

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order amends the Central African Republic (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2014 (S.I. 2014/1368) (the “principal Order”) to give effect in specified Overseas Territories to certain provisions set out in the United Nations Security Council resolution 2196 (2015) adopted on 22nd January 2015 (“UNSCR 2196”). UNSCR 2196 renews, until 29th January 2016, the sanctions against the Central African Republic.

This Order reflects the implementation of those provisions by the European Union in Council Decision (CFSP) 2015/739 of 7 May 2015 and Council Regulation (EU) 2015/734 of the same date, which amend the provisions of Council Decision 2013/798/CFSP and Council Regulation (EU) No 224/2014 respectively.

UNSCR 2196 also adds certain exemptions to the arms embargo, to which this Order give effect.

The opportunity has also been taken to amend the definition of “funds” in article 3(1), and the exemptions to the asset freeze in article 5(1) of the principal Order to ensure consistency with the provisions of the EU legislation implementing the UN requirements.

This Order also makes minor corrections to the principal Order.