

US TREASURY REPORT

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1. Designation of Viv Ansanm and Gran Grif

On the 2nd May 2025, the Department of State announces the designation of Viv Ansanm and Gran Grif as Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) and Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs).

Viv Ansanm is a group formed in September 2023 as a coalition of gangs through an alliance between the two main gang factions operating in Port-au-Prince, G-9 and G-Pép.

The groups provide a unified platform for criminal groups to use violence to destabilize Haiti and quash actions aimed at restoring state control. Viv Ansanm has launched coordinated attacks on critical infrastructure in Haiti, including prisons, government buildings, and Haiti's main airport in Port-au-Prince as part of a campaign that, among other things, forced the resignation of former Haitian Prime Minister Ariel Henry.

Gran Grif is the largest gang in Haiti's Artibonite department, a region that is home to much of the country's rice fields. Since 2022, Gran Grif has been responsible for 80% of civilian death reports in Artibonite. Gran Grif has attacked Haitian National Police and the UN-authorized Multinational Security Support (MSS) mission, including in the February 2025 attack that killed a Kenyan MSS mission officer.

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

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

GRAN GRIF (a.k.a. BAZ GRAN GRIF; a.k.a. GRAN GRIF DE SAVIEN), Savien, Artibonite Department, Haiti; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 2016; Organization Type: Transnational Terrorist Group; Target Type Criminal Organization [FTO] [SDGT].

VIV ANSANM (a.k.a. FOS REVOLISYONE G9 AN FANMI E ALYE (Latin: FÒS REVOLISYONÈ G9 AN FANMI E ALYE); a.k.a. G9 FANMI E ALYE; a.k.a. G-PEP (Latin: G-PÈP); a.k.a. "G-9"), Port-au-Prince, Haiti; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date Sep 2023; Organization Type: Transnational Terrorist Group; Target Type Criminal Organization [FTO] [SDGT].



All property and interests in property of those designated today that are in the United States or that are in possession or control of a U.S. person are blocked. U.S. persons are generally prohibited from conducting business with sanctioned persons.

Persons, including American citizens, that engage in certain transactions or activities with these entities, or these individuals may expose themselves to sanctions risk. Notably, engaging in certain transactions with the organizations designated today entails risk of secondary sanctions pursuant to counterterrorism authorities. It is a crime to knowingly provide material support or resources to these organizations, or to attempt or conspire to do so. Moreover, terrorist designations can assist law enforcement actions of other U.S. agencies and governments.

These actions are taken pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, as amended, and Executive Order 13224, as amended. FTO designations go into effect upon publication in the Federal Register.

Petitioners requesting removal of those designated today from the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List should refer to the Department of State's **Delisting Guidance page**.

Related Articles:

<u>Designation of Viv Ansanm and Gran Grif - United States Department of State</u> <u>Counter Terrorism Designations | Office of Foreign Assets Control</u>

2. OFAC SDN List Update: Counter Narcotics Designations; Counter Terrorism Designations

On the 1st May 2025, the OFAC SDN List has been updated with the Counter Terrorism and Counter Narcotics Designations of the following individuals and entities:

A. INDIVIDUALS

MORFIN MORFIN, Alvaro Noe, Tamaulipas, Mexico; DOB 20 Dec 1978; POB Jalisco, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. MOMA781220HJCRRL05 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

MORFIN MORFIN, Cesar (a.k.a. "PRIMITO"; a.k.a. "PRIMO"), Tamaulipas, Mexico; Jalisco, Mexico; Mexico City, Mexico; Colima, Mexico; DOB 31 Dec 1987; POB Colima, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; C.U.R.P. MOMC871231HCMRRS00 (Mexico)



(individual) [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DE JALISCO NUEVA GENERACION).

MORFIN MORFIN, Remigio, Hidalgo, Mexico; DOB 21 Oct 1991; POB Colima, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. MOMR911021HCMRRM07 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-E014059].

B. ENTITIES

GRUPO JALA LOGISTICA, S.A. DE C.V., 2nd Oficina A entre AGS y Puebla 8, Rio Bravo, Tamaulipas 88920, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 07 Dec 2020; Organization Type: Transportation and storage; alt. Organization Type: Extraction of crude petroleum; alt. Organization Type: Extraction of natural gas; Folio Mercantil No. N-2020076613 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

SLA. SERVICIOS LOGISTICOS AMBIENTALES, S.A. DE C.V., Ave Central #450, Reynosa, Tamaulipas 88730, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 14 Oct 2014; Organization Type: Transportation and storage; Folio Mercantil No. N-2021049876 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

The above designations are subject to Secondary Sanctions Risk.

Related Publication

<u>Counter Narcotics Designations; Counter Terrorism Designations | Office of Foreign Assets Control</u>

OFAC sanctioned three Mexican nationals and two Mexico-based entities involved in a drug trafficking and fuel theft network linked to the Cartel Jalisco Nueva Generacion (CJNG).

As a result of OFAC's action, all property and interests in property of the designated persons, or any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, 50 percent or more by one or more blocked persons, that are in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked and must be reported to OFAC. 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>Violations of U.S. sanctions may result in the imposition of civil or criminal penalties on U.S. and foreign persons.</u>

OFAC may impose civil penalties for sanctions violations on a strict liability basis. OFAC's Economic Sanctions Enforcement Guidelines provide more information regarding OFAC's enforcement of U.S. economic sanctions. In addition, financial institutions and other persons may risk exposure to sanctions for engaging in certain transactions or activities with designated or otherwise blocked persons.

Furthermore, engaging in certain transactions with Cesar Morfin Morfin; SLA. Servicios Logisticos Ambientales, S.A. de C.V.; and Grupo Jala Logistica, S.A. de C.V. entails risk of secondary sanctions pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended. Pursuant to this authority, OFAC can prohibit or impose strict conditions on the opening or maintaining in the United States of a correspondent account or a payable-through account of a foreign financial institution that knowingly conducted or facilitated any significant transaction on behalf of a Specially Designated Global Terrorist.

Exports, reexports, or transfers of items subject to U.S. export controls involving persons included on the SDN List pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended, may be subject to additional restrictions administered by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security.

Related Publication

<u>Treasury Targets Major Mexican Cartel Involved in Fentanyl Trafficking and Fuel Theft | U.S. Department of the Treasury</u>

3. <u>OFAC SDN List Update: Counter Terrorism Designations and Designation Update; Iran-related Designation Update</u>

On the 28th April 2025, the OFAC SDN List has been updated with the Counter Terrorism Designations of the following entities and vessels:

A. ENTITIES

BAGSAK SHIPPING INC, Mauritius; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 01 Dec 2024; Identification Number IMO 6474784 [SDGT] (Linked To: ANSARALLAH).



GREAT SUCCESS SHIPPING CO, Jounieh, Lebanon; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 2023; Identification Number IMO 0093360 [SDGT] (Linked To: ANSARALLAH).

ZAAS SHIPPING & TRADING CO, Jounieh, Lebanon; Majuro, Marshall Islands; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 2023; Identification Number IMO 6392790 [SDGT] (Linked To: ANSARALLAH).

B. <u>VESSELS</u>

MAISAN (3E4995) Products Tanker Panama flag; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9289776; MMSI 352002675 (vessel) [SDGT] (Linked To: BAGSAK SHIPPING INC).

TULIP BZ (T7AV5) LPG Tanker San Marino flag; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9014420; MMSI 268249300 (vessel) [SDGT] (Linked To: ZAAS SHIPPING & TRADING CO).

WHITE WHALE (H9HR) Crude/Oil Products Tanker Panama flag; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9230426; MMSI 374932000 (vessel) [SDGT] (Linked To: GREAT SUCCESS SHIPPING CO).

The above designations are subject to Secondary Sanctions Risk.

Pursuant to the counterterrorism authority, Executive Order (E.O.) 13224, as amended, OFAC targeted three vessels and their owners for providing support to Ansarallah, commonly known as the Houthis, which is part of the Iranian regime's network of terrorist proxies and partners.

As a result of OFAC's action, all property and interests in property of the designated persons, any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, 50 percent or more by one or more blocked persons, that are in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked and must be reported to OFAC. 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>Violations of U.S. sanctions may result in the imposition of civil or criminal penalties on U.S. and foreign persons.</u>

OFAC may impose civil penalties for sanctions violations on a strict liability basis. In addition, financial institutions and other persons may risk exposure to sanctions for engaging in certain transactions or activities with designated entities or otherwise blocked persons. The prohibitions include the making of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services by, to, or for the benefit of any designated person, or the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person.

Furthermore, engaging in certain transactions with the entities designated entails risk of secondary sanctions pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended. Pursuant to this authority, OFAC can prohibit or impose strict conditions on opening or maintaining, in the United States, a correspondent account or a payable-through account of a foreign financial institution that knowingly conducts or facilitates any significant transaction on behalf of a Specially Designated Global Terrorist.

Exports, reexports, or transfers of items subject to U.S. export controls involving persons included on the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) List pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended, may be subject to additional restrictions administered by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security.

Related Publication

<u>Treasury Targets Vessels Delivering Oil Derivatives to the Houthis | U.S. Department of the Treasury</u>

Furthermore, the following changes have been made to OFAC's SDN List:

GAS ALLURE (3E2066) Chemical/Oil Tanker Panama flag; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9142150; MMSI 352898800 (vessel) [IRAN-EO13846] (Linked To: VIRGO MARINE).

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AKOYA GAS (a.k.a. GAS ALLURE) (5IM779) Chemical/Oil Tanker Tanzania flag; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9142150; MMSI 352898800 (vessel) [IRAN-EO13846] (Linked To: VIRGO MARINE).



QUEEN LUCA LPG Tanker Panama flag; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9102198 (vessel) [SDGT] (Linked To: ELVEGARD SHIPPING LTD).

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CLIPPER (a.k.a. EAGLE PRIDE; a.k.a. QUEEN LUCA) LPG Tanker Guyana flag; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 9102198 (vessel) [SDGT] (Linked To: ELVEGARD SHIPPING LTD).

Related Publication:

<u>Counter Terrorism Designations and Designation Update; Iran-related Designation Update | Office of Foreign Assets Control</u>