



## 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 freezing of funds and economic resources of certain persons, entities or bodies involved in repressing the civilian population in Syria or who is or has been involved in supporting or benefitting from the Syrian regime and who are or have been carrying on prohibited activities related to chemical weapons.
2. On 2 December 2021 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 amended and are still subject to an asset freeze:
  - Samir Izzat Qadi AMIN (Group ID: 12993)
  - Samir HASSAN (Group ID: 12053)

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

### **Further Information**

8. 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>
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. 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](mailto:ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk)

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

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

#### AMENDMENTS

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

#### Individuals

##### 1. AMIN, Samir Izzat Qadi

**DOB:** --/--/1966. **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** Former Minister for Internal (Domestic) Trade and Consumer Protection **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0218 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (UK Statement of Reasons): ~~Samir Hassan supports the regime's war effort with cash donations. Samir Hassan is associated with persons benefitting from or supporting the regime, in particular, he is associated with Rami Makhoulf and Issam Anbouba, both designated persons and benefits from the Syrian regime.~~ Former government minister within the Assad regime appointed after May 2011. Shares responsibility for the violent repression against the civilian population. **Listed on:** 24/06/2014 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 02/12/2021 **Group ID:** 12993.

##### 2. HASSAN, Samir

**a.k.a:** (1) AL-HASSAN, Sameer (2) AL-HASSAN, Samir (3) HASAN, Sameer (4) HASAN, Samir (5) HASSAN, Sameer **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0217 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (Further Identifying Information): Business interests: Cham Holdings, Byblos Bank Syria, Syrian Kuwaiti Insurance Company, Amir Group (UK Statement of Reasons): Leading businessperson operating in Syria, with interests and/or activities in multiple sectors of Syria's economy. He holds interests in and/or has significant influence in the Amir Group and Cham Holdings, two conglomerates with interests in the real estate, tourism, transport and finance sectors. From March 2014 until September 2018, he held the position of Chairman for Russia of the Bilateral Business Councils following his appointment by Minister of Economy, Khodr Orfali. Samir Hassan supports the regime's war effort with cash donations. Samir Hassan is associated with persons benefitting from or supporting the regime; in particular, he is associated with Rami Makhoulf and Issam Anbouba, both designated persons and benefits from the Syrian regime. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 24/08/2011 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 02/12/2021 **Group ID:** 12053.

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