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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2023 No. 1314**

**The Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023**

**PART 1**

**General**

**Purposes**

**4.—(1)** The purposes of the regulations contained in this instrument that are made under section 1 of the Act are—

(a) to encourage the Government of Iran to comply with international human rights law and to respect human rights, including in particular, to—

(i) respect the right to life of persons in Iran, for example by refraining from the execution of juvenile offenders in all circumstances;

(ii) respect the right of persons not to be subjected to torture or cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment or punishment in Iran, including—

(aa) torture or other inhuman or degrading treatment with a view to extracting information from detained persons,

(bb) inhuman and degrading conditions in prisons, and

(cc) forms of punishment such as flogging and amputation;

(iii) respect the right to liberty and security, including refraining from the arbitrary arrest and detention of persons in Iran;

(iv) afford persons in Iran charged with criminal offences the right to a fair trial;

(v) afford journalists, human rights defenders and other persons in Iran the right to freedom of expression and peaceful assembly;

(vi) secure the human rights of persons in Iran without discrimination, including on the basis of a person's sex, race, colour, language, religion, political or other opinion, national or social origin, association with a national minority, property, birth or other status;

(b) to deter the Government of Iran or an armed group backed by the Government of Iran from conducting hostile activity against the United Kingdom or any other country.

(2) For the purposes of paragraph (1)(b), “hostile activity” means activity falling within regulation 8(3).

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**Commencement Information**

**II** Reg. 4 in force at 14.12.2023, see [reg. 1\(2\)](#)

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Iran (Sanctions) Regulations 2023, Section 4.