

Financial Sanctions Notice

18/02/2021

Democratic Republic of the Congo

Introduction

- 1. The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/433) 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 which are, or have been, involved in the commission of a serious human rights violation or abuse in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, a violation of international humanitarian law in the Democratic Republic of the Congo, or obstructing or undermining respect for democracy, the rule of law and good governance.
- On 18 February 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:
 - Ntabo Ntaberi SHEKA (Group ID: 12438).
 - Bosco TAGANDA (Group ID: 8736).

What <u>you</u> 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

 Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be found obtained from the Democratic Republic of the Congo financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specificconsolidated-lists-and-releases

9. Further details on the UN measures in respect of the Democratic Republic of the Congo can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage:

https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/1533

10. The Consolidated List can be found here:

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

11. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

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

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

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

Enquiries

13. 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 <u>ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk</u>

- 14. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk
- 15. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
- 16. 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: DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/433)

AMENDMENTS

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

Individuals

1. SHEKA, Ntabo Ntaberi

DOB: 04/04/1976. POB: Walikale, Walikale territory, Democratic Republic of the Congo Nationality: Democratic Republic of the Congo Address: Goma, North Kivu Democratic Republic (in prison), Democratic Republic of the Congo (in prison). Position: Commander-in-Chief, Nduma Defence of Congo, Mayi Mayi Sheka group Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): DRC0052 (UN Ref): CDi.029 (Further Identifiying Information): He surrendered to MONUSCO on 26 July 2017 and has been since detained by the Congolese authorities. His trial for war crimes, crimes against humanity and participation in an insurrectional movement, before the Military Court in Goma, started in November 2018. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: https://www.interpol.int/en/How-we-work/Notices/View-UN-Notices-Individuals. (Gender): Male Listed on: 09/01/2012 Last Updated: <u>31/12/2020</u> <u>18/02/2021</u> Group ID:

12438.

2. TAGANDA, Bosco

DOB: (1) --/--/1973. (2) --/--/1974. POB: Bigogwe, Rwanda a.k.a: (1) BOSCO, Ntaganda (2) LYDIA (3) MAJOR (4) NTAGENDA (5) TANGO ROMEO, Tango (6) TAGANDA, General (7) TERMINATOR Nationality: Democratic Republic of the Congo Address: The Hague, Netherlands (as of June 2016), Netherlands. Position: (1) Former Chief of Staff in CNDP (2) Former CNDP military commander Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): DRC0025 (UN Ref): CDi.030. (Further Identifiying Information):_Born in Rwanda, he moved to Nyamitaba, Masisi territory, North Kivu, when he was a child. Nominated FARDC Brigadier-General by Presidential Decree on 11 December 2004, following Ituri peace agreements. Formerly Chief of Staff in CNDP and became CNDP military commander since the arrest of Laurent Nkunda in January 2009. Since January 2009, de facto Deputy Commander of consecutive anti-FDLR operations 'Umoja Wetu', 'Kimia II', and 'Amani Leo' in North and South Kivu. Entered Rwanda in March 2013, and voluntarily surrender to ICC officials in Kigali on March 22. Transferred to the ICC in The Hague, Netherlands. On 9 June 2014, ICC confirmed 13 charges of war crimes and five charges of crimes against humanity against him, the trial started in September 2015. On 8 July 2019, the ICC found him guilty of 18 counts of war crimes and crimes against humanity, committed in Ituri in 2002-2003. On 7 November 2019, he was sentenced to

a total of 30 years imprisonment. He has appealed both his conviction and sentence. INTERPOL-UN Security Council Special Notice web link: https://www.interpol.int/en/How-we-work/Notices/View-UN-Notices-Individuals. (Gender): Male Listed on: 02/11/2005 Last Updated: <u>21/01/2021</u> <u>18/02/2021</u> Group ID: 8736.

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HM Treasury

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