



Financial Sanctions Notice

30 October 2008

Terrorism (United Nations Measures) Order 2006 Al-Qaida and Taliban (United Nations Measures) Order 2006

On 24 April 2008 Her Majesty's Treasury issued a notice to advise that a High Court judgment had quashed the Terrorism Order (United Nations Measures) Order 2006 and the Al-Qaida and Taliban (United Nations Measures) Order 2006 ('the Orders'), but that this judgment did not come into effect until the Treasury had had the opportunity to appeal to the Court of Appeal. The asset freezing regimes set out in the Orders give effect to UN asset-freezing obligations in relation to terrorism, Al-Qaida and the Taliban.

On 30 October 2008 the Court of Appeal overturned the High Court judgment. The effect of the Court of Appeal ruling is that the Orders remain valid.

The Court of Appeal ruling strikes out the words "or may be" from paragraph 4(2) of the Terrorism (United Nations Measures) Order 2006 and as a result quashes the directions made in respect of the five persons who had challenged their designations under that Order, on the basis that the directions were made on grounds which included "or may be".

The Treasury has previously revoked the direction made in respect of one of the five persons. In respect of the other four the Treasury has made further directions designating those persons. These and any other directions made under the Orders remain in force unless otherwise notified and therefore no action is required in relation to the judgment.

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