

Financial Sanctions Notice

20/01/2021

Counter-Terrorism (International)

Introduction

- 1. The Counter-Terrorism (International Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations (S.I. 2019/573) 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 terrorist activity.
- On 20 January 2021 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:
 - HAMAS INCLUDING IZZ AL-DIN AL-QASSAM BRIGADES (Group ID: 7855)

What <u>you</u> 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 Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI);
- iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulations;
- 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. 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 found obtained from the Counter-Terrorism (International) financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website:

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

- 9. The Consolidated List can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets</u>
- 10. The UK Sanctions List can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list</u>

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

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-guidance

Enquiries

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

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

- 13. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk
- 14. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 15. 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: COUNTER-TERRORISM (INTERNATIONAL)

THE COUNTER-TERRORISM (INTERNATIONAL SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS (S.I. 2019/573)

AMENDMENT

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Entity

1. HAMAS- <u>INCLUDING</u> IZZ AL-DIN AL-QASSAM BRIGADES

Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): CNT0031 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (UK Statement of Reasons): Hamas has claimed responsibility for numerous terrorist attacks and rocket strikes. It has also released statements that praise acts of terrorism. Listed on: 15/09/2003 Last Updated: <u>31/12/2020</u> <u>20/01/2021</u> Group ID: 7855.

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