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Financial Sanctions Notice

15/09/2023

Iran (Human Rights)

Introduction

1. The Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/134) (“the Regulations”) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (“the Sanctions Act”) and provide for imposition of financial sanctions, namely the freezing of funds and economic resources of persons who are or have been involved in the commission of a serious human rights violations or abuse in Iran.
2. On 15 September 2023 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 entries have been added to the Consolidated List and are now subject to an asset freeze:
- Saeed Montazer AL-MAHDI (Group ID: 16086)
 - Mohammad Mehdi ESMAILI (Group ID: 16088)
 - Mohammad HASHEMI (Group ID: 16089)
 - Alireza ZAKANI (Group ID: 16090)
 - ARVAN CLOUD (Group ID: 16087)

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 and any entities owned or controlled by them;
 - ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources;
 - iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or economic resources or making them available directly or indirectly to or for the benefit of designated persons unless licensed by the Governor or an exception applies;
 - iv. report any findings to the FRA at financialsanctions@gov.ky, together with the information or other matter on which the knowledge or suspicion is based by completing and submitting a Compliance Reporting Form (CRF). Where the information relates to funds or economic resources, the nature and quantity should also be reported.
6. Information received by the FRA may be disclosed to third parties in accordance with provisions set out in the Information and Records part of the regulations and in compliance with applicable data protection laws.
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 Iran (human rights) financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website:

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

9. The Consolidated List can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets>

10. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list>

11. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:

[http://fra.gov.ky/app/webroot/files/COMPLIANCE%20REPORTING%20FORM%20\(21%20Jul%202021\).doc](http://fra.gov.ky/app/webroot/files/COMPLIANCE%20REPORTING%20FORM%20(21%20Jul%202021).doc)

12. For more information please see OFSI's guide to financial sanctions:

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

13. For general information on financial sanctions please see our Financial Sanctions Guidance:

<http://fra.gov.ky/app/webroot/files/FRA%20Financial%20Sanctions%20Guidance%20updated%20December%2029%202021%202.pdf>

14. **Enquiries**

Enquiries regarding this Financial Sanctions Notice should be addressed to:

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ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: IRAN (HUMAN RIGHTS)

THE IRAN (SANCTIONS) (HUMAN RIGHTS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/134)

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. **AL-MAHDI, Saeed Montazer**

POB: Iran **Nationality:** Iran **Position:** Iranian Police Spokesman **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0172. (UK Statement of Reasons): Saeed Montazer AL-MAHDI is an "involved person" under the Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 because he is and has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations or abuses in Iran, including being responsible for, engaging in and promoting serious violations of the right to freedom of expression, as well as breaches of Iran's obligation to secure the human rights of persons in Iran without discrimination including on the basis of a person's sex, through determining and enforcing mandatory dress codes for women. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 15/09/2023 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 15/09/2023 **Last Updated:** 15/09/2023 **Group ID:** 16086.

2. **ESMAILI, Mohammad Mehdi**

DOB: --/--/1975. **POB:** Iran **a.k.a:** (1) ESMAEILI, Mohammad, Mehdi (2) ESMAEILI, Mohammed, Mehdi (3) ESMAILI, Mohammed, Mehdi **Nationality:** Iran **Position:** Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0174. (UK Statement of Reasons): Mohammad Mehdi ESMAILI is an "involved person" under the Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 because he is and has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations or abuses in Iran, including being responsible for, engaging in and promoting serious violations of the right to freedom of expression, as well as breaches of Iran's obligation to secure the human rights of persons in Iran without discrimination including on the basis of a person's sex, through determining and enforcing mandatory dress codes for women. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 15/09/2023 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 15/09/2023 **Last Updated:** 15/09/2023 **Group ID:** 16088.

3. **HASHEMI, Mohammad**

POB: Iran **Nationality:** Iran **Position:** Deputy Minister of Culture and Islamic Guidance **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0175. (UK Statement of Reasons): Mohammad HASHEMI is an "involved person" under the Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 because he is and has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations or abuses in Iran, including being responsible for, engaging in and promoting serious violations of the right to freedom of expression, as well as breaches of Iran's obligation to secure the human rights of persons in Iran without discrimination including on the basis of a person's sex, through determining and enforcing mandatory dress codes for women. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 15/09/2023 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 15/09/2023 **Last Updated:** 15/09/2023 **Group ID:** 16089.

4. **ZAKANI, Alireza**

Name (non-Latin script): علیرضا زاکانی

DOB: --/--/1966. **POB:** Iran **Nationality:** Iran **Position:** Mayor of Tehran **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0176. (UK Statement of Reasons): Alireza ZAKANI is an "involved person" under the Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 because he is and has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations or abuses in Iran, including being responsible for, engaging in and promoting serious violations of the right to freedom of expression, as well as breaches of Iran's obligation to secure the human rights of persons in Iran without discrimination including on the basis of a person's sex, through determining and enforcing mandatory dress codes for women. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 15/09/2023 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 15/09/2023 **Last Updated:** 15/09/2023 **Group ID:** 16090.

Entity

1. ARVAN CLOUD

a.k.a: Abr Arvan **Address:** Zafar St, Africa Blvd, Tehran, Iran. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0173. (UK Statement of Reasons): Arvan Cloud is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 as it is or has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations or abuses in Iran, including providing support for any serious human rights violation or abuse in Iran and being involved in the supply of technology to Iran which could contribute to any serious human rights violation or abuse in Iran. **Listed on:** 15/09/2023 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 15/09/2023 **Last Updated:** 15/09/2023 **Group ID:** 16087.

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