

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO
THE UNITED NATIONS SANCTIONS (OVERSEAS TERRITORIES)
(REVOCATIONS) ORDER 2013**

2013 No. 237

1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

2. Purpose of the instrument

This Order revokes the Liberia (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2001, the Liberia (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (No. 2) Order 2001, the Liberia (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2003 and the Sierra Leone (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2000.

3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments

None.

4. Legislative Context

This Order is made in exercise of statutory powers under the United Nations Act 1946 and applies to the Overseas Territories specified in Schedule 1 to the Order.

The Orders to be revoked by this Order implemented sanctions adopted by the United Nations. On the termination or amendment of the relevant United Nations sanctions, these Orders, by virtue of provisions within them, ceased to have substantive legal effect. This Order revokes those Orders which are devoid of purpose.

5. Territorial Extent and Application

This Order applies to the following territories: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn including Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, St Helena, Ascension and Tristan da Cunha, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, the Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia, the Turks and Caicos Islands and the Virgin Islands.

6. European Convention on Human Rights

As this Order is not subject to Parliamentary procedure and does not amend primary legislation, no statement is required.

7. Policy background

This Order revokes the Sierra Leone (United Nations Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2000, which, although remaining in force, ceased to have substantive legal effect when the UN lifted the embargo on Sierra Leone on 29 September 2010 via the adoption of UN Security Council resolution (UNSCR) 1940 (2010).

This Order also revokes three Orders relating to Liberia. These Orders ceased to have effect by virtue of the amendment to the sanctions regime and the termination of measures imposed by UNSCR 1343 (2001) and UNSCR 1478 (2003). The current sanctions relating to Liberia are implemented in the Overseas Territories by the Liberia (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2004 (SI 2004/347), as amended.

8. Consultation

The Overseas Territories were consulted about the Order.

9. Guidance

Given the nature of this Order, no guidance is required.

10. Impact

10.1 There is no impact on business, charities or the voluntary sector in the United Kingdom.

10.2 There is no impact on the public sector in the United Kingdom.

10.3 An Impact Assessment has therefore not been prepared for this instrument.

11. Regulating small business

The legislation does not apply to small business in the United Kingdom.

12. Monitoring & review

Monitoring and review mechanisms are not applicable.

13. Contact

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