>.
- 6. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Legislative details

- On 20 March 2020 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/415 ("the Amending Regulation") was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 86, 20.3.2020, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
- 8. The Amending Regulation amended Annex I to the Regulation with effect from 20 March 2020.
- 9. The Amending Regulation reflects the decisions made on 25 February 2020 by the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) Committee established pursuant to Resolution 1533 (2004) to amend the identifying information of 1 existing entry.

Further Information

10. 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:32020R0415&from=EN

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

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

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

Enquiries

16. 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 <u>ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk</u>

- 17. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 18. 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: DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/415

AMENDING ANNEX I TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) 1183/2005

AMENDMENTS

Deleted information appears in strikethrough. Additional information appears in italics and is underlined.

<u>Individuals</u>

1. MURWANASHYAKA, Ignace

Title: Dr **DOB**: 14/05/1963. **POB**: (1) Ngoma, Butare, <u>Rwanda</u> (2) Butera, Rwanda **Nationality**: Rwandan **Address**: Germany (in prison). **Position**: President of the FDLR **Other Information**: <u>UN Ref: CDi.016</u>. <u>Died in prison in Germany on 16 April</u> <u>2019</u>. Arrested by German authorities on 17 November 2009. <u>Re-elected FDLR</u> <u>President on 29 November 2014 for a five-year term</u>. <u>Found guilty by a German</u> <u>court on 28 September 2015 of leadership of a foreign terrorist group and aiding</u> <u>in war crimes</u>. Received a 13-year sentence and is in prison in Germany as of June 2016. Listed on: 02/11/2005 Last Updated: 08/02/2017 <u>20/03/2020</u> Group ID: 8713.

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