



## 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 19 January 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:
  - Mohammad Abdul-Sattar AL SAYED (Group ID: 12765)
  - Waseem AL-KATTAN (Group ID: 13824)
  - Mohamed KHADDOR (Group ID: 12475)
  - Hazwan AL-WEZ (Group ID: 12772)
  - Mohammad Mouti' Mouayyad (Group ID: 13159)

- Mohammed AL-AHMED (Group ID: 13401)
- Adnan Abdo AL-SUKHNY (Group ID: 12781)
- DREX TECHNOLOGIES S.A. (Group ID: 12732)
- INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF DEFENCE (Group ID: 13031)

### **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 found 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)

#### AMENDMENT

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

#### Individuals

1. AL SAYED, Mohammad Abdul-Sattar Al

**Title:** Minister **DOB:** --/--/1958. **POB:** Tartus, Syria **a.k.a:** (1) AL SAYED, ~~Dr.~~ Mohammed, Abdul, Sattar (2) ~~AL SAYED, Mohammad, Abdul Sattar~~ (3) AL SAYED, Mohammed, Abdul (4) AL-SAYED, ~~Dr.~~ Mohammed, Abdul, Sattar (5) AL-SAYED, Mohammad, Abdul-Sattar (6) AL-SAYED, Mohammed, Abdul (7) AL-SAYYED, ~~Dr.~~ Mohammed, Abdul, Sattar (8) AL-SAYYED, Mohammad, Abdul-Sattar (9) AL-SAYYED, Mohammed, Abdul **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** Minister of Religious Endowments **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0160 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (UK Statement of Reasons): State Minister, appointed in July 2016. Minister for Religious Endowments. As a Government Minister he shares the regimes violent repression against the civilian population. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 16/10/2012 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 19/01/2021 **Group ID:** 12765.

2. AL-KATTAN, Waseem

**DOB:** 04/03/1976. **a.k.a:** (1) ~~AL-KATAN~~ (2) ~~AL-KATTAN~~ (3) ~~AL-QATAN~~ (4) ~~AL-QATTAN~~ (5) ~~ANOUAR~~ (6) ~~WASEEM~~ (7) ~~WASIM~~ (8) ~~WASSEEM~~ (9) ~~WASSIM~~ (1) AL-KATAN, Wasseem (2) AL-KATAN, Wassim (3) AL-KATAN, Wasim (4) AL-KATAN, Anouar (5) AL-QATTAN, Wasseem (6) AL-QATTAN, Wassim (7) AL-QATTAN, Wasim (8) AL-QATTAN, Anouar (9) AL-QATAN, Wasseem (10) AL-QATAN, Wassim (11) AL-QATAN, Wasim (12) AL-QATAN, Anouar **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** President of Damascus Countryside (Rural) Province Chamber of Commerce. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0352 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (Further Identifying Information): Linked to Larosa Furniture/furnishing, Jasmine Fields Company Ltd., Muruj Cham (Murooj al-Cham) Investment and Tourism Group, Adam and Investment LLC, Universal Market Company LLC, Treasurer of the Federation of Syrian Chambers of Commerce. (UK Statement of Reasons): Leading businessperson operating in Syria benefitting from and supporting the regime. Owner of multiple businesses and holding companies with interests and activities in various economic sectors such as real estate, luxury hotel industry, commercial centres. Wasseem AL-KATTAN rose rapidly as a leading businessman by imposing taxes on goods smuggled into Eastern Ghouta under siege, and is now involved in aggressive forms of clientelism to the benefit of the regime. Wasseem AL-KATTAN benefits financially from favoured access to public tenders as well as licenses and contracts awarded by government agencies as a result of his close ties to the regime. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 17/02/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 19/01/2021 **Group ID:** 13824.

3. KHADDOR, Mohamed

**Title:** Major General **a.k.a:** (1) KHADDOR, Mohammad (2) KHADDOR, Mohammed (3) KHADDOR, Muhammad (~~4~~) KHADDOUR (5) KHADDOUR, Mohamed (6) KHADDOUR, Mohammad (7) KHADDOUR, Mohammed (8) KHADDOUR, Muhammad (~~9~~) KHADDUR (10) KHADDUR, Mohamed (11) KHADDUR, Mohammad (12) KHADDUR, Mohammed (13) KHADDUR, Muhammad (~~14~~) KHADOUR (15) KHADOUR, Mohamed (16) KHADOUR, Mohammad (17) KHADOUR, Mohammed (18) KHADOUR, Muhammad (~~19~~) KHUDOUR (20) KHUDOUR, Mohamed (21) KHUDOUR, Mohammad (22) KHUDOUR, Mohammed (23) KHUDOUR, Muhammad (~~24~~) MOHAMMAD (~~25~~) MOHAMMED (~~26~~) MUHAMMAD  
**Position:** (1) Commander of the 106th Brigade (2) Presidential Guard **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):SYR0157 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (UK Statement of Reasons): As former Head of the Operations Branch of the Political Security Directorate, was responsible for detention and torture of detainees. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 24/01/2012 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 19/01/2021 **Group ID:** 12475.

#### 4. AL WEZ, Hazwan

**Title:** Dr. **DOB:** --/--/1962. **POB:** Damascus, Syria **a.k.a:** (~~1~~) AL-WAZZ (2) AL-WAZZ, Hazwan (~~3~~) AL-WEZ (4) AL-WEZ, Hazwan **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** Former Minister of Education **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0086 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (Further Identifying Information): Links to Bashar Asad (UK Statement of Reasons): Proposed statement of reasons for the designation (which will be provided to the designated party when designated): (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 16/10/2012 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 19/01/2021 **Group ID:** 12772.

#### 5. MOUAYYAD, Mohammad Mouti'

**Title:** Dr. **DOB:** 01/01/1968. **POB:** Jericho, Idlib, Syria **a.k.a:** (~~1~~) MOAYYAD (2) MOAYYAD, Mohammad, Mouti' (3) MOAYYAD, Mohammad, Muti'a (~~4~~) MOHAMMAD (5) MOUAYYAD, Mohammad, Muti'a (~~6~~) MUTI'A **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** Former State Minister **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0254 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (UK Statement of Reasons): Former State Minister in power after May 2011 (appointed 27.8.2014). As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 22/10/2014 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 19/01/2021 **Group ID:** 13159.

#### 6. AL-AHMED, Mohammed

**DOB:** --/--/1961. **POB:** Lattakia, Syria **a.k.a:** (~~1~~) AL-AHMAD (2) AL-AHMAD, Mohamed (3) AL-AHMAD, Mohammad (4) AL-AHMAD, Mohammed (5) AL-AHMAD, Muhammad (6) AL-AHMED, Mohamed (7) AL-AHMED, Mohammad (8) AL-AHMED, Muhammad (~~9~~) MOHAMED (~~10~~) MOHAMMAD (~~11~~) MUHAMMAD **Nationality:** Syrian **Position:** Culture Minister **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):SYR0151 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (UK Statement of Reasons): Former Culture Minister. As a former Government Minister, shares responsibility for the Syrian regime's violent repression of the civilian population. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 14/11/2016 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 19/01/2021 **Group ID:** 13401.

#### 7. AL-SUKHNY, Adnan Abdo

**Title:** Dr. **DOB:** --/--/1961. **POB:** Aleppo, Syria **a.k.a:** (1) AL SIKHNY, Abdo (2) AL SIKHNY, Abdou (3) AL SIKHNY, Adnan, Abdo (~~4~~) AL SIKHNY, Dr., Adnan (4) AL-SEKHNI, Abdo (5) AL-SEKHNI, Abdou (6) AL-SEKHNI, Adnan, Abdo (~~8~~) AL-SEKHNI, Dr., Adnan (7) AL-SEKHNY, Abdo (8) AL-SEKHNY, Abdou (9) AL-SEKHNY, Adnan, Abdo (~~12~~) AL-SEKHNY, Dr., Adnan (10) AL-SIKHNI, Abdo (11) AL-SIKHNI, Abdou (12) AL-SIKHNI, Adnan, Abdo

~~(16) AL-SIKHNI, Dr., Adnan~~ (13) *AL-SUKHNY, Abdo* (14) *AL-SUKHNY, Adbou* **Position:** Former Minister of Industry **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0068 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (UK Statement of Reasons): Former Minister of Industry. As a former Government Minister shares responsibility for the regime's violent repression against the civilian population. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 16/10/2012 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 19/01/2021 **Group ID:** 12781.

## **Entities**

### **1. DREX TECHNOLOGIES S.A.**

**Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): SYR0269 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (UK Statement of Reasons): Drex Technologies is wholly owned by Rami Makhoulouf, who is also an involved person given his financial support for the Syrian regime and his membership of the Makhoulouf family. Rami Makhoulouf uses Drex Technologies to facilitate and manage his international financial holdings, including a majority share in SyriaTel, which is also an involved person on the grounds that it also provides financial support to the Syrian regime. (Organisation type): Finance (Business Reg no): 400000 394678 **Listed on:** 24/07/2012 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 19/01/2021 **Group ID:** 12732.

### **2. INDUSTRIAL ESTABLISHMENT OF DEFENCE**

**a.k.a:** (1) Defence Factories Establishment (2) Etablissements. (3) Industrial Establishment ~~of~~ of Defense **Address:** (1) P.O. Box 2230, Al-Hameh, Damascus Countryside. (2) Location of entity headquarters: Damascus. (3) Al Thawraa Street, P.O. Box 2330 ~~Damascus~~ Damascus, Syria. **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref):SYR0309 Date designated on UK Sanctions List: 31/12/2020 (Further Identifying Information): Industrial - Military (UK Statement of Reasons): Involved in the procurement of military equipment for the regime, and therefore responsible for the violent repression of the civilian population in Syria. Branch of Syrian Ministry of Defence. **Listed on:** 23/07/2014 **Last Updated:** ~~31/12/2020~~ 19/01/2021 **Group ID:** 13031.

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