
EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Syria (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2012, as amended, (“the principal Order”). The principal Order gives effect in specified Overseas Territories to sanctions in respect of Syria adopted by the European Union in Council Decision 2011/782/CFSP adopted on 1st December 2011, as amended.

This Order amends the principal Order to give effect to changes to the sanctions measures adopted by the European Union in Council Decision 2012/739/CFSP adopted on 29th November 2012 and in Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP adopted on 31st May 2013. It widens the power of the Governor to license the sale, supply, transfer or export of arms and related materiel and equipment which might be used for internal repression, subject to the consent of the Secretary of State, in response to the lifting of the arms embargo under Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP; and adds new exemptions to the asset freeze provisions.