



Syria

Introduction

1. Council Regulation (EU) 36/2012 (“the Regulation”) imposing financial sanctions against Syria has been amended so that an asset freeze now applies to the persons listed in the Annex to this Notice.

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

2. The following entries have been added to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.
 - Bassam TOU’MA (Group ID: 13997)
 - Hassan GHABACHE (Group ID: 13998)
 - Ziyad SABBAGH (Group ID: 13999)
 - Hassan QATANA (Group ID: 14000)
 - Ghassan ZAMEL (Group ID: 14001)
 - Mohamad FAYEZ BARCHA (Group ID: 14002)
 - Malloul HUSSEIN (Group ID: 14003)
 - Mohammad Samir HADDAD (Group ID: 14004)

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 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.
4. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Legislative details

5. On 6 November 2020 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1649 (“the Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 370 I, 6.11.2020, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
6. The Amending Regulation amended Annex II to the Regulation with effect from 6 November 2020.

Further Information

7. 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:32020R1649&from=EN>

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

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

9. Please note there are also import and export restrictions on Syria. Further guidance on export and trade sanctions is available from the GOV.UK website:
<https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions>.

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, Commonwealth & Development Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: SYRIA

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/1649

AMENDING ANNEX II TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 36/2012

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. **TOU'MA, Bassam**
DOB: --/--/1969. **POB:** Safita, Syria **a.k.a:** TU'MA, Bassam **Position:** Minister of Oil and Mineral Resources. Appointed in August 2020. **Other Information:** Gender: male. **Listed on:** 06/11/2020 **Last Updated:** 06/11/2020 **Group ID:** 13997.
2. **GHABACHE, Hassan**
DOB: --/--/1971. **POB:** Damascus, Syria **a.k.a:** (1) AL-GHABBASH, Hassan (2) GHOBASH, Hassan **Position:** Minister of Health. Appointed in August 2020. **Other Information:** Gender: male. **Listed on:** 06/11/2020 **Last Updated:** 06/11/2020 **Group ID:** 13998.
3. **SABBAGH, Ziyad**
DOB: --/--/1960. **POB:** Aleppo, Syria **Position:** Minister of Industry. Appointed in August 2020 **Other Information:** Gender: male. **Listed on:** 06/11/2020 **Last Updated:** 06/11/2020 **Group ID:** 13999.
4. **QATANA, Mohammad Hassan**
POB: Damascus, Syria **Position:** Minister of Agriculture and Agrarian Reform. Appointed in August 2020 **Other Information:** Gender: male. **Listed on:** 06/11/2020 **Last Updated:** 06/11/2020 **Group ID:** 14000.
5. **ZAMEL, Ghassan**
DOB: --/--/1963. **POB:** Damascus, Syria **a.k.a:** (1) AL-ZAMEL, Ghassan (2) AL-ZAMIL, Ghassan **Position:** Minister of Electricity. Appointed in August 2020. **Other Information:** Gender: male. **Listed on:** 06/11/2020 **Last Updated:** 06/11/2020 **Group ID:** 14001.
6. **BARCHA, Mohamad Fayez**
DOB: --/--/1955. **POB:** Damascus, Syria **a.k.a:** (1) AL-BARASHA, Mohamad, Fayez (2) AL-BARASHA, Mohammad, Fayez (3) AL-BARSHA, Mohamad, Fayez (4) AL-BARSHA, Mohammad, Fayez (5) BARCHA, Mohammad, Fayez **Position:** Minister of State. Appointed in August 2020. **Other Information:** Gender: male. **Listed on:** 06/11/2020 **Last Updated:** 06/11/2020 **Group ID:** 14002.

7. HUSSEIN, Malloul

DOB: --/--/1950. **POB:** Al-Hasakah Governorate, Syria **a.k.a:** (1) AL-HUSSEIN, Malloul (2) AL-HUSSEIN, Maloul (3) HUSSEIN, Maloul **Position:** Minister of State. Appointed in August 2020 **Other Information:** Gender: male. **Listed on:** 06/11/2020 **Last Updated:** 06/11/2020 **Group ID:** 14003.

8. HADDAD, Mohammad Samir

DOB: --/--/1956. **POB:** Tartous, Syria **Position:** Minister of State. Appointed in August 2020 **Other Information:** Gender: male. **Listed on:** 06/11/2020 **Last Updated:** 06/11/2020 **Group ID:** 14004.

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