



Sanctions Circular No. 142 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

Chemical Weapons

Introduction

1. The Chemical Weapons (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/618) 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 a prohibited activity related to chemical weapons.
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 amended and is still subject to an asset freeze:

- SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AND RESEARCH CENTRE (SSRC) (Group ID: 12426)

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 Chemical Weapons 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
sanctions@gov.vg

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: CHEMICAL WEAPONS

THE CHEMICAL WEAPONS (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019

AMENDMENTS

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

Entity

1. SCIENTIFIC STUDIES AND RESEARCH CENTRE (SSRC)

a.k.a: (1) Center for Scientific Studies and Research (SSRC) (2) Center for Study and Research (CERS) (3) Centre de Recherche de Kaboun (4) Centre d'Etude et de Recherche Scientifique (CERS) (5) Scientific Research Council (SRC) (6) Scientific Studies and Research Council (7) Syrian Scientific Research Council (SSRC) Address: (1) P.O. Box 31983, Barzeh. (2) Barzeh Street, PO Box 4470, Damascus, Syria. Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): CHW0006 and SYR0286. ~~Listed under the Chemical Weapons and Syria sanctions regimes.~~ (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 policies of that regime. In particular, carrying on prohibited activities related to chemical weapons in Syria.~~ *The Scientific Studies and Research Center (SSRC) is the Syrian regime's principal entity for the development of chemical weapons. The SSRC is responsible for the development and production of chemical weapons, as well as the missiles and artillery to deliver them, operating at a number of sites in Syria.* (Phone number): Telephone: 6668114/5 Telefax: 6620317 (Type of entity): Investment. Private (Subsidiaries): Bena Properties (subsidiary), Cham Holding Building, Daraa Highway, Ashrafiyat Sahnaya Rif Dimashq, Syria, P.O. Box 9525. Higher Institute for Applied Sciences and Technology. HISAT. National Standards & Calibration Laboratory. NSCL **Listed on:** 21/01/2019 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~25/04/2025~~ 17/12/2025 **Group ID:** 12426.

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