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Financial Sanctions Notice 02/08/2022

Venezuela

Introduction

1. The Venezuela (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/135) 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 a serious human rights violation or abuse in Venezuela, the repression of civil society and democratic opposition in Venezuela or other actions, policies or activities which undermine democracy or the rule of law in Venezuela.

2. On 2 August 2022 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.

4. 2 entries have been corrected on the Consolidated List, bringing the entries in line with the UK Sanctions List.

Notice summary

5. The following entry has been amended and is still subject to an asset freeze:
   - Elvis Eduardo AMOROSO (Group ID: 13844)

6. The following entries have been corrected and are still subject to an asset freeze:

- Jose Gregorio NORIEGA FIGUEROA (Group ID: 13851)
- Jose Adelino ORNELAS FERREIRA (Group ID: 13841)

What you must do

7. 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 Governor;

iv. report any findings to the FRA at financialsanctions@gov.ky, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulation;

v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons to the FRA at financialsanctions@gov.ky by completing and submitting a Compliance Reporting Form (CRF). Information reported to FRA may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.

8. 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.

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

Further Information

10. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be found obtained from the Venezuela financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website:

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

11. The Consolidated List can be found here:

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

12. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:
https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list

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

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

14. 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

15. **Enquiries**

Enquiries regarding this Financial Sanctions Notice should be addressed to:

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ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: VENEZUELA

THE VENEZUELA (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/135)

AMENDMENT

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

Individual

1. **AMOROSO, Elvis Eduardo**
DOB: 04/08/1963. **POB:** Caracas, Venezuela **a.k.a:** HIDROBO AMOROSO, Elvis, Eduardo **Nationality:** Venezuela **National Identification Number:** V-7659695 **Address:** Venezuela. **Position:** (1) Comptroller General and President of Venezuela's Moral Council (2) Former Vice President of the National Constituent Assembly **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):VEN0029 (UK Statement of Reasons):~~Former First and Second Vice President of the non-recognised National Constituent Assembly (ANC). Lead the non-recognised ANC, signing the 'law against hatred', justifying the removal of a legally-elected opposition governor and banning Juan Guaido from running for any public office.~~ *Amoroso has repeatedly undermined democracy in Venezuela, undermined the rule of law and violated the right to freedom of speech. By taking up his appointment as Comptroller General in contravention of a ruling by the legitimate National Assembly, and his role in setting up the non-recognised National Constituent Assembly (ANC), Amoroso has seriously undermined the democratic process, constitution, and democratic institutions in Venezuela. Additionally, while Second Vice President of the ANC, he contributed to the political persecution of opposition politicians Freddy Guevara and Juan Pablo Guanipa, further undermining democracy.* (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 30/06/2020 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~04/02/2022~~ *02/08/2022* **Group ID:** 13844.

CORRECTIONS

Individuals

1. **NORIEGA FIGUEROA, ~~Gregorio Jose~~ *Jose Gregorio***
Name (non-Latin script): José Gregorio NORIEGA FIGUEROA
~~Title: Member of the National Assembly~~ **DOB:** 21/02/1969. **POB:** Venezuela **Nationality:** Venezuela **National Identification Number:** V-8348784 **Position:** Member of the National Assembly **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):VEN0036 (UK Statement of Reasons):Noriega is a National Assembly Deputy (2021-2025) having been re-elected on 6 December 2020 in undemocratic parliamentary elections not recognised as free and fair by the UK. Noriega had previously served as a National Assembly Deputy for the period 2016-2020. There are reasonable grounds to suspect that Noriega, a member of the Venezuelan National Assembly, has been involved in the repression of democratic opposition in Venezuela and other actions, policies, or activities which undermine democracy in Venezuela, by

coming to power through fraudulent/illegitimate elections and by his involvement with Operation Alacran. There are also reasonable grounds to suspect he is associated with Nicolas Maduro, a person who is involved in the repression of democratic opposition and otherwise undermining democracy in Venezuela through his involvement in Operation Alacran. Lastly, there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Noriega was acting on behalf of, or at the command of a person (Nicolas Maduro) who is involved in repression of political opposition and other policies which undermine democracy in Venezuela by aiding his attacks and attempts to control the National Assembly. In July 2020, Noriega, helped by the Venezuelan Supreme Court of Justice (Tribunal Supremo de Justicia (TSJ)), illegitimately took over the leadership of the political party Voluntad Popular, thereby further undermining democracy in Venezuela. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 30/06/2020 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~17/02/2022~~ *02/08/2022* **Group ID:** 13851.

2. **ORNELAS FERREIRA, Jose Adelino**
Name (non-Latin script): José Adelino Ornelas Ferreira
DOB: 14/12/1964. **POB:** Caracas, Distrito Capital, Venezuela **a.k.a:** ~~(1) FERREIRA, Jose, Adelino, Ornella~~ (2) *ORNELLAS* FERREIRA, Jose, Adelino, ~~Ornellas~~ ~~(3) FERREIRA, Major General, Jose, Adelino, Ornela~~ (4) ORNELA FERREIRA, *Major General,* Jose, Adelino (5) ORNELLA FERREIRA, Jose, Adelino **Nationality:** Venezuela **National Identification Number:** V-7087964 **Address:** Venezuela. **Position:** (1) Chief of Staff of the Commander in Chief of the Venezuelan Armed Forces (2) Deputy Minister of Monitoring and Inspection of Government Administration (3) Secretary General of the National Defence Council (SECODENA) (4) Former Second-in-Command of CEOFANB (5) Chief of Staff of CEOFANB **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):VEN0026 (UK Statement of Reasons):Chief of Staff of the Commander-in-Chief FANB, Deputy Minister of Monitoring and Inspection of Government Administration, and Secretary General of the National Defence Council (SECODENA). José Adelino Ornelas Ferreira has been Second in Command and Chief of Staff of Strategic Command Operations of the Bolivarian National Armed Forces (CEOFANB) since June 2017, having been appointed to the post by Nicolas Maduro. The CEOFANB is the highest point of command in the Venezuelan armed forces. The CEOFANB sets the strategic direction of all strands of the Venezuelan military (Army, Navy, Air Force, and National Guard (GNB)), coordinates them, and implements operations. Since September 2020, Ornelas has been the Chief of the General Staff to the Commander in Chief. There is reliable evidence that the GNB has committed serious human rights violations during Ferreira's period in charge. A report by OHCHR in 2018 documents incidents of people deprived of their liberty and subjected to cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment and (in many cases possibly) torture, reportedly carried out in part by the GNB. Some of these incidents occurred in the period that Ferreira has held the position of Commander of the CEOFANB. As a commander of the CEOFANB, and Chief of Staff to the Commander in Chief and Strategic Command Operations, and thus in charge of the GNB, there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Ferreira was involved in those acts. There is reliable evidence that the GNB used excessive force against people in the Pemon territory in February 2019, including killing three people, and carried out extrajudicial killings of an alleged terrorist group in El Junquito, Caracas. As a CEOFANB Commander and Chief of Staff at the time, there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Ferreira was involved in those grave human rights violations. Finally, there is reliable evidence that In May 2019 members of the Venezuelan National Guard (GNB), which sits under the command of the CEOFANB, during Ferreira's time in role, used tear gas to disperse a march of opposition supporters. Due to his role, Ferreira is partially responsible for this repression of civil society and violation of freedom of expression. (Gender):Male **Listed**

on: 30/06/2020 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~28/01/2022~~ *02/08/2022* **Group ID:** 13841.

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