



# **FINANCIAL SERVICES COMMISSION**

2 September 2024

## **Financial Sanction Notice**

### **Directions from Financial Services Commission**

Please be informed 4 entries have been added to the Iran financial sanctions regime.

On 2 September 2024, the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on Gov.Uk. This list provides details of those details designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act.

4 entries have been added to the Iran financial Sanction regime and are now subject to an asset freeze.

The consolidated list of asset freeze targets has been updated to reflect these changes.

The notice will also be placed on our website at [www.fscmontserrat.org](http://www.fscmontserrat.org) (<http://www.fscmontserrat.org>) under the heading "Sanctions" for your future reference.

Please be guided accordingly.



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## **Iran**

### **Introduction**

1. The Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 (S.I. 2023/1314) (“the Regulations”) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (“the Sanctions Act”) and provide for the imposition of financial sanctions, namely the freezing of funds and economic resources of persons who are or have been involved in the commission of a serious human rights violations or abuse in Iran; or hostile activity by the Government of Iran or an armed group backed by the Government of Iran.
2. On 2 September 2024 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.
  - Abdolfatah AHVAZIAN (Group ID: 16554)
  - Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Quds Force (IRGC-QF) Unit 700 (Group ID: 16555)
  - Behnam SHAHRIYARI (Group ID: 16556)
  - Hamid FAZELI (Group ID: 16557)

- **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 and any entities owned or controlled by them;
- ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources;
- iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or economic resources or making them available directly or indirectly to or for the benefit of designated persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI) or if an exception applies;
- iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with the information or other matter on which the knowledge or suspicion is based. Where the information relates to funds or economic resources, the nature and quantity should also be reported.

6. Information received by OFSI may be disclosed to third parties in accordance with provisions set out in the Information and Records part of the regulations and in compliance with applicable data protection laws.

7. Failure to comply with UK financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions may be a criminal offence.

**Further Information**

8. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Iran financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases>.

9. The Consolidated List can be found here:

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

10. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

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

11. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/suspected-breach-of-financial-sanctions-what-to-do>.

12. For more information please see our financial sanctions

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

### **Enquiries**

13. Non-media enquiries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK should be addressed to:

**Her Excellency, the Governor  
The Governor's Office  
#8 Farara Plaza  
Brades, MSR 1110  
E-Mail: [lisa.walkden@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:lisa.walkden@fcdo.gov.uk)**

## ANNEX TO NOTICE

### FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: IRAN

#### THE IRAN (SANCTIONS) REGULATIONS 2023 (S.I. 2023/1314)

#### ADDITIONS

##### Individuals

**1. AHVAZIAN, Abdolfatah**

**a.k.a:** AHVAZIAN, Abdolfattah **Nationality:** Iran **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): IRN0216. (UK Statement of Reasons): Abdolfatah Ahvazian is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 because Abdolfatah Ahvazian is or has been involved in hostile activity by the Government of Iran, namely threatening, planning or conducting activity which is intended to cause the destabilisation of the United Kingdom or any other country including activity which undermines or is intended to undermine the integrity, prosperity or security of the United Kingdom or any other country. **Listed on:** 02/09/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 02/09/2024 **Last Updated:** 02/09/2024 **Group ID:** 16554.

**2. FAZELI, Hamid**

**Title:** Doctor **Position:** Commander, IRGC Unit 340 **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): IRN0220. (UK Statement of Reasons): Hamid FAZELI is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 on the basis of the following ground: FAZELI is or has been involved in hostile activity by the Government of Iran, namely giving support or assistance to armed groups threatening, planning or conducting activity intended to cause the destabilisation of Israel. **Listed on:** 02/09/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 02/09/2024 **Last Updated:** 02/09/2024 **Group ID:** 16557.

**3. SHAHRIYARI, Behnam**

**a.k.a:** (1) SHARIARI, Benham (2) SHARIRI, Bahanem **Nationality:** Iran **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): IRN0219. (UK Statement of Reasons): Behnam SHAHRIYARI is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023 on the basis of the following ground: SHAHRIYARI is or has been involved in hostile activity by an armed group backed by the Government of Iran, namely through conduct which facilitates (or is intended to facilitate) or gives assistance to the planning or conducting of activity which is intended to cause the destabilisation of Israel, Iraq, Yemen and Lebanon. **Listed on:** 02/09/2024 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 02/09/2024 **Last Updated:** 02/09/2024 **Group ID:** 16556.

##### Entity

**1. ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS QUDS FORCE (IRGC-QF) UNIT 700**

**Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): IRN0218. (UK Statement of Reasons): IRGC- QF Unit 700 is an involved person within the meaning of the Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023. IRGC-QF Unit 700 is or has been involved in hostile activity by an armed group backed by the Government of Iran, namely through conduct which facilitates (or is intended to facilitate) or gives assistance to the planning or conducting of activity which

is intended to cause the destabilisation of the United Kingdom or any other country. **Listed on: 02/09/2024 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 02/09/2024 Last Updated: 02/09/2024 Group ID: 16555.**

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