

Financial Sanctions Notice

09/12/2022

South Sudan

Introduction

- 1. The South Sudan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/438) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (the Sanctions Act) and provide for the freezing of funds and economic resources of certain persons, entities or bodies involved in actions, policies or activities which threaten the peace, stability and security of South Sudan or undermine efforts to resolve the political crisis and armed conflicts in South Sudan.
- On 9 December 2022 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 added to the consolidated list and is now subject to an asset freeze.
 - Gordon Koang BIEL (Group ID: 15663)
 - Gatluak Nyang HOTH (Group ID: 15664)

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;
- ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources and any funds which are owned or controlled by persons set out in the Annex to the Notice
- iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI);
- iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulations;
- v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that OFSI may request. Information reported to OFSI may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
- 6. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Further Information

- 7. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be found obtained from the South Sudan financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website:

 https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases
- 8. Further details on the UN measures in respect of South Sudan can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage:
 https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/
- 9. The Consolidated List can be found here:

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

10. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

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

11. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-guidance

Enquiries

12. 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

- 13. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk
- 14. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 15. 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: SOUTH SUDAN

THE SOUTH SUDAN (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/438)

ADDITIONS

<u>Individuals</u>

1. BIEL, Gordon Koang

Title: Mr a.k.a: (1) BIEL, Gordon, Koang, Char (2) CHAR, Koang, Biel (3) NYALUALGO, Koang Nationality: South Sudan Address: Koch, Unity State, South Sudan. Position: Koch County Commissioner Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):SSU0010 (UK Statement of Reasons):Gordon Koang BIEL is the County Commissioner for Koch, Unity State in South Sudan. BIEL is an involved person under The South Sudan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019forcommandinggovernment-aligned militias/groupsto carry out attacksin southern Unity State between February and May 2022, mobilising them to rape, abduct and kill civilians, loot civilian and humanitarian properties, cause forceful displacement of civilians, and use civilians as forced labour. This was done in violation of international humanitarian law and the Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS). (Gender):Male Listed on: 09/12/2022 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 09/12/2022 Last Updated: 09/12/2022 Group ID: 15663.

2. HOTH, Gatluak Nyang

Title: Mr a.k.a: NYANG, Gatluak Nationality: South Sudan Address: Mayendit, Unity State, South Sudan. Position: Mayendit County Commissioner Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):SSU0011 (UK Statement of Reasons):Gatluak Nyang HOTH is the County Commissioner for Mayendit, Unity State in South Sudan. HOTH is an involved person under The South Sudan (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 for commanding government-aligned militias/groups to carry out attacks in southern Unity State between February and May 2022, mobilising them to rape, abduct and kill civilians, loot civilian and humanitarian properties, cause forceful displacement of civilians, and use civilians as forced labour. This was done in violation of international humanitarian law and the Revitalised Agreement on the Resolution of the Conflict in the Republic of South Sudan (R-ARCSS). (Gender):Male Listed on: 09/12/2022 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 09/12/2022 Last Updated: 09/12/2022 Group ID: 15664.

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