

**Financial Sanctions Notice** 

09/12/2022

# Myanmar

### Introduction

- 1. The Myanmar (Sanctions) Regulations 2021 (S.I. 2021/496) 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 undermining democracy, the rule of law or good governance in Myanmar; the repression of the civilian population in Myanmar; the commission of, or the obstruction of an independent investigation into, a serious human rights violation or abuse in Myanmar; the commission of a violation of international humanitarian law in Myanmar; the obstruction of a humanitarian assistance activity in Myanmar; any other action, policy or activity which threatens the peace, stability or security of Myanmar.
- 2. 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 entries have been added to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.
  - 33 LIGHT INFANTRY DIVISION (Group ID: 15665)

- 99 LIGHT INFANTRY DIVISION (Group ID: 15666)
- OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF MILITARY AND SECURITY AFFAIRS (Group ID: 15667)

# What <u>you</u> 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 obtained from the Myanmar financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specificconsolidated-lists-and-releases</u>
- The Consolidated List can be found here: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-</u> targets/consolidated-list-of-targets
- 9. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

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

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

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

## Enquiries

11. 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 <u>ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk</u>

- 12. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: <a href="mailto:sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk">sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk</a>
- 13. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 14. 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: MYANMAR

#### THE MYANMAR (SANCTIONS) REGULATIONS 2021 (S.I. 2021/496)

#### ADDITIONS

#### **Entities**

#### 1. 33 LIGHT INFANTRY DIVISION

**a.k.a:** 33 LID **Address**: Naypyitaw, Myanmar. **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref): MYA0056 (UK Statement of Reasons): The 33rd Light Infantry Division (33 LID) is an involved person under The Myanmar (Sanctions) Regulations 2021 because: 33 LID is or has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations in Myanmar, namely rape and other forms of sexual and gender-based violence, against men, women and children of ethnic and religious minorities in Rakhine State. Listed on: 09/12/2022 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 09/12/2022 Last Updated: 09/12/2022 Group ID: 15665.

#### 2. 99 LIGHT INFANTRY DIVISION

**a.k.a:** 99 LID **Address**: Myanmar. **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref): MYA0057 (UK Statement of Reasons): The 99th Light Infantry Division (99 LID) is an involved person under The Myanmar (Sanctions) Regulations 2021 because: 99 LID is or has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations in Myanmar. Specifically in relation to the right of persons not to be subject to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in Myanmar, including in the context of rape and other forms of sexual and gender-based violence, against men, women and children of ethnic and religious minorities in Rakhine State. Listed on: 09/12/2022 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 09/12/2022 **Last Updated**: 09/12/2022 **Group ID:** 15666.

#### 3. OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF MILITARY AND SECURITY AFFAIRS

Address: Naypyitaw, Myanmar. Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): MYA0058 (UK Statement of Reasons): The Office of the Chief of Military and Security Affairs (OCMSA) is an involved person under The Myanmar (Sanctions) Regulations 2021 because: OCMSA carries out activities on behalf of the State Administration Council, and has been responsible for the commission of serious human rights violations namely torture, rape and other forms of sexual and gender-based violence. Listed on: 09/12/2022 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 09/12/2022 Last Updated: 09/12/2022 Group ID: 15667.

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