

## **US TREASURY REPORT**

### **WEEK 21 OF 2025**

#### **1. US Treasury: Issuance of Syria General License**

On the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2025, (OFAC) issued [Syria General License 25](#), "Authorizing Transactions Prohibited by the Syrian Sanctions Regulations or Involving Certain Blocked Persons."

**GENERAL LICENSE 25** authorizes all transactions prohibited by the Syrian Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 542 (SySR), other than transactions involving blocked persons.

Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions that are prohibited by the SySR, the Weapons of Mass Destruction Proliferators Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 544, the Iranian Financial Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 561, the Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 594, the Foreign Terrorist Organizations Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 597, or Executive Order 13574 involving the following blocked persons are authorized:

- 1) the Government of Syria, as defined by 31 CFR § 542.308, as in existence on or after May 13, 2025;
- (2) any blocked person listed in the Annex to this general license; or
- (3) any entity in which one or more of the blocked persons listed in the Annex own, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest.

This general license does not authorize:

- (1) Any transactions involving any individual or entity identified on the Office of Foreign Assets Control's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN) that is not listed in the Annex of this general license, as well as any entity in which one or more of such

SDNs own, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest, unless separately authorized;

- (2) The unblocking of any property or interests in property blocked pursuant to any part of 31 CFR chapter V as of May 22, 2025; or

(3) Any transactions for or on behalf of the Government of the Russian Federation, the Government of Iran, the Government of the Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK), or related to the transfer or provision of goods, technology, software, funds, financing, or services to or from Iran, Russia, or the DPRK.

It is also specified that nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with any other Federal laws or requirements of other Federal agencies, including the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) administered by the Department of State and the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) administered by the Department of Commerce.

### **Related Publications**

[Issuance of Syria General License | Office of Foreign Assets Control](#)

[SYRIA GENERAL LICENSE 25](#)

## **2. OFAC SDN List Update: Counter Narcotics, Counter Terrorism Designations and Designation Update; Venezuela-related Designation Removals**

On the 21<sup>st</sup> May 2025, **the OFAC SDN List has been updated with the Counter Narcotics and Counter Terrorism Designations of the following individuals:**

DE ANDA LEDEZMA, Miguel Angel (a.k.a. "Miguelon"), Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; DOB 16 Sep 1984; POB Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, 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. AALM840916HTSNDG02 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DEL NORESTE).

GONZALEZ SAUCEDA, Ricardo (a.k.a. "El Ricky"; a.k.a. "Mando R"; a.k.a. "Mando Ricky"), Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, Mexico; DOB 21 Jan 1998; POB Nuevo Laredo, Tamaulipas, 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. GOSR980121HTSNCC04 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DEL NORESTE).

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

LOS ZETAS (a.k.a. CARTEL DEL NORESTE; a.k.a. "CDN"; a.k.a. "NORTHEAST CARTEL"), Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Type: Transnational Terrorist Group; Target Type Criminal Organization [SDNTK] [FTO] [SDGT] [TCO] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059]. -to- CARTEL DEL NORESTE (a.k.a. "CDN"; a.k.a. "LOS ZETAS"; a.k.a. "NORTHEAST CARTEL"), Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Type: Transnational Terrorist Group; Target Type Criminal Organization [SDNTK] [FTO] [SDGT] [TCO] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

### **The above designations are subject to Secondary Sanctions Risk.**

Pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 14059, which targets the proliferation of illicit drugs and their means of production, and pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended, which targets terrorists and their supporters, OFAC sanctioned two high-ranking members of the Mexico-based Cartel del Noreste (CDN), formerly known as Los Zetas. CDN, one of the most violent drug trafficking organizations in Mexico and a U.S.-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO), exerts significant influence over the border region, especially near the Laredo/Nuevo Laredo point of entry.

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.

**Violations of U.S. sanctions may result in the imposition of civil or criminal penalties on U.S. and foreign persons.**

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 or otherwise blocked persons.

Furthermore, engaging in certain transactions with the persons designated today 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 an SDGT.

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**

[Treasury Sanctions High-Ranking Members of Foreign Terrorist Organization Cartel del Noreste | U.S. Department of the Treasury](#)

Finally, **the following deletions of Venezuela Designations have been made to OFAC's SDN List:**

FLEMING CABRERA, Alejandro Antonio, Caracas, Capital District, Venezuela; DOB 03 Oct 1973; Gender Male; Cedula No. 11953485 (Venezuela); Vice Minister for Europe of Venezuela's Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Former Vice Minister for North America of Venezuela's Ministry of Foreign Affairs; Former President of Venezuela's National Center for Foreign Commerce (CENCOEX); Former President for Suministros Venezolanos Industriales, C.A. (SUVINCA) of Venezuela's Ministry of Commerce; Former Ambassador of Venezuela to Luxembourg and Chief Ambassador of the Venezuelan Mission to the European Union (individual) [VENEZUELA].

GONZALEZ DELLAN, Leonardo (a.k.a. GONZALEZ, Leonardo), London, United Kingdom; DOB 11 Sep 1966; citizen Venezuela; Gender Male; Cedula No. 8639102 (Venezuela); Passport 073785390 (Venezuela) expires 01 Jul 2018; alt. Passport 046041771 (Venezuela) expires 24 May 2016; alt. Passport 002272834 (Venezuela) expires 14 Aug 2012 (individual) [VENEZUELA-EO13850].

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**Related Publication**

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