



## **Sanctions Circular No. 140 of 2025**

International sanctions in force in the Virgin Islands are the same as those in force in the UK.

### **Financial Sanctions Notice**

**17 December 2025**

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## **Iran (Nuclear)**

### **Introduction**

1. The Iran (Sanctions) (Nuclear) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/461) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (“the Sanctions Act”) and provide for the imposition of financial sanctions, including the freezing of funds and economic resources of persons who are or have been involved in the proliferation or development of nuclear weapons in, or for use in, Iran, or an activity that could lead to the development of nuclear weapons in, or for use in, Iran; or the development of a nuclear weapon delivery system, in or for use in, Iran.
2. On 17 December 2025 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 removed from the Iran (Nuclear) regime; however it remains subject to an asset freeze under the Iran regime:
  - Mohammad Ali JAFARI (Group ID: 10638)
5. The following entry has been amended and is still subject to an asset freeze:
  - ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS (IRGC) QODS FORCE (Group ID: 11241)

### **What you must do in relation to this Financial Sanctions Notice**

6. **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 Virgin Islands Sanctions Unit;
- iv. report any findings to the Virgin Islands Sanctions Unit, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulation; and
- v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that the Virgin Islands Sanctions Unit may request. Information reported to the Virgin Islands Sanctions Unit may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement

7. Failure to comply with UK financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions may be a criminal offence.
8. For further assistance, persons should refer to the [Virgin Islands Sanctions Guidelines](#). Additionally, a copy of the relevant Overseas Territories Order may be found on the Financial Services Commission's website.

#### **Further information**

9. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Iran (Nuclear) financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK [website](#).
10. Further details on the UN measures in respect of Iran can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee [webpage](#).
11. The UN Consolidated List can be found [here](#).
12. The Consolidated List can be found [here](#).
13. The UK Sanctions List can be found [here](#).
14. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found [here](#).

#### **Enquiries**

15. All enquiries, reports and license applications should be addressed to:

**Virgin Islands Sanctions Unit.**  
Attorney General's Chambers  
TTT Building, Wickham's Cay I  
Road Town, Tortola VG1110  
British Virgin Islands  
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## **ANNEX TO NOTICE**

### **FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: IRAN (NUCLEAR)**

#### **THE IRAN (SANCTIONS) (NUCLEAR) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/461)**

#### **AMENDMENTS**

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

#### **Individual**

##### **1. JAFARI, Mohammad Ali**

**Name (non-Latin script):** جعفری محمد علی

**DOB:** 01/09/1957. **POB:** Yazd, Iran **a.k.a:** (1) JAAFARI, Ali (2) JAAFARI, Aziz (3) JAAFARI, Mohamed (4) JAAFARI, Mohamed-Ali (5) JAAFARI, Mohammad-Ali (6) JAAFARI, Mohammed (7) JAAFARI, Mohammed-Ali (8) JAAFARI, Muhammad (9) JAAFARI, Muhammad-Ali (10) JAFARI, Ali (11) JA'FARI, Ali (12) JA'FARI, Aziz (13) JAFARI, Aziz (non-Latin script: ) (14) JAFARI, Mohamed (15) JA'FARI, Mohamed (16) JAFARI, Mohamed-Ali (17) JA'FARI, Mohamed-Ali (18) JAFARI, Mohammad-Ali (19) JA'FARI, Mohammad-Ali (20) JAFARI, Mohammed (21) JA'FARI, Mohammed (22) JAFARI, Mohammed-Ali (23) JA'FARI, Mohammed-Ali (24) JAFARI, Muhammad (25) JA'FARI, Muhammad (26) JAFARI, Muhammad-Ali (27) JA'FARI, Muhammad-Ali (28) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Ali (29) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Aziz (30) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Mohamed (31) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Mohamed-Ali (32) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Mohammad-Ali (33) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Mohammed (34) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Mohammed-Ali (35) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Muhammad (36) JAFARI-NAJA-FABADI, Muhammad-Ali

**Nationality:** Iran **Position:** Former General Commander of Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): IRN0058. (UK Statement of Reasons): There are reasonable grounds to suspect that they are an involved person under the Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 because they are or have been involved in activities carried out on behalf of the Assad regime, implementing or connected to the repressive police of that regime and/or involved in supporting or benefitting from the Assad regime. *Former General Commander of the IRGC. IRGC and the Sarollah Base commanded by General Aziz Jafari has played a key role in illegally interfering with the 2009 Presidential Elections, arresting and detaining political activists, as well as clashing with protestors in the streets.*

**(Gender):** Male **Listed on:** 14/04/2011 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** 25/04/2025 **17/12/2025 Group ID:** 10638.

#### **Entity**

##### **1. ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS (IRGC) QODS FORCE**

**Name (non-Latin script):** سپاه قدس

**a.k.a:** (1) Al Qods (2) IRGC QF (3) IRGC-QF (4) Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps - Qods Force (5) Jerusalem force (6) Pasdaran (7) Pasdaran-e Enghelab-e Islami (8) Quds Force

(9) Sepah-e Qods **Address:** Tehran, Iran. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): INU0082 and SYR0310. ~~Listed under the Iran (Nuclear) and Syria sanctions regimes.~~

Names of Director: Qasem Soleimani (designated 23 June 2011). Ultimate beneficial owner: Iranian Advisory Mission to Syria. (UK Statement of Reasons): ~~There are reasonable grounds to suspect that they are an involved person under the Syria~~

~~(Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 because they are or have been involved in activities carried out on behalf of the Assad regime, implementing or connected to the repressive police of that regime and/or involved in supporting or benefitting from the Assad regime.~~  
Iran's Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Qods Force is responsible for operations outside Iran and is Tehran's principal foreign policy tool for special operations and support to terrorists and Islamic militants abroad. Hizballah used Qods Force-supplied rockets, anti-ship cruise missiles (ASCMs), man-portable air defense systems (MANPADS), and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) in the 2006 conflict with Israel and benefited from Qods Force training on these systems, according to press reporting. According to a variety of reporting, the Qods Force continues to re-supply and train Hizballah on advanced weaponry, anti-aircraft missiles, and long-range rockets. The Qods Force continues to provide limited lethal support, training, and funding to Taliban fighters in southern and western Afghanistan including small arms, ammunition, mortars, and short-range battlefield rockets. Controlled by the IRGC. (Type of entity): Military (Subsidiaries): IRGC (Parent company): Iranian Revolutionary Guard Corps **Listed on:** 24/08/2011 27/07/2010  
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