



## Nicaragua

### Introduction

1. Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1716 (“the Regulation”) imposing financial sanctions against Nicaragua has been amended so that an asset freeze now applies to the persons listed in the Annex to this Notice.

### Notice summary (Full details are provided in the Annex to this Notice)

2. The following entries have been added to the consolidated list and are now subject to an asset freeze.
  - Ramon Antonio AVELLAN MEDAL (Group ID: 13834)
  - Sonia CASTRO GONZALEZ (Group ID: 13835)
  - Francisco Javier DIAZ MADRIZ (Group ID: 13836)
  - Nestor MONCADA LAU (Group ID: 13837)
  - Luis PEREZ OLIVAS (Group ID: 13838)
  - Justo PASTOR URBINA (Group ID: 13839)

### What you must do

3. 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;

- 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 Regulation;
  - 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.
4. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

### **Legislative details**

5. On 4 May 2020 Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/606 (“the Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 139 I, 4.5.2020, p.1) by the Council of the European Union.
6. The Amending Regulation amended Annex I to the Regulation with effect from 4 May 2020.

### **Further Information**

7. A copy of the Amending Regulation can be obtained from the website of the Official Journal of the European Union:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020R0606&from=EN>

8. Copies of recent Notices, certain EU Regulations, and UK legislation can be obtained from the Nicaragua financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

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

9. Please note there are also import and export restrictions on Nicaragua. Further guidance on export and trade sanctions is available from the GOV.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions>.

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

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

### **Enquiries**

11. Non-media enquiries, reports and licence applications 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)

12. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.

13. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign and Commonwealth Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

## ANNEX TO NOTICE

### FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: NICARAGUA

#### COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/606

#### AMENDING ANNEX I TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2019/1716

### ADDITIONS

#### Individuals

**1. AVELLAN MEDAL, Ramon Antonio**

**DOB:** 11/11/1954. **POB:** Jinotepe, Nicaragua **Passport Details:** A0008696. Issued: 17 October 2011. Expires: 17 October 2021. **Position:** Deputy Director-General of the Nicaraguan National Police (NNP) **Other Information:** Gender: male. Former chief of the police in Masaya. Responsible for coordinating the repression of protesters in Masaya in 2018. **Listed on:** 05/05/2020 **Last Updated:** 05/05/2020 **Group ID:** 13834.

**2. CASTRO GONZALEZ, Sonia**

**DOB:** 29/09/1967. **POB:** Carazo, Nicaragua **Passport Details:** A00001526. Issued: 19 November 2019. Expires: 19 November 2028. **National Identification no:** 0422909670000N **Position:** Special advisor to the President of Nicaragua on health issues **Other Information:** Gender: female. Former Minister of Health. Responsible for hindering access to emergency medical assistance for injured civilians involved in demonstrations and ordering hospital staff to report demonstrators who have been brought to hospital by the police. **Listed on:** 05/05/2020 **Last Updated:** 05/05/2020 **Group ID:** 13835.

**3. DIAZ MADRIZ, Francisco Javier**

**DOB:** 03/08/1961. **Position:** General Director of the Nicaraguan National Police (NNP) since 23 August 2018 **Other Information:** Gender: male. Former Deputy General Director of NNP. Responsible for leading police forces committing violence against civilians, including excessive use of force, arbitrary arrests and detentions and torture. **Listed on:** 05/05/2020 **Last Updated:** 05/05/2020 **Group ID:** 13836.

**4. MONCADA LAU, Nestor**

**DOB:** 02/03/1954. **Position:** Personal advisor to the President of Nicaragua on national security matters **Other Information:** Gender: male. Has been directly involved in and responsible for decision-making on national security matters and the establishment of repressive policies carried out by the State of Nicaragua against people taking part in demonstrations, opposition representatives and journalists in Nicaragua from April 2018 onwards. **Listed on:** 05/05/2020 **Last Updated:** 05/05/2020 **Group ID:** 13837.

**5. PASTOR URBINA, Justo**

**DOB:** 29/01/1956. **Position:** Head of Police Special Operations Unit (DOEP) **Other Information:** Gender: male. Has been directly involved in the implementation of repressive policies against demonstrators and the opposition in Nicaragua, particularly in Managua. **Listed on:** 05/05/2020 **Last Updated:** 05/05/2020 **Group ID:** 13839.

**6. PEREZ OLIVAS, Luis**

**DOB:** 08/01/1956. **Position:** General Commissioner and Legal Assistance Main Officer (DAEJ) in the 'El Chipote' penitentiary centre **Other Information:** Gender: male. Responsible for torture, use of extensive force, mistreatment of detainees and other forms of degrading treatment. **Listed on:** 05/05/2020 **Last Updated:** 05/05/2020 **Group ID:** 13838.

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