

Financial Sanctions Notice

16/06/2022

Syria

Introduction

- 1. The Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/792) 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 repressing the civilian population in Syria or who is or has been involved in supporting or benefitting from the Syrian regime and who are or have been carrying on prohibited activities related to chemical weapons.
- On 16 June 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. 1 entry has been corrected on the Consolidated List, bringing the entry in line with the UK Sanctions List.

Notice summary

- 5. The following entries have been amended and are still subject to an asset freeze:
 - Fares CHEHABI (Group ID: 12058)
 - Khodr Ali TAHER (Group ID: 13820)
 - SYRIAN PETROLEUM COMPANY (Group ID: 12644)

6. The following entry has been corrected and is still subject to an asset freeze:

• Adnan SLAKHO (Group ID: 12508)

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

. 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.

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 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

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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 our guide to financial sanctions:

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

Enquiries

14. 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

- 15. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk
- 16. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 17. 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

THE SYRIA (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/792)

AMENDMENTS

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

Individuals

1. CHEHABI, Fares

Name (non-Latin script): فارس الشهابي

DOB: (1) 07/05/1972. (2) 07/09/1972. a.k.a: (1) AL-CHIBABI, Fares (2) AL-SHIHABI, Fares (3) CHIHABI, Fares (4) SHIHABI, Fares Nationality: Syria Position: (1) President of Aleppo Chamber of Industry (2) Vice-chairman of Cham Holding (3) Chairman of the Federation of Chambers of Industry. Appointed in 16 December 2018 Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0041 Son of Ahmad Chehabi (UK Statement of Reasons): President of Aleppo Chamber of Industry, Chairman of the Federation of Chambers of Industry since 16.12.2018. Vice-chairman of Cham Holding. Provides economic support to the Syrian regime. Former Member of the Syrian Parliament (2016-2020). (Gender): Male Listed on: 05/09/2011 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 31/12/2020 Last Updated: 13/05/2022 16/06/2022 Group ID: 12058.

2. TAHER, Khodr Ali

Name (non-Latin script): خضر على طاهر

DOB: --/--/1976. Nationality: Syria Position: Director and owner of Ella Tours Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0357 Linked to Citadel for Protection, Guard and Security Services (Castle Security and protection); Ematel LLC (Ematel Communications); Syrian Hotel Management Company; Jasmine Contractinc Company (UK Statement of Reasons): Leading businessperson operating across multiple sectors of the Syrian economy, including private security, mobile phone retail, hotel management, advertising services, and domestic money transfer. Supports and benefits from the regime through cooperation in his business activities and his involvement in smuggling and profiteering activities. Khodr Ali Taher owns a number of companies and has co-funded others. His involvement in business dealings with the regime, includes entering into a joint venture with the Syrian Transport and Tourism Company, of which the Ministry of Tourism owns a two-thirds stake. (Gender): Male Listed on: 17/02/2020 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 31/12/2020 Last Updated: 31/12/2020 16/06/2022 Group ID: 13820.

Entity

1. SYRIAN PETROLEUM COMPANY

a.k.a: SPC **Address**: (1) PO BOX:3378. (2) <u>P.O. BOX: 2849</u>, Dummar Province, Expansion Square, Island 19-Building 32-, <u>PO BOX:3378</u>, <u>Syria</u> **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0335 Oil and Gas (UK Statement of Reasons): State-owned oil company. There are reasonable grounds to suspect that the company is or has been involved in supporting or benefitting from the Syrian regime in that it provides

financial support or other economic resources to the Syrian regime, including through the supply or sale of oil and related products. (Phone number): (1) +963-11-3137913 (2) +963-11-3137935 (3) +963-11-3137977 (4) +963-11-3137979 (Website): (1) www.spc.com.sy (2) www.spc-sy.com (Email address): (1) spccom1@scs-net.org (2) spccom2@scs-net.org (Type of entity): State-owned Listed on: 26/03/2012 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 31/12/2020 Last Updated: 13/05/2022 16/06/2022 Group ID: 12644.

CORRECTION

Individual

1. SLAKHO, Adnan

Name (non-Latin script): عدنان عبده السهني

DOB: --/--/1955. POB: Damascus, Syria a.k.a: (1) AL-SUKHNI, Adnan, Abdo (2) AS-SAHNI, Adnan (3) AS-SAHNI, Adnan, Abu (4) SLAKHO, Adnan, Abu Position: Former Minister for Industry Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):SYR0146 (UK Statement of Reasons):Former Minister of Industry within the Assad regime appointed in 2011. As such, there are reasonable grounds to suspect that he has been involved in the repression of the civilian population in Syria and/or supporting or benefitting from the Syrian regime. (Gender):Male Listed on: 28/02/2012 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 31/12/2020 Last Updated: 13/05/2022 16/06/2022 Group ID: 12508.

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