

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO**  
**THE SOVEREIGN BASE AREAS (JUDICIAL AUTHORITIES) ORDER 2004**

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This explanatory memorandum has been prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

**Description**

This instrument is intended to clarify references, made in several Orders in Council concerning sanctions and extradition, to certain judicial authorities. It provides that, in the application to those Orders to the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia, references to judicial authorities or to their powers shall be read as references to the appropriate judicial authorities and powers there.

**Legislative background**

This instrument is designed to remove any doubt as to which are the appropriate authorities to exercise functions in the Sovereign Base Areas under the amended Orders in Council. The question has not been tested in court.

**Extent**

The Order applies to the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia.

**Policy objective**

The present Order is intended to remove any doubt as to the application of the amended Orders in the Sovereign Base Areas. The policy objective of the previous sanctions Orders is to give effect in the overseas territories to measures adopted by the United Nations Security Council, or, in the case of Zimbabwe, to impose restrictive measures on those who bear a wide responsibility for serious violations of human rights there. The objective of the extradition Order is to extend the provisions of the extradition Act 1989 to the overseas territories.

**Impact**

A regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this Order as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

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