

# **Financial Sanctions Notice**

08/03/2023

# Iran (Human Rights)

#### Introduction

- 1. The Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/134) 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 the commission of serious human rights violations or abuse in Iran.
- 2. On 8 March 2023 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.
- 4. 1 entry has been corrected on the Consolidated List, bringing the entry in line with the UK Sanctions List.

#### Notice summary

- 5. The following entries have been added to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.
  - Seyyed Mohammed Saleh Hashemi GOLPAYEGANI (Group ID: 15848)
  - THE HEADQUARTERS FOR ENJOINING RIGHT AND FORBIDDING EVIL (Group ID: 15849)

- 6. The following entry has been corrected and is still subject to an asset freeze:
  - Morteza BARATI (Group ID: 15747)

### What <u>you</u> must do

- 7. 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.
- 8. 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.
- 9. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

# **Further Information**

10. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Iran (human rights) financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website: <u>https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-</u> <u>consolidated-lists-and-releases</u> 11. The Consolidated List can be found here:

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

12. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

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

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

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

#### Enquiries

14. 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

- 15. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: <u>fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk</u>
- 16. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 17. 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: IRAN (HUMAN RIGHTS)

#### THE IRAN (SANCTIONS) (HUMAN RIGHTS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/134)

#### ADDITIONS

#### <u>Individual</u>

#### 1. GOLPAYEGANI, Seyyed Mohammed Saleh Hashemi

سید محمد صالح هاشمی گلپایگانی :Name (non-Latin script)

**DOB**: --/--/1967. **a.k.a**: (1) GOLPAYEGANI, Mohamed, Saleh, Hashemi (2) GOLPAYEGANI, Saed, Mohamed, Saleh, Hashemi **Nationality**: Iran **Position**: Head of the Headquarters for Enjoining Right and Forbidding Evil **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0146 (UK Statement of Reasons): Seyyed Mohammed Saleh Hashemi GOLPAYEGANI is an "involved person" under the Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the "Iran Sanctions Regulations") on the following ground: GOLPAYEGANI, as head of the Headquarters for Enjoining Right and Forbidding Evil, is or has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations or abuse in Iran, including being responsible for, engaging in and promoting violations of the right to liberty and security and the right to freedom of expression through determining and enforcing mandatory dress codes for women, including the use of unreasonable force against individuals they deem to be non-compliant. (Gender):Male Listed on: 08/03/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 08/03/2023 Last Updated: 08/03/2023 Group ID: 15848.

# <u>Entity</u>

#### 1. THE HEADQUARTERS FOR ENJOINING RIGHT AND FORBIDDING EVIL

Name (non-Latin script): ستاد امر به معروف و نهى از منكر

**a.k.a:** Office or Headquarters for the Promotion of Virtue and Prevention of Vice **Address**: Iran. **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0147 (UK Statement of Reasons): The Headquarters for Enjoining Right and Forbidding Evil is an "involved person" under the Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (the "Iran Sanctions Regulations") on the following ground: The Headquarters for Enjoining Right and Forbidding Evil is or has been involved in the commission of a serious human rights violation or abuse in Iran, including being responsible for, engaging in and promoting violations of the right to liberty and security and the right to freedom of expression through determining and enforcing mandatory dress codes for women, including the use of unreasonable force against individuals they deem to be non-compliant. (Type of entity): Government Institution Listed on: 08/03/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 08/03/2023 Last Updated: 08/03/2023 Group ID: 15849.

#### CORRECTION

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

Individual

#### 1. BARATI, Morteza

Name (non-Latin script): مرتضى براتى

**DOB:** 30/11/1962. Low quality a.k.a: BARATI, Qazi Nationality: Iran Position: Presiding Judge of Branch 1 of the Revolutionary Courts of Isfahan Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref):IHR0138 (UK Statement of Reasons):Morteza BARATI is an involved person under the Iran (Sanctions) (Human Rights) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 because he is and has been involved in the commission of serious human rights violations in Iran, namely being responsible for and engaging in serious violations of the right to freedom of expression, the right not to be subject to cruel, degrading or inhuman punishment and the right to a fair trial through his role as presiding judge of Branch 1 of the Revolutionary Courts of Isfahan. (Gender):Male Listed on: 20/02/2023 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 20/02/2023 Last Updated: 20/02/2023 08/03/2023 Group ID: 15747.

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HM Treasury

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