



## Syria

### Introduction

1. The Syria (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/792) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (“the Sanctions Act”) and provide for the imposition of financial sanctions, including the freezing of funds and economic resources of persons who are or have been involved in repressing the civilian population in Syria or who are or have been involved in supporting or benefitting from the Syrian regime.
2. On 16 May 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.

### Notice summary

4. The following entry has been amended and is still subject to an asset freeze:
  - DAMASCUS CHAM HOLDING (Group ID: 13823)

### 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. Information regarding a suspected designated person, and funds or economic resources belonging to them, does not need to be disclosed to OFSI where it has previously been reported.
  8. Failure to comply with UK financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions may be a criminal offence.

### **Further Information**

9. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Syria financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases>.
10. The Consolidated List can be found here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets>.
11. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:  
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list>.

12. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:

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

13. For more information please see our financial sanctions guidance:

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

### **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](mailto:ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk).

15. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to:  
[fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk](mailto:fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk).

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: SYRIA

#### THE SYRIA (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/792)

#### AMENDMENT

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#### Entity

##### 1. DAMASCUS CHAM HOLDING

a.k.a: (1) Damascus Cham Holding Company (2) Damascus Cham Private Joint Stock Company **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):SYR0358. Public-owned company under private law.Names of Director(s)/Management: Adel Anwar AL-OLABI, Chairman of the board of Directors and governor of Damascus. Ultimate beneficial owner(s): Governorate of Damascus. Relatives/business associates/entities or partners/links Mazen Tarazi (EU-designated); businessman Anas Talas (EU-designated); ~~Exceed Development and Investment Company, owned by private investors Hayan Mohammad Nazem Qaddour, and Maen Rizk Allah Haykal (both EU-designated);~~ Khaled Al-Zubaidi and Nader Qalei (both EU-designated) Talas Group, owned by (UK Statement of Reasons):Damascus Cham Holding Company was established by the regime as the investment arm of the Governorate of Damascus in order to manage the properties of the Governorate of Damascus and implement the Marota City project, a luxurious real estate project based on confiscated and expropriated land under decree n°66 and Law n°10 in particular. (Type of entity):Real Estate **Listed on:** 17/02/2020 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 16/05/2023 **Group ID:** 13823.

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