

## US TREASURY REPORT

### WEEK 48 OF 2023

#### **A. Treasury Sanctions Former Guatemalan Government Official for Engaging in Public Corruption**

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023, OFAC sanctioned Luis Miguel Martinez Morales (Martinez) for his role in corruption in Guatemala wherein he engaged in widespread bribery schemes, including schemes related to government contracts. Martinez is being designated pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13818, which builds upon and implements the Global Magnitsky Human Rights Accountability Act and targets perpetrators of serious human rights abuse and corruption around the world.

As a result of this action, all property and interests in property of the person described above that are in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked and must be reported to OFAC. In addition, any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, 50% or more by one or more blocked persons are also blocked.

In this respect OFAC's SDN List has been updated accordingly:

#### **The following individual has been added to OFAC's SDN List:**

MARTINEZ MORALES, Luis Miguel (a.k.a. "MARTINEZ, Miguel"; a.k.a. "MARTINEZ, Miguel Miguelito"; a.k.a. "Miguelito"), Colonia Las Hojarascas, Km 19.5 Carretera Interamericana, Mixco, Guatemala; DOB 12 Sep 1989; POB Santa Lucia Cotzumalguapa, Guatemala; nationality Guatemala; Gender Male; Passport 245907203 (Guatemala) expires 15 Nov 2022; National ID No. 2459072030502 (Guatemala) (individual) [GLOMAG].

#### **Relevant Link:**

[OFAC 1/12 - Treasury Sanctions Former Guatemalan Government Official for Engaging in Public Corruption](#)

## **B. Treasury Imposes Additional Price Cap-Related Sanctions**

On 1<sup>st</sup> December 2023, the OFAC imposed sanctions on three entities and identifying as blocked property three vessels that used Price Cap Coalition services while carrying Russian crude oil above the Coalition-agreed price cap. These entities were designated pursuant to Executive Order 14024 for operating or having operated in the marine sector of the Russian Federation economy.

Furthermore, OFAC issued [Russia-related General License 78](#), "Authorizing Limited Safety and Environmental Transactions Involving Certain Persons or Vessels Blocked on December 1, 2023."

This General License authorises certain transactions prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to one of the following activities involving the blocked persons or vessels described below. These transactions are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, **29 February 2024**, provided that any payment to a blocked person must be made into a blocked account in accordance with the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations (RuHSR): In particular:

- The safe docking and anchoring of any of the blocked vessels listed below in port;
- The preservation of the health or safety of the crew of any of the blocked vessels; or
- Emergency repairs of any of the blocked vessels or environmental mitigation or protection activities relating to any of the blocked vessels.

The authorization applies to the following blocked persons and vessels:

- Sterling Shipping Incorporated (registered owner of NS Champion; IMO 9299719);
- Streymoy Shipping Limited (registered owner of Viktor Bakaev, IMO 9610810); and
- HS Atlantica Limited (registered owner of HS Atlantica, IMO 9322839).

The general license does not authorize:

- The entry into any new commercial contracts involving the property or interests in property of any blocked persons, including the blocked entities and vessels described above;
- The offloading of any cargo onboard any of the blocked vessels, including the offloading of crude oil or petroleum products of Russian Federation origin, except for the offloading of cargo that is ordinarily incident and necessary to address vessel emergencies authorized pursuant to paragraph (a) of this general license;
- Any transactions related to the sale of crude oil or petroleum products of Russian Federation origin;

- Any transactions prohibited by Directive 2 under E.O. 14024, Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions;
- Any transactions prohibited by Directive 4 under E.O. 14024, Prohibitions Related to Transactions Involving the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation; or
- Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the RuHSR, including transactions involving the property or interests in property of any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR, other than transactions involving the blocked persons or vessels above, unless separately authorized.

Please see below OFAC's updated [SDN LIST](#):

**The following entities have been added to OFAC's SDN List:**

HS ATLANTICA LIMITED, 80 Broad Street, Monrovia, Liberia; Identification Number IMO 6356766 [RUSSIA-EO14024].

STERLING SHIPPING INCORPORATED, Unit 27610 - 001, Building A1, IFZA Business Park, Dubai Silicon Oasis, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Identification Number IMO 5206051 [RUSSIA-EO14024].

STREYMOY SHIPPING LIMITED, Unit 27610 - 001, Building A1, IFZA Business Park, Dubai Silicon Oasis, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; 80 Broad Street, Monrovia, Liberia; Identification Number IMO 5724311 [RUSSIA-EO14024].

**The following vessels have been added to OFAC's SDN List:**

HS ATLANTICA (5LIP5) Crude Oil Tanker Liberia flag; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9322839; MMSI 636022401 (vessel) [RUSSIA-EO14024] (Linked To: HS ATLANTICA LIMITED).

NS CHAMPION (A8FD9) Crude Oil Tanker Liberia flag; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9299719; MMSI 636012384 (vessel) [RUSSIA-EO14024] (Linked To: STERLING SHIPPING INCORPORATED).

VIKTOR BAKAEV (D5BN6) Crude Oil Tanker Liberia flag; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9610810; MMSI 636015565 (vessel) [RUSSIA-EO14024] (Linked To: STREYMOY SHIPPING LIMITED).

As a result of this action, all property and interests in property of the persons/ entities above that are in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked and must be reported to OFAC. In addition, any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, 50% or more by one or more blocked persons are also blocked. All transactions by U.S. persons or within (or transiting) the United States that involve any property or interests in property of designated or blocked persons are prohibited unless authorized by a general or specific license issued by OFAC, or exempt. These prohibitions include the making of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services by, to, or for the benefit of any blocked person and the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person.

*Related Article:*

[Treasury Imposes Additional Price Cap-Related Sanctions](#)

### **C. Treasury Targets DPRK's International Agents and Illicit Cyber Intrusion Group**

On 30 November 2023 OFAC sanctioned eight foreign-based Democratic People's Republic of Korea's (DPRK) agents that facilitate sanctions evasion, including revenue generation and missile-related technology procurement that support the DPRK's weapons of mass destruction (WMD) programs. Additionally, OFAC sanctioned cyber espionage group Kimsuky for gathering intelligence to support the DPRK's strategic objectives.

These actions are in response to the DPRK's November 21 claimed military reconnaissance satellite launch and demonstrates the multilateral efforts of the United States and foreign partners to hinder the DPRK's ability to generate revenue, procure materiel, and gather intelligence that advances the development of its WMD program and the unlawful export of arms and related materiel from the DPRK.

As a result of this action, pursuant to E.O.s 13687, 13382, 13551, 13722, and 13810, all property and interests in property of the persons named above that are in the United States, or in the possession or control of U.S. persons, are blocked and must be reported to OFAC. In addition, any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, 50% or more by one or more blocked persons are also blocked.

In this respect [OFAC's SDN List](#) has been updated accordingly:

**The following individuals have been added to OFAC's SDN List:**

CHOE, Song Chol (Korean: 최성철) (a.k.a. CHOE, Cholung), Korea, North; DOB 16 May 1973; nationality Korea, North; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: North Korea Sanctions Regulations, sections 510.201 and 510.210; Transactions Prohibited For Persons Owned or Controlled By U.S. Financial Institutions: North Korea Sanctions Regulations section 510.214; Passport 563438637 (Korea, North) (individual) [DPRK4].

CHOE, Un Hyok (Korean: 최은 혁) (a.k.a. CH'OE, U'n-hyo'k), Moscow, Russia; DOB 19 Oct 1985; nationality Korea, North; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: North Korea Sanctions Regulations, sections 510.201 and 510.210; Transactions Prohibited For Persons Owned or Controlled By U.S. Financial Institutions: North Korea Sanctions Regulations section 510.214 (individual) [DPRK3].

IM, Song Sun (Korean: 임성순), Korea, North; DOB 02 Sep 1965; nationality Korea, North; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: North Korea Sanctions Regulations, sections 510.201 and 510.210; Transactions Prohibited For Persons Owned or Controlled By U.S. Financial Institutions: North Korea Sanctions Regulations section 510.214; Passport 745335827 (Korea, North) (individual) [DPRK4].

JANG, Myong Chol (a.k.a. CHANG, Myo'ng-ch'o' l), Shenyang, China; Dandong, China; DOB 09 Sep 1968; nationality Korea, North; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: North Korea Sanctions Regulations, sections 510.201 and 510.210; Transactions Prohibited For Persons Owned or Controlled By U.S. Financial Institutions: North Korea Sanctions Regulations section 510.214 (individual) [DPRK4].

KANG, Kyong Il (a.k.a. KANG, Kyo'ng-il), Tehran, Iran; DOB 01 Sep 1969; nationality Korea, North; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: North Korea Sanctions Regulations, sections 510.201 and 510.210; Transactions Prohibited For Persons Owned or Controlled By U.S. Financial Institutions: North Korea Sanctions Regulations section 510.214; Passport 563210175 (Korea, North) (individual) [DPRK] (Linked To: GREEN PINE ASSOCIATED CORPORATION).

KANG, Phyong Guk (a.k.a. KANG, Pyong Guk; a.k.a. KANG, P'yo'ng-kuk), Beijing, China; DOB 07 Jun 1978; nationality Korea, North; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: North Korea Sanctions Regulations, sections 510.201 and 510.210; Transactions Prohibited For Persons Owned or Controlled By U.S. Financial Institutions: North Korea

Sanctions Regulations section 510.214 (individual) [DPRK] (Linked To: GREEN PINE ASSOCIATED CORPORATION).

RI, Sung Il (a.k.a. RI, Su'ng-il), Tehran, Iran; DOB 10 Dec 1966; nationality Korea, North; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: North Korea Sanctions Regulations, sections 510.201 and 510.210; Transactions Prohibited For Persons Owned or Controlled By U.S. Financial Institutions: North Korea Sanctions Regulations section 510.214 (individual) [DPRK] (Linked To: GREEN PINE ASSOCIATED CORPORATION).

SO, Myong (Korean: 서명), Vladivostok, Russia; DOB 02 Mar 1978; nationality Korea, North; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: North Korea Sanctions Regulations, sections 510.201 and 510.210; Transactions Prohibited For Persons Owned or Controlled By U.S. Financial Institutions: North Korea Sanctions Regulations section 510.214; Passport 927320285 (Korea, North); Foreign Trade Bank of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea representative (individual) [NPWMD].

**The following entity has been added to OFAC's SDN List:**

KIMSUKY (a.k.a. "APT43"; a.k.a. "ARCHIPELAGO"; a.k.a. "BLACK BANSHEE"; a.k.a. "EMERALD SLEET"; a.k.a. "NICKEL KIMBALL"; a.k.a. "THALLIUM"; a.k.a. "VELVET CHOLLIMA"), Korea, North; Website onerearth.xyz; alt. Website sovershopp.online; alt. Website mofa.lat; alt. Website janskinmn.lol; alt. Website supermeasn.lat; alt. Website bookstarrtion.online; alt. Website cdredos.site; alt. Website scemsal.site; alt. Website somelmark.store; Email Address [hongsiao@naver.com](mailto:hongsiao@naver.com); alt. Email Address [teriparl25@gmail.com](mailto:teriparl25@gmail.com); alt. Email Address [seanchung.hanvoice@hotmail.com](mailto:seanchung.hanvoice@hotmail.com); alt. Email Address [pkurui9999@gmail.com](mailto:pkurui9999@gmail.com); alt. Email Address [ssdkfdlsfd@gmail.com](mailto:ssdkfdlsfd@gmail.com); alt. Email Address [haris2022100@outlook.com](mailto:haris2022100@outlook.com); alt. Email Address [bing2020@outlook.kr](mailto:bing2020@outlook.kr); alt. Email Address [marksigal1001@gmail.com](mailto:marksigal1001@gmail.com); alt. Email Address [donghyunkim1010@gmail.com](mailto:donghyunkim1010@gmail.com); alt. Email Address [hong\\_xiao@naver.com](mailto:hong_xiao@naver.com); alt. Email Address [sm.carls0000@gmail.com](mailto:sm.carls0000@gmail.com); alt. Email Address [kennedypamla@gmail.com](mailto:kennedypamla@gmail.com); alt. Email Address [ds1kdie@aol.com](mailto:ds1kdie@aol.com); alt. Email Address [ds1kde@daum.net](mailto:ds1kde@daum.net); alt. Email Address [yoon.dasl@yahoo.com](mailto:yoon.dasl@yahoo.com); alt. Email Address [syshim10@mofa.lat](mailto:syshim10@mofa.lat); Secondary sanctions risk: North Korea Sanctions Regulations, sections 510.201 and 510.210; Transactions Prohibited For Persons Owned or Controlled By U.S. Financial Institutions: North Korea Sanctions Regulations section 510.214 [DPRK2].

- For additional information on Kimsuky's recent social engineering operations refer to the [Joint Cyber Advisory DPRK Using Social Engineering to Enable Hacking](#), its tactics, techniques and procedures [Joint Cybersecurity Advisory](#).
- For additional information on DPRK illicit finance and procurement activities see the [North Korea Ballistic Missile Procurement Advisory](#) and the [FinCEN Advisory on North Korea's Use of the International Financial System](#).

*Related Article:*

[\*OFAC 30/11 - Treasury Targets DPRK's International Agents and Illicit Cyber Intrusion Group\*](#)

**D. Treasury Takes Third Action Against CJNG Timeshare Fraud Network Centered in Puerto Vallarta**

30 November 2023, OFAC sanctioned three Mexican individuals and 13 Mexican companies. These individuals and companies are linked, directly or indirectly, to timeshare fraud led by the Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion (CJNG). CJNG, a violent Mexico-based organization, traffics a significant proportion of the illicit fentanyl and other deadly drugs that enter the United States. OFAC coordinated this action with the Government of Mexico, including its Financial Intelligence Unit, as well as U.S. Government partners, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), and the Drug Enforcement Administration.

As a result of this action, all property and interests in property of the designated persons described above that are in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked and must be reported to OFAC. In addition, any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, 50% or more by one or more blocked persons are also blocked. Unless authorized by a general or specific license issued by OFAC, or exempt, OFAC's regulations generally prohibit all transactions by U.S. persons or within (or transiting) the United States that involve any property or interests in property of designated or otherwise blocked persons. U.S. persons may face civil or criminal penalties for violations of E.O. 14059 and the Kingpin Act.

This action is part of a whole-of-government effort to counter the global threat posed by the trafficking of illicit drugs into the United States that is causing the deaths of tens of thousands of Americans annually, as well as countless more non-fatal overdoses. OFAC, in coordination with its U.S. Government partners and foreign counterparts, will continue to target and pursue accountability for foreign illicit drug actors.



In this respect OFAC's SDN List has been updated accordingly.

**The following individuals have been added to [OFAC's SDN List](#):**

ALVARADO RUBIO, Teresa De Jesus, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; DOB 27 Oct 1972; POB Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Female; C.U.R.P. AART721027MJCLBR09 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

DEL VILLAR CONTRERAS, Gabriela, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; DOB 06 Oct 1984; POB Chihuahua, Chihuahua, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Female; R.F.C. VICG841006F31 (Mexico); C.U.R.P. VICG841006MCHLNB04 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

FOUBERT CADENA, Manuel Alejandro, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico; DOB 16 Oct 1982; POB Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. FOCM821016HJCBDN02 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

**The following entities have been added to OFAC's SDN List:**

ASSIS REALTY AND VACATION CLUB, S.A. DE C.V., Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Organization Established Date 16 Feb 2018; Organization Type: Real estate activities with own or leased property [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

AXIS SALE & MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS, S.A. DE C.V. (a.k.a. AXIS SALE AND MAINTENANCE BUILDINGS, S.A. DE C.V.), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Organization Established Date 16 Feb 2018; Organization Type: Real estate activities with own or leased property [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

BANLU COMERCIALIZADORA, S.A. DE C.V. (a.k.a. CEAR GYM; a.k.a. CENTRO DE ENTRENAMIENTO SEAR), Calle Jilguero 171, Fraccionamiento Los Sauces, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco 48328, Mexico; Calle Volcan Popocatepetl 5250, Col. El Colli Urbano, Zapopan, Jalisco 45070, Mexico; Organization Type: Non-specialized wholesale trade; alt. Organization Type: Activities of sports clubs; R.F.C. BCO150928QF3 (Mexico); Folio Mercantil No. 92027 (Mexico) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

COMERCIALIZADORA DE SERVICIOS TURISTICOS DE VALLARTA, S.A. DE C.V., Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Organization Established Date 09 May 2007; Organization Type: Real estate activities with own or leased property; Folio Mercantil No. 14080 (Mexico)



[ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

CONDOS & VACATIONS BUILDINGS SALE & MAINTENANCE, S.A. DE C.V. (a.k.a. CONDOS AND VACATIONS BUILDINGS SALE AND MAINTENANCE, S.A. DE C.V.), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Organization Established Date 15 Oct 2016; Organization Type: Real estate activities with own or leased property; Folio Mercantil No. N-2016030167 (Mexico) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

CROWLANDS, S.A. DE C.V., Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; Organization Established Date 20 May 2019; Organization Type: Real estate activities with own or leased property; Folio Mercantil No. N-2019039320 (Mexico) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

GRUPO EMPRESARIAL EPTA, S.A. DE C.V. (a.k.a. GRUPO EPTA), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico; Website [www.grupoapta.com](http://www.grupoapta.com); Organization Established Date 14 Aug 2013; Organization Type: Management consultancy activities; Folio Mercantil No. 16378 (Mexico); alt. Folio Mercantil No. 68520 (Mexico) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

GRUPO MINERA BARRA PACIFICO, S.A.P.I. DE C.V., Leon, Guanajuato, Mexico; Organization Established Date 08 Feb 2021; Organization Type: Mining and Quarrying; Folio Mercantil No. N-2021024215 (Mexico) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

INTERNATIONAL REALTY & MAINTENANCE, S.A. DE C.V. (a.k.a. INTERNATIONAL REALTY AND MAINTENANCE, S.A. DE C.V.), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Organization Established Date 15 Oct 2016; Organization Type: Real estate activities with own or leased property; Folio Mercantil No. N-2016030303 (Mexico) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

MEGA COMERCIAL FERRELECTRICA, S.A. DE C.V., Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; Organization Type: Non-specialized wholesale trade; Folio Mercantil No. 40660 (Mexico) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

REAL ESTATES & HOLIDAY CITIES, S.A. DE C.V. (a.k.a. REAL ESTATES AND HOLIDAY CITIES, S.A. DE C.V.), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Organization Established Date 15 Oct 2016; Organization Type: Real estate activities with own or leased property; Folio Mercantil No. N-2016030106 (Mexico) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

SKAIRU, S.A. DE C.V., Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; Organization Established Date 20 Jun

2019; Organization Type: Real estate activities with own or leased property; Folio Mercantil No. N-2019049513 (Mexico) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

TERRA MINAS E INVERSIONES DEL PACIFICO, S.A.P.I. DE C.V., Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; Organization Established Date 26 May 2021; Organization Type: Mining and Quarrying; Folio Mercantil No. N-2021047829 (Mexico) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

**The following deletions have been made to OFAC's SDN List:**

BONYONGWE, Happyton Mabhuya; DOB 06 Nov 1960; POB Chikomba District, Zimbabwe; nationality Zimbabwe; Director General, Central Intelligence Organization (individual) [ZIMBABWE].

**The following changes have been made to OFAC's SDN List:**

MONTERO PINZON, Julio Cesar (a.k.a. "EL TARJETAS"), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; DOB 02 Jun 1982; POB Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. MOPJ820602HJCNNL05 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059]. -to- MONTERO PINZON, Julio Cesar (a.k.a. HERNANDEZ JIMENEZ, Cesar; a.k.a. VELAZQUEZ BALTAZAR, Luis Armando; a.k.a. "Comandante Tarjetas"; a.k.a. "El Chess"; a.k.a. "El Chino"; a.k.a. "El Tarjetas"; a.k.a. "HERNANDEZ JIMENEZ, Francisco"; a.k.a. "Moreno"), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Estero del Cayman, Real Ixtapa, #137-A, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; DOB 02 Jun 1982; alt. DOB 08 Nov 1982; alt. DOB 25 Aug 1986; alt. DOB 28 Jun 1977; POB Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; alt. POB Amatan, Chiapas, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; R.F.C. VEBL860825 (Mexico); C.U.R.P. MOPJ820602HJCNNL05 (Mexico); alt. C.U.R.P. MOPJ821108HJCNNL04 (Mexico); alt. C.U.R.P. VEBL860825HJCLLS05 (Mexico); alt. C.U.R.P. HEJC770628HCSRMS06 (Mexico); Electoral Registry No. GRMRLR82012730M700 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

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