

# **Financial Sanctions Notice**

16/09/2022

# Libya

#### Introduction

- 1. The Libya (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/1665) 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 the commission of a serious human rights violation or abuse in Libya; the commission of a serious breach of international humanitarian law in Libya; activities undermining Libya's transition to a democratic, peaceful and independent country or any other activity that threatens the peace, stability and security of Libya.
- 2. On 16 September 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.

#### **Notice summary**

- 4. The following entry has been amended and is still subject to an asset freeze:
  - Yevgeniy Viktorovich PRIGOZHIN (Group ID: 13968)

#### 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**

- Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Libya financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specificconsolidated-lists-and-releases</u>
- Further details on the UN measures in respect of Libya can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage: <a href="https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/">https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/</a>
- 10. 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>

11. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

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

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

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

# Enquiries

13. 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

- 14. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: <a href="mailto:sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk">sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk</a>
- 15. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 16. 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: LIBYA

### THE LIBYA (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2020 (S.I. 2020/1665)

#### AMENDMENT

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

#### <u>Individual</u>

#### 1. PRIGOZHIN, Yevgeniy Viktorovich

Name (non-Latin script): Евтений Викторович ПРИГОЖИН

Title: Mr DOB: 01/06/1961. POB: Leningrad (St Petersburg), Russia a.k.a: (1) PRIGOZHIN, Yevgeny (2) PRIGOZHIN, Evgeny Nationality: Russia Passport Number: 40 07 136936 Position: (1) Responsible for and support to the Wagner Group (2) Funder and former director of Internet Research Agency Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):LIB0071 (UK Statement of Reasons): Yevginev Viktorovich Prigozhin is a Russian businessman with close links, including financially, to the private military company Wagner Group. In this way, Prigozhin is engaged in and providing support for Wagner Group's activities in Libya, which threaten the country's peace, stability and security. In particular, Wagner Group is involved in multiple and repeated breaches of the arms embargo in Libya established in UNSCR 1970 (2011) including delivery of arms as well as deployment of mercenaries into Libya in support of the Libya National Army. Wagner Group has participated in multiple operations against the UN endorsed Government of National Accord and has contributed to damaging the stability of Libya and undermining a peaceful process. Yevgeniy Viktorovich Prigozhin is or has been involved in activities which threaten the peace, stability and security of Libya or undermine its transition to a democratic, peaceful and independent country, through his responsibility and provision of support for the activities in Libya of the organisation known as the Wagner Group. The Wagner Group is a Russia-based private military company but its organisation is purposely opaque to obscure its ownership and in order to provide a deniable military capability for the Russian State. The Wagner Group is or has been operating in Libya in contravention of the United Nations arms embargo established by United Nations Security Council Resolution 1970 (2011) and, through its activities in Libya in support of Khalifa Haftar's Libyan National Army, threatens the peace, stability and security of Libya or undermines its transition to a democratic, peaceful and independent country. (Gender): Male Listed on: 15/10/2020 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 31/12/2020 Last Updated: 31/12/2020 16/09/2022 Group ID: 13968.

#### Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation

HM Treasury

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