



Financial Sanctions Notice

18/12/2023

Iran

Introduction

1. The Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1314) (“the Regulations”) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (“the Sanctions Act”) and provide for the 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; or hostile activity by the Government of Iran or an armed group backed by the Government of Iran.
2. On 18 December 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 amended and are still subject to an asset freeze:

- Mohammad Rostami Chesme GACHI (Group ID: 15597)
- Seyyed Mohamed Saleh Hashemi GOLPAYEGANI (Group ID: 15848)
- Gholamreza SOLEIMANI (Group ID: 15599)

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 Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) or if an exception applies;
- iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with the information or other matter on which the knowledge or suspicion is based. Where the information relates to funds or economic resources, the nature and quantity should also be reported.

6. Information received by OFSI 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. Information regarding a suspected designated person, and funds or economic resources belonging to them, does not need to be disclosed to OFSI where it has previously been reported.
8. Failure to comply with UK financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions may be a criminal offence.

Further Information

9. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Iran financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

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

10. The Consolidated List can be found here:

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

11. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

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

12. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/suspected-breach-of-financial-sanctions-what-to-do>.

13. For more information please see our financial sanctions guidance:

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

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: fcdo.correspondence@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: IRAN

THE IRAN (SANCTIONS) REGULATIONS 2023 (S.I. 2023/1314)

AMENDMENTS

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

Individuals

1. GACHI, Mohammad Rostami Chesmeh

Name (non-Latin script): محمد رستمی چشمه گچی

DOB: ~~(1) 19/05/1905. (2) 20/05/1905.~~ (1) --/--/1966 (2) --/--/1967 **a.k.a:**

GACHI, Mohammad (non-Latin script: محمد رستمی) **Nationality:** Iran **Position:** Head of the Morality Police **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IRN0080. (UK Statement of Reasons):Mohammad Rostami Cheshmeh Gachi as Head of the Morality Police in Iran is or has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations or abuse in Iran. The Morality Police enforce Iran's Islamic dress requirements and are known to use unreasonable force against individuals they deem to be non-compliant. In this role Gachi is responsible for and promotes violations of the right to liberty and security and the right to freedom of expression. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 10/10/2022 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 10/10/2022 **Last Updated:** ~~14/12/2023~~ 18/12/2023 **Group ID:** 15597.

2. GOLPAYEGANI, Seyyed Mohamed Saleh Hashemi

Name (non-Latin script): سید محمد صالح هاشمی گلپایگانی

DOB: ~~20/05/1905.~~ --/--/1967 **POB:** Iran **a.k.a:** (1) GOLPAYEGANI, Mohamed, Saleh, Hashemi (2) GOLPAYEGANI, Saed, Mohamed, Saleh, Hashemi **Nationality:**

Iran **Position:** Head of the Headquarters for Enjoining Right and Forbidding Evil **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IRN0138. (UK Statement of Reasons):Seyyed Mohammed Saleh Hashemi GOLPAYEGANI is an "involved person" under the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 (the "Iran Sanctions Regulations") on the following ground: GOLPAYEGANI, as head of the Headquarters for Enjoining Right and Forbidding Evil, is or has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations or abuse in Iran, including being responsible for, engaging in and promoting violations of the right to liberty and security and the right to freedom of expression through determining and enforcing mandatory

dress codes for women, including the use of unreasonable force against individuals they deem to be non-compliant. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 08/03/2023 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 08/03/2023 **Last Updated:** ~~14/12/2023~~ 18/12/2023 **Group ID:** 15848.

3. SOLEIMANI, Gholamreza

Title: Brigadier General **DOB:** ~~(1) 17/05/1905. (2) 18/05/1905. (1) --/--/1964 (2) --/--/1965~~ **Nationality:** Iran **Position:** Head of the Basij Organisation of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):IRN0082. (UK Statement of Reasons):There are reasonable grounds to suspect that Gholamreza SOLEIMANI has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations in Iran, including being responsible for, engaging in and providing support for the violent suppression of protests in Iran through his role as Head of the “Volunteer Forces” (Basij Organisation) and through participating in decisions relating to the conduct of Iranian security forces during the 2019 protests via his position in the National Security Council. (Gender):Male **Listed on:** 10/10/2022 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 10/10/2022 **Last Updated:** ~~14/12/2023~~ 18/12/2023 **Group ID:** 15599.

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