



## **Sanctions Circular No. 141 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**

### **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 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 entries have been amended and are still subject to an asset freeze:
  - Mohammad Ali JAFARI (Group ID: 10638)
  - Hossein TAEB (Group ID: 11788)

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

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;
  - 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
6. Failure to comply with UK financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions may be a criminal offence.
7. 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**

8. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Iran financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK [website](#).
9. The Consolidated List can be found [here](#).
10. The UK Sanctions List can be found [here](#).
11. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found [here](#).

#### **Enquiries**

12. 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

#### 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. JAFARI, Mohammad Ali

**Name (non-Latin script):** جعفرى محمدعلى

**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) جعفرى محمدعلى 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.

##### 2. TAEB, Hossein

**DOB:** --/--/1963. **POB:** Tehran, Iran **Position:** (1) Former Commander of the Basij until October 2009 (2) Former Deputy IRGC commander for intelligence (3) Head of IRGC Intelligence **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): IRN0039. (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.~~ Head of IRGC Intelligence since October 2009. Commander of the Basij until October 2009. Forces under his command participated in mass beatings, murders, detentions and tortures of peaceful protestors. (Gender): Male

**Listed on:** ~~24/06/2011~~ 14/04/2011 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020  
**Last Updated:** ~~25/04/2025~~ 17/12/2025 **Group ID:** 11788.

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