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II

(Non-legislative acts)

REGULATIONS

COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2022/1273

of 21 July 2022

amending Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union, and in particular Article 215 thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine ⁽¹⁾,

Having regard to the joint proposal of the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy and of the European Commission,

Whereas:

- (1) Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 ⁽²⁾ gives effect to restrictive measures provided for in Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
- (2) On 21 July 2022, the Council adopted Decision (CFSP) 2022/1272 ⁽³⁾ amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP, whereby it introduced a further derogation from the asset freeze and the prohibition to make funds and economic resources available to designated persons and entities in order to urgently prevent or mitigate an event likely to have a serious and significant impact on human health and safety or the environment.
- (3) In view of the Union's determined stance to avoid and combat food insecurity around the world, and in order to avoid disruptions in the payment channels for agricultural products, Decision (CFSP) 2022/1272 also introduces a derogation from the asset freeze and the prohibition to make funds and economic resources available to designated banks.
- (4) Decision (CFSP) 2022/1272 also introduces a derogation from the asset freeze and the prohibition to make funds and economic resources available for the orderly wind-down of operations, including correspondent banking relations, with one designated bank.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 16.

⁽²⁾ Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 6).

⁽³⁾ Council Decision (CFSP) 2022/1272 of 21 July 2022 amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 193, 21.7.2022).

- (5) In order to ensure effective and uniform implementation of Regulation (EU) No 269/2014, and in view of the increasing complexity of sanction evasion schemes, which hamper such implementation, it is necessary to oblige designated persons and entities with assets within the jurisdiction of a Member State to report these assets and to cooperate with the competent authority in the verification of this reporting. It is also appropriate to strengthen the provisions on reporting obligations for Union operators, with a view to preventing the breach and circumvention of the asset freezes. Failure to respect this obligation would constitute a circumvention of the freezing of assets and would be subject to penalties if the conditions for such penalties are met under applicable national rules and procedures.
- (6) This Regulation should be applied in compliance with the rights and principles recognised by the Charter of Fundamental Rights of the European Union, in particular the right to property, the right to an effective remedy and to a fair trial, respect for private and family life, the protection of personal data, as well as notably the lawyers' duty of confidentiality to their clients.
- (7) These amendments fall within the scope of the Treaty and therefore regulatory action at the level of the Union is necessary in order to implement them, in particular with a view to ensuring their uniform application in all Member States.
- (8) Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 is amended as follows:

(1) Article 6b is amended as follows:

(a) the following paragraphs are inserted:

'2a. By way of derogation from Article 2, the competent authorities of a Member State may authorise the release of certain frozen funds or economic resources belonging to the entity listed under entry number 108 in Annex I, or the making available of certain funds or economic resources to that entity, under such conditions as the competent authorities deem appropriate and after having determined that such funds or economic resources are necessary for the termination by 22 August 2023, of operations, contracts, or other agreements, including correspondent banking relations, concluded with that entity before 21 July 2022.');

2b By way of derogation from Article 2, the competent authorities of a Member State may, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, authorise the release of certain frozen funds or economic resources, or the making available of certain funds or economic resources to the entity listed under entry number 108 in Annex I, after having determined that the funds or economic resources are necessary for the completion, by 31 October 2022, of an ongoing sale and transfer of proprietary rights directly or indirectly owned by that entity in a legal person, entity or body established in the Union.');

(b) in paragraph 3, point (a) is replaced by the following:

'(a) the funds or economic resources are necessary for the sale and transfer by 31 December 2022, or within 6 months from the date of listing in Annex I, whichever is latest, of proprietary rights in a legal person, entity or body established in the Union where those proprietary rights are directly or indirectly owned by a natural or legal person, entity or body listed in Annex I; and.');

(2) the following Articles are inserted:

'Article 6d

1. By way of derogation from Article 2, the competent authorities of a Member State may authorise, under such conditions as they deem appropriate, the release of certain frozen economic resources, after having determined that:

(a) the release of such economic resources is necessary for the urgent prevention or mitigation of an event likely to have a serious and significant impact on human health and safety or the environment; and

(b) the proceeds resulting from the release of such economic resources are frozen.

2. The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisation granted under paragraph 1, within two weeks of the authorisation.

Article 6e

1. By way of derogation from Article 2, the competent authorities of a Member State may authorise the release of certain frozen funds or economic resources belonging to the entities listed under entry numbers 53, 54, 55, 79, 80, 81, 82 and 108 in Annex I, or the making available of certain funds or economic resources to those entities, under such conditions as the competent authorities deem appropriate and after having determined that such funds or economic resources are necessary for the purchase, import or transport of agricultural and food products, including wheat and fertilisers.

2. The Member State concerned shall inform the other Member States and the Commission of any authorisation granted under paragraph 1, within two weeks of the authorisation.;

(3) Article 8 is amended as follows:

(a) paragraph 1 is replaced by the following:

‘1. Notwithstanding the applicable rules concerning reporting, confidentiality and professional secrecy, natural and legal persons, entities and bodies shall:

(a) supply immediately any information which would facilitate compliance with this Regulation, such as information on accounts and amounts frozen in accordance with Article 2 or information held about funds and economic resources within Union territory belonging to, owned, held or controlled by natural or legal persons, entities or bodies listed in Annex I and which have not been treated as frozen by the natural and legal persons, entities and bodies obliged to do so, to the competent authority of the Member State where they are resident or located, and shall transmit such information, directly or through the Member State, to the Commission; and

(b) cooperate with the competent authority in any verification of such information.’;

(b) the following paragraphs are added:

‘4. The competent authorities of the Member States, including enforcement authorities and administrators of official registers wherein natural persons, legal persons, entities and bodies as well as immovable or movable property are registered, shall process and exchange information, including personal data, with other competent authorities of the Member States and the Commission.

5. Any processing of personal data shall be carried out in accordance with this Regulation and Regulations (EU) 2016/679 (*) and (EU) 2018/1725 (**) of the European Parliament and of the Council and only in so far as necessary for the application of this Regulation and to ensure effective cooperation between Member States as well as with the Commission in the application of this Regulation.

(*) Regulation (EU) 2016/679 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 27 April 2016 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Directive 95/46/EC (General Data Protection Regulation) (OJ L 119, 4.5.2016, p. 1).

(**) Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council of 23 October 2018 on the protection of natural persons with regard to the processing of personal data by the Union institutions, bodies, offices and agencies and on the free movement of such data, and repealing Regulation (EC) No 45/2001 and Decision No 1247/2002/EC (OJ L 295, 21.11.2018, p. 39).;

(4) Article 9 is replaced by the following:

Article 9

1. It shall be prohibited to participate, knowingly and intentionally, in activities the object or effect of which is to circumvent the measures referred to in Article 2.
2. Natural or legal persons, entities or bodies listed in Annex I, shall:
 - (a) report before 1 September 2022 or within 6 weeks from the date of listing in Annex I, whichever is latest, funds or economic resources within the jurisdiction of a Member State belonging to, owned, held or controlled by them, to the competent authority of the Member State where those funds or economic resources are located; and
 - (b) cooperate with the competent authority in any verification of such information.
3. Failure to comply with paragraph 2 shall be considered as participation, as referred to in paragraph 1, in activities the object or effect of which is to circumvent the measures referred to in Article 2.
4. The Member State concerned shall inform the Commission within two weeks of the information received pursuant to paragraph 2(a).
5. The obligation in paragraph 2(a) shall not apply until 1 January 2023 with regard to funds or economic resources located in a Member State that had laid down a similar reporting obligation under national law before 21 July 2022.
6. Any information provided or received in accordance with this Article shall be used only for the purposes for which it was provided or received.
7. Any processing of personal data shall be carried out in accordance with this Regulation, Regulation (EU) 2016/679 and Regulation (EU) 2018/1725 of the European Parliament and of the Council and only in so far as necessary for the application of this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 July 2022.

For the Council
The President
M. BEK

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/1274**of 21 July 2022****implementing Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 14(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 17 March 2014, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.
- (2) The Union remains unwavering in its support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and continues to condemn actions and policies undermining the territorial integrity of Ukraine.
- (3) The Syrian regime provides support, including military support, for Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine. In view of the gravity of the situation, the Council considers that six individuals and one entity involved in the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to fight in Ukraine alongside Russian troops should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014.
- (4) Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 July 2022.

For the Council
The President
M. BEK

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 78, 17.3.2014 p. 6.

The following persons and entity are added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies set out in Annex I to Regulation (EU) No 269/2014:

Persons

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
|-------|---|--|---|-----------------|
| 1176. | Muhammad AL-SALTI (Muhamad AL-SALTI, Akram Muhammad AL-SALTI, Muhammad SALT) - محمد السلطي, أكرم السلطي, أكرم محمد السلطي, محمد | Nationality: Syrian Position: Commander-in-Chief of the "Palestine Liberation Army" Gender: male | Muhammad AL-SALTI is the Commander-in-Chief of the "Palestine Liberation Army", engaged in the recruitment of Palestinians to fight in Ukraine alongside Russia. He is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022 |
| 1177. | Abu Hani SHAMMOUT (Abu Hani SHAMOUT, Abu SHAMMOUT, Hani SHAMMOUT) - أبو هاني شموط, أبو شموط, هاني شموط | Gender: male | Abu Hani SHAMMOUT is a former Syrian military officer and leader of the "al-Ahdad al-Omariya" faction, responsible, alongside Russian recruiters, for the enrolment of Syrian mercenaries from Yalda, Babila and Beit Sahem, south of Damascus, destined to fight for the Russian forces in Libya and in Ukraine. He has been directly charged by the Wagner Group with overseeing the recruitment of veterans. He is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022 |
| 1178. | Nabeul AL-ABDULLAH (Nabel AL-ABDULLAH, Nabel AL-ABDALLAH, Nabel ABDALLAH, Nabel ABDULLAH) - نابل عبدالله, نابل العبدالله | Position: Commander of the National Defence Forces in the city of Suqaylabiyah Gender: male | Nabeul AL-ABDULLAH is the commander of the National Defence Forces in the city of Suqaylabiyah. He has been overseeing the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to fight alongside Russia in Ukraine since the beginning of the Russian war of aggression. He is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022 |
| 1179. | Simon AL WAKIL (Simon WAKIL, Simon Al WAQIL, Simon WAQIL, Simon AL WAKEEL, Simon WAKEEL) - سيمون الوكيل, سيمون | Position: Commander of the National Defence Forces in the city of Maharda Gender: male | Simon AL WAKIL is a commander of the National Defence Forces in the city of Maharda (Hama). He collaborates directly with the command of the Russian forces in Syria, and is an active relay of the operations of enrolment to fight in Ukraine alongside Russia. He is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022 |

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
|-------|---|--|--|-----------------|
| 1180. | Fawaz Mikhail GERGES - فواز ميخائيل جرجس | Position: businessman, CEO of Al-Sayyad Company for Guarding and Protection Services Gender: male | Fawaz Mikhail Gerges is the director of Al-Sayyad Company for Guarding and Protection Services Ltd, a Syrian private security company established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group in Syria, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites). He is responsible for recruiting mercenaries for the benefit of Russian forces in Libya and Ukraine. He is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022 |
| 1181. | Yasar Hussein IBRAHIM (Yassar Hussein IBRAHIM, Yassar IBRAHIM) - ياسر حسين ابراهيم | Nationality: Syrian DOB: 9.4.1983 POB: Damascus Gender: male | Yasar Hussein Ibrahim is the co-owner of Al-Sayyad Company for Guarding and Protection Services Ltd, a Syrian private security company established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group in Syria, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites). The company is active in the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to Libya and Ukraine. Yasar Hussein Ibrahim is therefore responsible for, supporting or implementing actions or policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022' |

Entities

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
|-------|--|--|--|-----------------|
| '102. | Al-Sayyad Company for Guarding and Protection Services Ltd (aka "ISIS Hunters") - شركة الصياد لخدمات الحراسة والحماية | Date of creation: 2017 Headquarters: Al Suqaylabiya (region of Hama) | Al-Sayyad Company for Guarding and Protection Services Ltd is a Syrian private security company established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group in Syria, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites). The company, which operates under the name "ISIS Hunters", is active in the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to Libya and Ukraine. The company is therefore responsible for, supporting or implementing actions or policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022' |

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2022/1275**of 21 July 2022****implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 of 18 January 2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria and repealing Regulation (EU) No 442/2011 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 32(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 18 January 2012, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.
- (2) The Council remains deeply concerned about the situation in Syria. After more than a decade, the conflict in Syria is far from over and the Syrian regime continues to pursue its policy of repression. Moreover, the Syrian regime provides support, including military support, to the Russian Federation's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine.
- (3) In view of the gravity of the situation, the Council considers that four persons and one entity should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.
- (4) Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 is amended as set out in the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at Brussels, 21 July 2022.

For the Council
The President
M. BEK

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 16, 19.1.2012, p. 1.

ANNEX

Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 is amended as follows:

(1) The following entries are added to the list set out in Section A (Persons):

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
|------|--|---|---|-----------------|
| 323. | Saleh AL-ABDULLAH (صالح عبدالله) | DOB: 1967 POB: Safita, Tartous, Syria Position: Brigadier General Gender: male | Saleh AL-ABDULLAH is the commander of the 16th Brigade affiliated with the command of Russian forces in Syria since 2020. He was previously the deputy of Brigadier General Suhail al-Hassan, in the 25th Division of the Syrian Army. He is involved in the recruitment of members of the 16th Brigade to fight in Ukraine alongside Russia. In this capacity, Saleh AL-ABDULLAH is a member of the Syrian Armed Forces of the rank of “colonel” and the equivalent or higher in post after May 2011. | 21.7.2022 |
| 324. | Ahmed KHALIL KHALIL (a.k.a. Ahmed KHALIL) (احمد خليل خليل) | Gender: male | Ahmed KHALIL KHALIL is the co-owner of Sanad Protection and Security Services, a Syrian private security company established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group in Syria, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites) in Syria. The exploitation of natural resources provides revenues to the Syrian regime. In addition, the company is active in the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to Libya and Ukraine. As such, Ahmed KHALIL KHALIL supports the Syrian regime and benefits from it. | 21.7.2022 |
| 325. | Nasser Deeb DEEB (a.k.a. Nasser Dhib, Nasser Dib, Nasser Deeb) (ناصر ديب) | Gender: male | Nasser Deeb DEEB is the co-owner of Sanad Protection and Security Services, a Syrian private security company established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites) in Syria. The exploitation of natural resources provides revenues to the Syrian regime. In addition, he is also co-owner of the company Ella Services together with Khodr Ali Taher. In this capacity, Nasser Deeb DEEB supports the Syrian regime and benefits from it. | 21.7.2022 |

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
|------|--|---|---|-----------------|
| 326. | Issam SHAMMOUT (a.k.a. Mohammed Issam Shammout, Mohamed Essam Shammout, Muhammad Issam Shammout, Muhammad Essam Shammout) (محمد عصام شموط) | DOB: 1971 POB: Damascus, Syria Gender: male | Issam SHAMMOUT is the owner and chairman of the board of director of the airline “Cham Wings” and head of the Shammout Group active in the automotive, steel, aviation, freight forwarding, constructions, and real estate sectors. In this capacity, Issam SHAMMOUT is a leading businessperson operating in Syria. | 21.7.2022’ |

(2) The following entry is added to the list set out in Section B (entities):

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
|------|---|--|---|-----------------|
| ‘82. | Sanad Protection and Security Services (شركة سند للحرسات والخدمات الأمنية) | Type of entity: Limited Liability Company Date of creation: 22 October 2017 Headquarters: Damascus | Sanad Protection and Security Services is a Syrian private security company, established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group in Syria, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites) in Syria. The exploitation of natural resources provides revenues to the Syrian regime. In addition, the company is active in the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to Libya and Ukraine. As such, the company supports the regime and benefits from it. | 21.7.2022’ |

DECISIONS

COUNCIL DECISION (CFSP) 2022/1276

of 21 July 2022

amending Decision 2014/145/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 29 thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 17 March 2014, the Council adopted Decision 2014/145/CFSP ⁽¹⁾.
- (2) The Union remains unwavering in its support for Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity and continues to condemn actions and policies undermining the territorial integrity of Ukraine.
- (3) The Syrian regime provides support, including military support, for Russia's unprovoked and unjustified war of aggression against Ukraine. In view of the gravity of the situation, the Council considers that six individuals and one entity involved in the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to fight in Ukraine alongside Russian troops should be added to the list of persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP.
- (4) Decision 2014/145/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

The Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

⁽¹⁾ Council Decision 2014/145/CFSP of 17 March 2014 concerning restrictive measures in respect of actions undermining or threatening the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine (OJ L 78, 17.3.2014, p. 16).

Done at Brussels, 21 July 2022.

For the Council
The President
M. BEK

ANNEX

The following persons and entity are added to the list of persons, entities and bodies set out in the Annex to Decision 2014/145/CFSP:

Persons

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
|-------|---|---|---|-----------------|
| 1176. | Muhammad AL-SALTI (Muhamad AL-SALTI, Akram Muhammad AL-SALTI, Muhammad SALT) - محمد السلطي، أكرم السلطي، أكرم محمد السلطي، محمد | Nationality: Syrian Position: Commander-in-Chief of the “Palestine Liberation Army” Gender: male | Muhammad AL-SALTI is the Commander-in-Chief of the “Palestine Liberation Army”, engaged in the recruitment of Palestinians to fight in Ukraine alongside Russia. He is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022 |
| 1177. | Abu Hani SHAMMOUT (Abu Hani SHAMOUT, AbuSHAMMOUT, Hani SHAMMOUT) - أبو هاني شموط، أبو شموط، هاني شموط | Gender: male | Abu Hani SHAMMOUT is a former Syrian military officer and leader of the “al-Ahdad al-Omariya” faction, responsible, alongside Russian recruiters, for the enrolment of Syrian mercenaries from Yalda, Babila and Beit Sahem, south of Damascus, destined to fight for the Russian forces in Libya and in Ukraine. He has been directly charged by the Wagner Group with overseeing the recruitment of veterans. He is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022 |
| 1178. | Nabeul AL-ABDULLAH (Nabel AL-ABDULLAH, Nabel AL-ABDALLAH, Nabel ABDALLAH, Nabel ABDULLAH) - نابل عبدالله، نابل العبدالله | Position: Commander of the National Defence Forces in the city of Suqaylabiyah Gender: male | Nabeul AL-ABDULLAH is the commander of the National Defence Forces in the city of Suqaylabiyah. He has been overseeing the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to fight alongside Russia in Ukraine since the beginning of the Russian war of aggression. He is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022 |
| 1179. | Simon AL WAKIL (Simon WAKIL, Simon Al WAQIL, Simon WAQIL, Simon AL WAKEEL, Simon WAKEEL) - سيمون الوكيل، سيمون | Position: Commander of the National Defence Forces in the city of Maharda Gender: male | Simon AL WAKIL is a commander of the National Defence Forces in the city of Maharda (Hama). He collaborates directly with the command of the Russian forces in Syria, and is an active relay of the operations of enrolment to fight in Ukraine alongside Russia. He is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022 |

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
|-------|---|--|--|-----------------|
| 1180. | Fawaz Mikhail GERGES - فواز ميخائيل جرجس | Position: business- man, CEO of Al-Sayyad Company for Guarding and Protection Services Gender: male | Fawaz Mikhail Gerges is the director of Al-Sayyad Company for Guarding and Protection Services Ltd, a Syrian private security company established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group in Syria, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites). He is responsible for recruiting mercenaries for the benefit of Russian forces in Libya and Ukraine. He is therefore responsible for actions and policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022 |
| 1181. | Yasar Hussein IBRAHIM (Yassar Hussein IBRAHIM, Yassar IBRAHIM) - ياسر حسين ابراهيم | Nationality: Syrian DOB: 9.4.1983 POB: Damascus Gender: male | Yasar Hussein Ibrahim is the co-owner of Al-Sayyad Company for Guarding and Protection Services Ltd, a Syrian private security company established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group in Syria, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites). The company is active in the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to Libya and Ukraine. Yasar Hussein Ibrahim is therefore responsible for, supporting or implementing actions or policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022' |

Entities

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
|-------|--|--|--|-----------------|
| '102. | Al-Sayyad Company for Guarding and Protection Services Ltd (aka "ISIS Hunters") - شركة الصياد لخدمات الحراسة والحماية | Date of creation: 2017 Headquarters: Al Suqaylabiya (region of Hama) | Al-Sayyad Company for Guarding and Protection Services Ltd is a Syrian private security company established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group in Syria, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites). The company, which operates under the name "ISIS Hunters", is active in the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to Libya and Ukraine. The company is therefore responsible for, supporting or implementing actions or policies which undermine or threaten the territorial integrity, sovereignty and independence of Ukraine, or stability or security in Ukraine. | 21.7.2022' |

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING DECISION (CFSP) 2022/1277
of 21 July 2022
implementing Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures against Syria

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on European Union, and in particular Article 31(2) thereof,

Having regard to Council Decision 2013/255/CFSP of 31 May 2013 concerning restrictive measures against Syria ⁽¹⁾ and in particular Article 30(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

Whereas:

- (1) On 31 May 2013, the Council adopted Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
- (2) The Council remains deeply concerned about the situation in Syria. After more than a decade, the conflict in Syria is far from over and the Syrian regime continues to pursue its policy of repression. Moreover, the Syrian regime provides support, including military support, to the Russian Federation's unprovoked and unjustified military aggression against Ukraine.
- (3) In view of the gravity of the situation, the Council considers that four persons and one entity should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP.
- (4) Decision 2013/255/CFSP should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS DECISION:

Article 1

Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP is amended as set out in the Annex to this Decision.

Article 2

This Decision shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

Done at Brussels, 21 July 2022.

For the Council
The President
M. BEK

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 147, 1.6.2013, p. 14.

ANNEX

Annex I to Decision 2013/255/CFSP is amended as follows:

(1) The following entries are added to the list set out in Section A (Persons):

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
|------|--|---|---|-----------------|
| 323. | Saleh AL-ABDULLAH (صالح عبدالله) | DOB: 1967 POB: Safita, Tartous, Syria Position: Brigadier General Gender: male | Saleh AL-ABDULLAH is the commander of the 16th Brigade affiliated with the command of Russian forces in Syria since 2020. He was previously the deputy of Brigadier General Suhail al-Hassan, in the 25th Division of the Syrian Army. He is involved in the recruitment of members of the 16th Brigade to fight in Ukraine alongside Russia. In this capacity, Saleh AL-ABDULLAH is a member of the Syrian Armed Forces of the rank of "colonel" and the equivalent or higher in post after May 2011. | 21.7.2022 |
| 324. | Ahmed KHALIL KHALIL (a.k.a. Ahmed KHALIL) (احمد خليل خليل) | Gender: male | Ahmed KHALIL KHALIL is the co-owner of Sanad Protection and Security Services, a Syrian private security company established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group in Syria, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites) in Syria. The exploitation of natural resources provides revenues to the Syrian regime. In addition, the company is active in the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to Libya and Ukraine. As such, Ahmed KHALIL KHALIL supports the Syrian regime and benefits from it. | 21.7.2022 |
| 325. | Nasser Deeb DEEB (a.k.a. Nasser Dhib, Nasser Dib, Nasser Deeb) (ناصر ديب) | Gender: male | Nasser Deeb DEEB is the co-owner of Sanad Protection and Security Services, a Syrian private security company established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites) in Syria. The exploitation of natural resources provides revenues to the Syrian regime. In addition, he is also co-owner of the company Ella Services together with Khodr Ali Taher. In this capacity, Nasser Deeb DEEB supports the Syrian regime and benefits from it. | 21.7.2022 |

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
|------|--|---|---|-----------------|
| 326. | Issam SHAMMOUT (a.k.a. Mohammed Issam Shammout, Mohamed Essam Shammout, Muhammad Issam Shammout, Muhammad Essam Shammout) (محمد عصام شموط) | DOB: 1971 POB: Damascus, Syria Gender: male | Issam SHAMMOUT is the owner and chairman of the board of director of the airline “Cham Wings” and head of the Shammout Group, active in the automotive, steel, aviation, freight forwarding, construction, and real estate sectors. In this capacity, Issam SHAMMOUT is a leading businessperson operating in Syria. | 21.7.2022’ |

(2) The following entry is added to the list set out in Section B (entities):

| | Name | Identifying information | Reasons | Date of listing |
|------|---|--|--|-----------------|
| ‘82. | Sanad Protection and Security Services (شركة سند للحرسات والخدمات الأمنية) | Type of entity: Limited Liability Company Date of creation: 22 October 2017 Headquarters: Damascus | Sanad Protection and Security Services is a Syrian private security company, established in 2017 and supervised by the Wagner Group in Syria, active in the protection of Russian interests (phosphates, gas and securing oil sites) in Syria. The exploitation of natural resources provides revenues to the Syrian regime. In addition, the company is active in the recruitment of Syrian mercenaries to Libya and Ukraine. As such, the company supports the Syrian regime and benefits from it. | 21.7.2022’ |

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