



Iran (nuclear proliferation)

Council Decision 2012/35/CFSP

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 54/2012

Council Regulation (EU) No 56/2012

This notice is issued in respect of the restrictive measures directed by the Council of the European Union against Iran.

Council Decision 2012/35/CFSP

1. The Council agreed an unprecedented package of sanctions against Iran in its Council Decision 2012/35/CFSP of 23 January 2012. The Decision reflects the serious and deepening concerns of the Council over the nature of Iran's nuclear programme. The Decision contains a range of measures, including:

- an asset freeze of further entities and individuals, including the Central Bank of Iran and Bank Tejarat;
- a ban on the purchase, import or transport from Iran of crude oil and petroleum products; and
- a ban on the sale, purchase, transportation or brokering of gold, precious metals and diamonds to, from or for the Government of Iran.

2. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 54/2012 was agreed alongside the Decision. The Regulation implements the asset freezes contained in the Council Decision, including against the Central Bank of Iran and Bank Tejarat. Details of the Regulation are provided in this notice. The Council will take further action to implement the remaining elements of the Decision. The Treasury will issue a further notice covering any financial sanctions-related elements of the package once the relevant Regulation has been adopted.

3. A copy of Council Decision 2012/35/CFSP can be obtained from the Official Journal of the European Union website:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:019:0022:0030:EN:PDF>

Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 54/2012

4. With the publication of Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 54/2012 of 23 January 2012 in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L19, 24.1.2012, p.1) on 24 January 2012, the Council has amended Annex VIII to Council Regulation (EU) No 961/2010 [“the 2010 Regulation”], with effect from 24 January 2012.
5. Annex VII to the 2010 Regulation lists persons designated by the United Nations Security Council or by the Sanctions Committee established pursuant to paragraph 18 of UNSCR 1737 (2006).
6. Annex VIII to the 2010 Regulation lists persons, entities and bodies identified by the Council under Article 16(2) of that Regulation as subject to the financial sanctions imposed by the Regulation.
7. The amendments to Annex VIII to the 2010 Regulation take the form of the addition of 3 individuals and 9 entities (including the ‘Central Bank of Iran’ and ‘Bank Tejarat’), the removal of 1 entity and changes made to the identifying information of 2 existing entries.
8. The individuals and entities added to Annex VIII are therefore subject to the asset freeze imposed by the 2010 Regulation.
9. The entity removed from Annex VIII is therefore no longer subject to the asset freeze imposed by the 2010 Regulation.
10. The Treasury’s Consolidated List of persons subject to financial sanctions in effect in the UK, which is maintained on the Treasury website, has been updated to reflect the amendments.
11. Details of the amendments are set out in the Annex to this notice.
12. A copy of Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No 54/2012 can be obtained from the Official Journal of the European Union website:
<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:019:0001:0005:EN:PDF>

Council Regulation (EU) No 56/2012

13. With the publication of Council Regulation (EU) No 56/2012 of 23 January 2012 in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L19, 24.1.2012, p.10) on 24 January 2012, the Council has amended the 2010 Regulation by adding further derogations, with effect from 24 January 2012.

Central Bank of Iran

14. By way of derogation from the freezing of funds and economic resources imposed on the Central Bank of Iran under Article 16 of the 2010 Regulation, the prohibitions in Article 16 shall not apply to:

- (a) (i) a transfer by or through the Central Bank of Iran of funds or economic resources received and frozen after 24 January 2012, or
- (ii) a transfer of funds or economic resources to or through the Central Bank of Iran where the transfer is related to a payment by a person or entity not listed in Annex VII or VIII to the 2010 Regulation due in connection with a specific trade contract,

provided that the competent authority of the relevant Member State (i.e. HM Treasury for the UK) has determined, on a case by case basis, that the payment will not directly or indirectly be received by any other person or entity listed in Annex VII or VIII; or

- (b) a transfer made by or through the Central Bank of Iran of frozen funds or economic resources in order to provide financial institutions within the jurisdiction of EU Member States with liquidity for the financing of trade, provided that the transfer has been authorised by the competent authority of the relevant Member State.

Bank Tejarat

15. By way of derogation from the freezing of funds and economic resources imposed on Bank Tejarat under Article 16 of the 2010 Regulation, the prohibitions in Article 16 shall not prevent Bank Tejarat, for a period of two months from 24 January 2012, from making a payment from funds or economic resources received and frozen after 24 January 2012 or from receiving a payment, provided that:

- (a) such payment is due in connection with a specific trade contract; and
- (b) the competent authority of the relevant Member State (i.e. HM Treasury for the UK) has determined, on a case by case basis, that the payment will not directly or indirectly be received by any other person or entity listed in Annex VII or VIII.

16. A copy of Council Regulation (EU) No 56/2012 can be obtained from the Official Journal of the European Union website:

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:019:0010:0011:EN:PDF>

17. Please also refer to the below section on the Financial Restrictions (Iran) Order 2011.

18. To apply for a licence under these provisions an affected person should complete the licence application form provided on the Treasury's website at:

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/ct_actII_application_form.doc

Applications for licences, together with any relevant documentation, should be sent to the Treasury at the address given in paragraph 26 of this notice.

Financial Restrictions (Iran) Order 2011

19. This notice should be read in conjunction with the notice issued by the Treasury on 21 November 2011 in respect of the Financial Restrictions (Iran) Order 2011 (the "Order"):

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/fin_restrictions_iran_notice2011.pdf.

The notice provides an explanation of the requirements placed upon UK financial and credit institutions by the direction (the "Direction") given by the Treasury in the Order. The prohibitions under the asset freeze do not conflict with the requirements of the Direction. The requirements of the Direction do not fall away as a result of the asset freeze. However, the Direction goes further in that it prevents all transactions and business relationships with all Iranian banks, not just making available funds or economic resources to those subject to an asset freeze.

20. Where an Iranian bank is, in addition to being affected by the requirements in the Direction, subject to an asset freeze (as is the case for the Central Bank of Iran and Bank Tejarat), the Treasury will consider any licence application in relation to the asset freezing restrictions or the Direction as an application for exemption from all relevant prohibitions. Only one application will be required and if the Treasury are willing and able to issue a licence exempting the transaction under the Direction and on one of the licensing grounds in the EU Regulation, a licence will be issued for both purposes.

21. Further information on the Order is available at:

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/fin_restrictions_under_cta2008.htm

Reporting requirements

22. Relevant institutions and other persons are requested to check whether they maintain any accounts or otherwise hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this notice whose details have been added to or amended in Annex VIII to the 2010 Regulation and, if so, they must freeze such accounts or other funds and, unless licensed by the Treasury, or falling within the scope of one of the derogations, refrain from making available funds and/or economic resources to such persons.

23. Relevant institutions must report their findings to the Treasury, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the 2010 Regulation.

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.

Other information

24. A copy of the 2010 Regulation is available from the Financial Sanctions pages of the Treasury website at: http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/d/council_regulation_eu_961_251010.pdf

25. Copies of relevant Releases, UN Security Council Resolutions, EU Regulations and UK legislation can be obtained from the Iran (nuclear proliferation) regime page on the financial sanctions pages of the Treasury website:

http://www.hm-treasury.gov.uk/fin_sanctions_iran_nuclear.htm.

Enquiries

26. Non-media enquiries, reports and licence applications should be addressed to:

Sanctions and Illicit Finance
Asset Freezing Unit
HM Treasury
1 Horse Guards Road
London SW1A 2HQ
E-mail: AFU@hmtreasury.gsi.gov.uk

27. Media enquiries should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.

HM Treasury
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ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: IRAN (NUCLEAR PROLIFERATION)

**COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) NO 54/2012
AMENDING ANNEX VIII TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EC) NO 961/2010**

ADDITIONS

Individuals

1. NOURI, Ali, Ashraf

Position: IRGC Deputy Commander. IRGC Political Bureau Chief

Group ID: 12496

2. SAIDI, Hojatoleslam, Ali

a.k.a: (1) SAEEDI, Hojjat-al-Eslam, Ali

(2) SAIDI, Hojjat-al-Eslam, Ali

Position: Representative of the Supreme Leader to the IRGC

Group ID: 12497

3. ZADEH, Amir, Ali, Haji

Title: Brigadier General

a.k.a: HAJIZADEH, Amir, Ali

Position: IRGC Air Force Commander

Group ID: 12498

Entities

1. BANK TEJARAT

Address: Taleghani Br. 130, Taleghani Ave., PO Box 11365 - 5416, Tehran, Iran

Other Information: State owned bank. Directly facilitated Iran's nuclear efforts. Has a history of assisting designated Iranian banks in circumventing international sanctions. Telex 226641 TJTA IR.

Group ID: 12459

2. BEHNAM SAHRIYARI TRADING COMPANY

Address: Ziba Building, 10th Floor, Northern Sohrevardi Street, Tehran, Iran

Other Information: Sent two containers of various types of firearms from Iran to Syria in May 2007.

Group ID: 12499

3. BIIS MARITIME LIMITED

Address: 147/1 St Lucia, Valletta, Malta

Other Information: Owned or controlled by Irano Hind.

Group ID: 12494

4. CENTRAL BANK OF IRAN

a.k.a: Central Bank of the Islamic Republic of Iran

Address: Mirdamad Blvd., No. 144, PO Box 15875 / 7177, Tehran, Iran

Other Information: Involvement in activities to circumvent sanctions. Cable Address - MARKAZBANK. Telex 216 219-22 MZBK IR. SWIFT Address - BMJIIRTH.

Group ID: 12458

5. DARYA DELALAN SEFID KHAZAR SHIPPING COMPANY (IRAN)

a.k.a: (1) Darya-e-khazar Shipping Co.
(2) Daryaye Khazar (Caspian Sea) Co.
(3) Darya-ye Khazar Shipping Company
(4) Khazar Sea Shipping Lines
(5) Khazar Shipping Co.
(6) KSSL

Address: (1) M. Khomeini St., Ghazian, Bandar Anzil, Gilan, Iran
(2) No 1, End of Shahid Mostafa Khomeini St., Tohid Square, Badar Anzali,
1711-324, Iran

Other Information: Owned or controlled by IRISL.

Group ID: 12495

6. ROSMACHIN

Address: (1) Haftom Tir Square, South Mofte Avenue, Tour Line No 3/1, Tehran, Iran
(2) PO Box 1584864813, Tehran, Iran

Other Information: Front company of Sad Export Import Company.

Group ID: 12493

7. SAD EXPORT IMPORT COMPANY

a.k.a: SAD Import & Export Company

Address: (1) Haftom Tir Square, South Mofte Avenue, Tour Line No 3/1, Tehran, Iran
(2) PO Box 1584864813, Tehran, Iran

Other Information: Used as a front company by Defence Industries Organization. Involved in arms transfers to Syria.

Group ID: 12492

8. TIDEWATER

a.k.a: Tidewater Middle East Co.

Address: No. 80, Tidewater Building, Vozara Street, Next to Saie Park, Tehran, Iran

Other Information: Owned or controlled by IRGC.

Group ID: 12460

9. TURBINE ENGINEERING MANUFACTURING (TEM)

a.k.a: T.E.M. Co.

Address: Shishesh Mina Street, Karaj Special Road, Tehran, Iran

Other Information: Used as a front company by Iran Aircraft Industries for covert procurement activities.

Group ID: 12491

DELETION

Entity

SYRACUSE S.L.

Other Information: IMO no 9541887.

Group ID: 12396

AMENDMENTS

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

Entities

1. HANSEATIC TRADE TRUST & SHIPPING (HTTS) GMBH

Address: (1) Opp 7th Alley, Zarafshan St, Eivanak St, Qods Township
(2) Schottweg 7, 22087 Hamburg, Germany

Other Information: Controlled and/or acting on behalf of IRISL Registered under the same address as IRISL Europe GmbH in Hamburg, and its principal Dr. Nasr Baseni was previously employed with IRISL.

Group ID: 11247

2. OASIS FREIGHT AGENCY

Address: (1) Al Meena St, Opposite Dubai Ports & Customs, 2nd Floor, Sharaf Building, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
(2) Kayed Ahli Building, Jamal Abdul Nasser Road (parallel to Al Wahda St), PO Box 4840, Sharjah, United Arab Emirates
(3) Sharaf Building, No.4, 2nd Floor, Al Meena Road, Opposite Customs, Dubai, United Arab Emirates
(4) Sharaf Building, 1st Floor, Al Mankhool St, Bur Dubai, PO Box 5562, Dubai, United Arab Emirates

Other Information: Actsed on behalf of IRISL in the UAE. ~~Also acts on behalf of HDSL.~~ Has been replaced by Good Luck Shipping Company.

Group ID: 11261

HM Treasury
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