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1. Counter Narcotics and Counter Terrorism Designations and Designation Updates; Cyber-related Designations

On 14 August 2025, OFAC re-designated the cryptocurrency exchange Garantex Europe OU (Garantex), which has directly facilitated notorious ransomware actors and other cybercriminals by processing over \$100 million in transactions linked to illicit activities since 2019. OFAC has also designated Garantex's successor, Grinex and taking action against three executives of Garantex and six associated companies in Russia and the Kyrgyz Republic that have supported the exchange's involvement in malicious cyber activities.

OFAC [previously designated Garantex](#) on April 5, 2022 pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 for operating or having operated in the financial services sector of the Russian Federation economy. As a result of its central role in facilitating malicious cyber-enabled activities and operating as the exchange of choice for cybercriminals, OFAC has also taken actions under its cyber authorities to designate Garantex pursuant to E.O. 13694, as further amended by E.O. 14144 and E.O. 14306 ("E.O. 13694, as further amended"). Grinex, along with Garantex's executives and partner companies, are also being designated pursuant to E.O. 13694, as further amended.

OFAC has also sanctioned certain related entities as mentioned below.

As a result of this action, all property and interests in property of the blocked persons described below 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.

In addition, financial institutions and other persons that engage in certain transactions or activities with the sanctioned entities and individuals may expose themselves to sanctions or be subject to an enforcement action. 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.

Violations of OFAC regulations may result in civil or criminal penalties. OFAC's [Economic Sanctions Enforcement Guidelines](#) provide more information regarding OFAC's enforcement of U.S. sanctions, including the factors that OFAC generally considers when determining an appropriate response to an apparent violation.

On the same date, OFAC sanctioned two notorious Mexican cartels – **Carteles Unidos** (a.k.a. “United Cartels”) and **Los Viagras** – and seven affiliated individuals linked to terrorism, drug trafficking and extortion in Mexico’s agricultural sector. Treasury’s action, taken pursuant to counternarcotics and counterterrorism authorities, further implements President Trump’s directive to eliminate completely cartels and transnational criminal organizations threatening the American people.

Furthermore, OFAC, pursuant to E.O. 14059 and E.O. 13224, as amended, sanctioned four individuals who are owned or controlled by, or have acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, Carteles Unidos.

As a result, all property and interests in property of the designated or blocked 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 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. [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 involving designated 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 or blocked person, or the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person.

Furthermore, engaging in certain transactions involving certain persons designated with this action, may risk the imposition of **secondary sanctions** on participating foreign financial

institutions. 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 person who is designated pursuant to the relevant authority.

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

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

- BARRAGAN CHAVEZ, Luis Enrique (a.k.a. "El R5"; a.k.a. "Guicho"; a.k.a. "Guicho de Los Reyes"; a.k.a. "Wicho"; a.k.a. "Wicho de Los Reyes"), Mexico; DOB 10 Nov 1986; POB Jalisco, 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. BACL861110HJCRHS06 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: CARTELES UNIDOS).
- CISNEROS FLORES, Heladio (a.k.a. "La Sirena"), Mexico; DOB 21 Feb 1986; POB Michoacan, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. CIFH860221HMNSLL02 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: LOS VIAGRAS).
- FARIAS ALVAREZ, Juan Jose (a.k.a. "El Abuelo"), Mexico; DOB 10 Aug 1970; POB Tepalcatepec, Michoacan, 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. FAAJ700810HMNRLN16 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: CARTELES UNIDOS).
- FERNANDEZ MAGALLON, Alfonso (a.k.a. "Poncho"; a.k.a. "Poncho La Quiringua"), Los Reyes, Michoacan, Mexico; DOB 09 Apr 1970; POB Jalisco, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886 (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: CARTELES UNIDOS).
- KARAVATSKY, Pavel (a.k.a. KARAVATSKII, Pavel Yuryevich (Cyrillic: КАРАВАЦКИЙ, Павел Юрьевич); a.k.a. KARAVATSKIY, Pavel), Russia; DOB 25 Jan 1983; nationality Russia; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: Ukraine-/Russia-Related Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR 589.201; Tax ID No. 503508082690 (Russia) (individual) [CYBER4] (Linked To: GARANTEX EUROPE OU).
- MENDELEEV, Sergey (Cyrillic: МЕНДЕЛЕЕВ, Сергей), Russia; DOB 02 Nov 1976; nationality Russia; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: Ukraine-/Russia-Related

Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR 589.201 (individual) [CYBER4] (Linked To: GARANTEX EUROPE OU).

- MIRA SERDA, Aleksandr Khoseluisovich (Cyrillic: МИРА СЕРДА, Александр Хоселуисович) (a.k.a. MIRA SERDA, Alexander Joseluisovich; a.k.a. NTIFO SIAW, Alexander; a.k.a. NTIFO-SIAO, Aleksandr Edvardovich (Cyrillic: НТИФО-СИАО, Александр Эдвардович)), 26-6 Pr. Uria Gagarina, 37, Saint Petersburg 196135, Russia; DOB 31 May 1984; POB Saint Petersburg, Russia; nationality Russia; alt. nationality Ghana; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: Ukraine-/Russia-Related Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR 589.201; National ID No. 4005295732 (Russia); Tax ID No. 781017931306 (Russia) (individual) [CYBER4] (Linked To: GARANTEX EUROPE OU).
- OROZCO CABADAS, Edgar Valeriano (a.k.a. CABADAS TORRES, Edgar; a.k.a. "El 50"; a.k.a. "El Kamoni"), Mexico; DOB 21 Oct 1985; POB Michoacan, 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. OOCE851021HMNRBD04 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: CARTELES UNIDOS).
- SEPULVEDA ARELLANO, Cesar Alejandro (a.k.a. "El Boto"; a.k.a. "El Botox"), Mexico; DOB 26 Nov 1982; POB Michoacan, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. SEAC821126HMNPRS08 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: LOS VIAGRAS).
- SIERRA SANTANA, Nicolas (a.k.a. "El Coruco"; a.k.a. "El Gordo"), Mexico; DOB 10 Sep 1977; POB Michoacan, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. SISN770910HMNRNC09 (Mexico) (individual) [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: LOS VIAGRAS).

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

- A7 AGENT LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (a.k.a. OBSHCHESTVO S OGRANICHENNOI OTVETSTVENNOSTYU A7 AGENT; a.k.a. "A7 AGENT LLC"), Ul. Lesnaya D. 9 Pomeshch. 2/10, Moscow 125196, Russia; Secondary sanctions risk: Ukraine-/Russia-Related Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR 589.201; Organization Established Date 26 Sep 2024; Organization Type: Other financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding activities, n.e.c.; Tax ID No. 9710138144 (Russia); Registration Number 1247700638570 (Russia) [CYBER4] (Linked To: A7 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY).
- A7 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (a.k.a. OBSHCHESTVO S OGRANICHENNOI OTVETSTVENNOSTYU A7; a.k.a. "A7 LLC"; a.k.a. "OOO A7"), Ul. Lesnaya D. 9

- Pomeshch. 2/10, Moscow 125196, Russia; Secondary sanctions risk: Ukraine-/Russia-Related Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR 589.201; Organization Established Date 02 Sep 2024; Organization Type: Other financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding activities, n.e.c.; Tax ID No. 9710137165 (Russia); Registration Number 1247700586891 (Russia) [CYBER4] (Linked To: GARANTEX EUROPE OU).
- A71 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY (a.k.a. OBSHCHESTVO S OGRANICHENNOI OTVETSTVENNOSTYU A71; a.k.a. "A71 LLC"), Ul. Lesnaya D. 9 Pomeshch. 2/10, Moscow 125196, Russia; Secondary sanctions risk: Ukraine-/Russia-Related Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR 589.201; Organization Established Date 26 Sep 2024; Organization Type: Other financial service activities, except insurance and pension funding activities, n.e.c.; Tax ID No. 9710138137 (Russia); Registration Number 1247700638514 (Russia) [CYBER4] (Linked To: A7 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY).
 - EXVED, Russia; Website exved.com; Secondary sanctions risk: Ukraine-/Russia-Related Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR 589.201; Organization Established Date 07 Dec 2023; Organization Type: Financial and Insurance Activities [CYBER4] (Linked To: MENDELEEV, Sergey).
 - GRINEX (a.k.a. OBSHCHESTVO S OGRANICHENNOI OTVETSTVENNOSTYU GRINEKS), Moscow, Russia; Microdistrict Dzhal 29, Building 14/1, Room 35, Leninsky District, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Secondary sanctions risk: Ukraine-/Russia-Related Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR 589.201; Organization Established Date 23 Dec 2024; Organization Type: Financial and Insurance Activities; Digital Currency Address - TRX TEcuHDQthTmULe8fLUccBPpjfXaTmJuuD; alt. Digital Currency Address - TRX TL1k1U6SHohxBqb68kCodxHc9y2LXoDSeP; alt. Digital Currency Address - TRX TNZxGWCwvsHr6JxQxzoeDXV597Yf7Zb7nV; alt. Digital Currency Address - TRX TC8axQvzJEVR3NKN6mZnJtGy7537GEmh38; alt. Digital Currency Address - TRX TAYhjpL8pPs8T84FSM329nffQpc6jD8GBM; alt. Digital Currency Address - TRX TMuCGBejD5RsNANZdjGtaM3YyKGNgDoy7N; alt. Digital Currency Address - TRX TGckaiamj5NzaYx6Qp6Zu7kahuHArzUo99; Tax ID No. 02312202410120 (Kyrgyzstan); Registration Number 311748 3301 OOO (Kyrgyzstan) [CYBER4] (Linked To: GARANTEX EUROPE OU).
 - INDEPENDENT DECENTRALIZED FINANCE SMARTBANK AND ECOSYSTEM (a.k.a. INDEFI SMARTBANK), Russia; Website indefibank.com; Secondary sanctions risk: Ukraine-/Russia-Related Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR 589.201; Organization Established Date 2020; Organization Type: Financial and Insurance Activities [CYBER4] (Linked To: MENDELEEV, Sergey).

- LOS VIAGRAS (a.k.a. CARTEL DE LOS VIAGRAS; a.k.a. LOS VIAGRAS CARTEL), Mexico; Target Type Criminal Organization [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059].
- OLD VECTOR LLC (a.k.a. OBSHCHESTVO S OGRANICHENNOI OTVETSTVENNOSTYU OLD VEKTOR), 172 Zh/M Archa Beshik, Ul. Kyzyl Adyr, Leninsky District, Bishkek, Kyrgyzstan; Digital Currency Address - ETH 0x12de548F79a50D2bd05481C8515C1eF5183666a9; Secondary sanctions risk: Ukraine-/Russia-Related Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR 589.201; Organization Established Date 13 Dec 2024; Organization Type: Non-specialized wholesale trade; Digital Currency Address - TRX TCFD8N3vM5b4Gr5f1kkajQsodRVNyyAq1d; Tax ID No. 01312202410041 (Kyrgyzstan); Registration Number 311479 3301 OOO (Kyrgyzstan) [CYBER4] (Linked To: A7 LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY).

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

- CARTELES UNIDOS (a.k.a. CARTEL DE TEPALCATEPEC; a.k.a. CARTEL DEL ABUELO; a.k.a. TEPALCATEPEC CARTEL; a.k.a. "CARTEL DE LOS REYES"; a.k.a. "THE GRANDFATHER CARTEL"; a.k.a. "UNITED CARTELS"), 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 [FTO] [SDGT]. **-to-** CARTELES UNIDOS (a.k.a. CARTEL DE TEPALCATEPEC; a.k.a. TEPALCATEPEC CARTEL; a.k.a. "CARTEL DE LOS REYES"; a.k.a. "CARTEL DEL ABUELO"; a.k.a. "THE GRANDFATHER CARTEL"; a.k.a. "UNITED CARTELS"), 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 [FTO] [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059].
- GARANTEX EUROPE OU (Latin: GARANTEX EUROPE OÜ), Harju maakond, Kesklinna linnaosa, J., Poska tn 51a/1-3, Tallinn 10150, Estonia; Harju maakond, Lasnamae linnaosa, Peterburi tee 47, Tallinn 11415, Estonia; Moscow, Russia; St. Petersburg, Russia; Website garantex.io; Digital Currency Address - XBT 3Lpoy53K625zVeE47ZasiG5jGkAxJ27kh1; Digital Currency Address - ETH 0x7FF9cFad3877F21d41Da833E2F775dB0569eE3D9; Secondary sanctions risk: See Section 11 of Executive Order 14024.; Digital Currency Address - USDT 3E6ZCKRrsdPc35chA9Eftp1h3DLW18NFNV; Business Registration Number 14850239 (Estonia) issued 18 Nov 2019 [RUSSIA-EO14024]. **-to-** GARANTEX EUROPE OU (Latin: GARANTEX EUROPE OÜ) (a.k.a. GARANTEX), Harju maakond, Kesklinna linnaosa, J., Poska tn 51a/1-3, Tallinn 10150, Estonia; Harju maakond, Lasnamae linnaosa,

Peterburi tee 47, Tallinn 11415, Estonia; Moscow, Russia; St. Petersburg, Russia; 12, Presnenskaya Embankment, Floor 14, Federation East Tower, Moscow City, Moscow, Russia; Website garantex.io; alt. Website garantex.org; Digital Currency Address - XBT 3Lpoy53K625zVeE47ZasiG5jGkAxJ27kh1; Digital Currency Address - ETH 0x7FF9cFad3877F21d41Da833E2F775dB0569eE3D9; alt. Digital Currency Address - ETH 0x8Dce2aAC0dE82bdCAf6b4373B79f94331b8e4995; alt. Digital Currency Address - ETH 0xf4377edA661e04B6DDA78969796Ed31658D602D4; alt. Digital Currency Address - ETH 0xb338962B92CD818D6aef0A32a9ECD01212a71f33; alt. Digital Currency Address - ETH 0x57EC89A0C056163A0314e413320f9B3ABe761259; alt. Digital Currency Address - ETH 0xD8500C631dC32FA18645B7436344a99E4825e10e; alt. Digital Currency Address - ETH 0x7CEd75026204aC29C34bEA98905D4C949F27361e; Secondary sanctions risk: See Section 11 of Executive Order 14024.; alt. Secondary sanctions risk: Ukraine-/Russia-Related Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR 589.201; Organization Established Date 18 Nov 2019; Digital Currency Address - USDT 3E6ZCKRrsdPc35chA9Eftp1h3DLW18NFNV; Digital Currency Address - TRX TFwjPScaJRCbSWVAywE1S1WgaUgSnyYUbD; alt. Digital Currency Address - TRX TjKBr9TZ1xBeJoF7RNWqyEMbYqVJ6fXXHR; alt. Digital Currency Address - TRX TNDjh6WGLYyWmkh8vfu42bXVHUqFNQ3rDq; Business Registration Number 14850239 (Estonia) issued 18 Nov 2019 [RUSSIA-EO14024] [CYBER4].

Related Articles:

[*OFAC 14/08 - Treasury Sanctions Cryptocurrency Exchange and Network Enabling Sanctions Evasion and Cyber Criminals*](#)

[*OFAC 14/08 - Treasury Takes Decisive Action Against Violent Mexican Cartels*](#)

2. Issuance of Russia-related General License

On the 13th August 2025, OFAC issued [Russia-related General License 125](#), "Authorizing Transactions Related to Meetings Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation in Alaska."

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 125 authorizes through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, August 20, 2025, all transactions prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), or the Ukraine-/Russia-Related Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 589 (URSR), that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the attendance at or support of meetings

in the State of Alaska between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation.

The aforementioned regulations imposed restrictions on various transactions, including those involving specific sectors of the Russian economy, such as technology and defense and transactions with individuals and entities connected to the Russian government or involved in activities that undermine U.S. foreign policy and national security.

This general license does not authorize: (1) The unblocking or release of any property blocked or effectively immobilized pursuant to any part of 31 CFR chapter V; or (2) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the RuHSR or the URSR, except as authorized by this general license, or any transaction or activity prohibited by any other Executive order or any part of 31 CFR chapter V.

Related Publication:

[US Treasury/GL 125/13.08.2025](#)

3. Treasury Targets Terrorism and Timeshare Fraud in Mexico

On 13 August 2025, OFAC sanctioned four Mexican individuals and 13 Mexican companies linked to timeshare fraud led by the Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion (CJNG). These individuals and companies are based in or near Puerto Vallarta, a popular tourist destination that also serves as a strategic stronghold for CJNG. A brutally violent cartel, CJNG is a U.S.-designated Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) that is increasingly supplementing its drug trafficking proceeds with alternative revenue streams such as timeshare fraud and fuel theft.

This action was taken 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. This action was also taken in coordination with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), and the Government of Mexico's financial intelligence unit, the Unidad de Inteligencia Financiera (UIF).

Treasury has taken a series of actions targeting the diverse revenue streams benefitting the cartels, including fuel theft, human smuggling, extortion, and fraud.

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

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

- IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; DOB 01 Jan 1980; POB Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions

risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; R.F.C. IADM8001016LA (Mexico); C.U.R.P. IADM800101HJCBZC00 (Mexico) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DE JALISCO NUEVA GENERACION).

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

- AKALI REALTORS, Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 06 May 2022; Organization Type: Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis; Folio Mercantil No. N-2022045334 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael).
- CENTRO MEDIADOR DE LA COSTA, S.A. DE C.V., Mezcales, Nayarit, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 29 Oct 2004; Organization Type: Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis; Folio Mercantil No. 582 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael).
- CONSULTORIAS PROFESIONALES ALMIDA, S.A. DE C.V., Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 24 Mar 2010; Organization Type: Accounting, bookkeeping and auditing activities; tax consultancy; Folio Mercantil No. 15471 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael).
- CORPORATIVO COSTA NORTE, S.A. DE C.V., Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 21 Feb 2006; Organization Type: Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis; Folio Mercantil No. 13552 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael).
- CORPORATIVO INTEGRAL DE LA COSTA, S.A. DE C.V., Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 21 Feb 2006; Organization Type: Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis; Folio Mercantil No. 13557 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael).
- FISHING ARE US, S. DE R.L. DE C.V. (a.k.a. AKALI BEACH CLUB; a.k.a. AKALI EXPEDITIONS; a.k.a. XOLO MAIZ AGAVE CHILE), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Website <https://fishingareus.com/>; alt. Website www.akaliexpeditions.com; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order

13886; Organization Established Date 03 May 2016; Organization Type: Tour operator activities; alt. Organization Type: Restaurants and mobile food service activities; R.F.C. FAU160503BVA (Mexico); Folio Mercantil No. 16958 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael).

- INMOBILIARIA INTEGRAL DEL PUERTO, S.A. DE C.V., Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 26 Jan 2007; Organization Type: Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis; Folio Mercantil No. 13988 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael).
- KVVY BUCERIAS, S.A. DE C.V. (a.k.a. KKVY BUCERIAS, S.A. DE C.V.), Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 08 Sep 2022; Organization Type: Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis; Folio Mercantil No. N-2022067653 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael).
- LAMINADO PROFESIONAL AUTOMOTRIZ ELTE, S.A. DE C.V. (a.k.a. "CENTRO DE REPARACION ELITE"), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 18 Mar 2015; Organization Type: Sale of motor vehicle parts and accessories; Folio Mercantil No. 16717 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael).
- SANTAMARIA CRUISE, S. DE R.L. DE C.V., Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 16 Oct 2019; Organization Type: Tour operator activities; Folio Mercantil No. N-2019090135 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael).
- SERVICIOS INMOBILIARIOS IBADI, S.A. DE C.V., Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 24 Mar 2010; Organization Type: Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis; Folio Mercantil No. 15474 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael).
- SUNMEX TRAVEL, S. DE R.L. DE C.V., Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 20 Sep 2010; Organization Type: Real estate activities on a fee or contract basis; Folio Mercantil No. 15661 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael).

- TTR GO, S.A. DE C.V., Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 29 Feb 2016; Organization Type: Travel agency activities; R.F.C. TGO1602292I6 (Mexico) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: IBARRA DIAZ JR., Michael).

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

- GUDINO HARO, Francisco Javier (Latin: GUDIÑO HARO, Francisco Javier) (a.k.a. "La Gallina"), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; DOB 29 Feb 1988; POB Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; nationality Mexico; Gender Male; C.U.R.P. GUHF880229HJCRR07 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK]. -to- GUDINO HARO, Francisco Javier (Latin: GUDIÑO HARO, Francisco Javier) (a.k.a. "El Plumas"; a.k.a. "La Gallina"), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; Guadalajara, Jalisco, Mexico; DOB 29 Feb 1988; POB Guadalajara, Jalisco, 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. GUHF880229HJCRR07 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK] [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DE JALISCO NUEVA GENERACION).
- 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) [ILLCIT-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; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; 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) [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DE JALISCO NUEVA GENERACION).

- RIVERA VARELA, Carlos Andres (a.k.a. "La Firma"), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; DOB 19 Jun 1986; POB Cali, Valle, Colombia; nationality Mexico; alt. nationality Colombia; Gender Male; Cedula No. 1130648070 (Colombia); C.U.R.P. RIVC860619HNEVRR04 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK]. -to- RIVERA VARELA, Carlos Andres (a.k.a. "La Firma"), Puerto Vallarta, Jalisco, Mexico; DOB 19 Jun 1986; POB Cali, Valle, Colombia; nationality Colombia; alt. nationality Mexico; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Cedula No. 1130648070 (Colombia); C.U.R.P. RIVC860619HNEVRR04 (Mexico) (individual) [SDNTK] [SDGT] [ILLCIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: CARTEL DE JALISCO NUEVA GENERACION).

As a result of this action, all property and interests in property of the designated or blocked 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 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. [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 involving designated 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 or blocked person, or the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person.

Furthermore, engaging in certain transactions involving the persons designated above may risk the imposition of **secondary sanctions** on participating foreign financial institutions. 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 person who is designated pursuant to the relevant authority.

Related Article:

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4. Treasury Sanctions Entities Linked to Violence and Illegal Mining in the Democratic Republic of the Congo

On 12 August 2025, OFAC, pursuant to E.O. 13413, as amended, imposed sanctions on entities linked to armed group violence and the sale of critical minerals in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC). Eastern DRC has experienced thousands of civilian deaths and a mass displacement crisis due to ongoing instability, which has been exacerbated recently by the Rwanda-backed March 23 Movement's (M23) territorial control and reprisal attacks from DRC-aligned militias. M23, a U.S.- and United Nations-designated armed group, has rapidly expanded its territorial control in eastern DRC and is responsible for human rights abuses.

These sanctions specifically target one of these armed groups involved in illegal mining operations and taxation schemes in Rubaya, an expansive mining area rich in critical minerals used in modern electronics. Additionally, this action targets companies in the DRC and China that are engaged in trading conflict-linked minerals from the DRC on international markets, often through Rwanda.

In this respect, the following entities have been added to [OFAC's SDN List](#):

- COALITION OF CONGOLESE PATRIOTIC RESISTANCE-FORCE DE FRAPPE (a.k.a. COALITION DES PATRIOTES RESISTANTS CONGOLAIS-FORCE DE FRAPPE; a.k.a. "PARECO"; a.k.a. "PARECO-FF"), Masisi Territory, North Kivu, Congo, Democratic Republic of the; Organization Established Date 23 Nov 2022; alt. Organization Established Date 2006; Target Type Armed Group [DRCONGO].
- COOPERATIVE DES ARTISANAUX MINIERES DU CONGO (a.k.a. "CDMC"; a.k.a. "CDMC ENTITE SARL"; a.k.a. "CDMC SARL"), 084, Avenue Tulipier, Quartier Les Volcans, Commune of Goma, North Kivu, Congo, Democratic Republic of the; 4, Quartier Filtisaf, Kalemie, Tanganyika, Congo, Democratic Republic of the; Website <https://cdmcentite.com>; Organization Established Date 21 Jun 2017; alt. Organization Established Date 2009; National ID No. 6-118-N60346P (Congo, Democratic Republic of the) [DRCONGO].
- EAST RISE CORPORATION LIMITED (Chinese Traditional: 振東有限公司), Room 1003, 10/F, Wu Sang House, 655 Nathan Road, Mong Kok, Kowloon, Hong Kong, China; Website <https://eastrise.hk>; Organization Established Date 08 Apr 2011; Company Number 1585306 (Hong Kong); Business Registration Number 58200808 (Hong Kong) [DRCONGO].

- STAR DRAGON CORPORATION LIMITED (Chinese Traditional: 星龍興業有限公司), Room 1510, Shatin Galleria, 18-24 Shan Mei Street, Fotan, New Territories, Hong Kong, China; Room 810, 8/F., Nan Fung Commercial Centre, 19 Lam Lok Street, Hong Kong, China; Website <https://stardragon.hk>; Organization Established Date 16 May 2008; Company Number 1237860 (Hong Kong); Business Registration Number 39369904 (Hong Kong) [DRCONGO].

As a result of this action, all property and interests in property of the designated or blocked 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 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. [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 involving designated 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 or blocked person, or the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person.

Related Article:

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5. Terrorist Designation of The Majeed Brigade

On 11 August 2025, the Department of State, designated The Balochistan Liberation Army (BLA) and its alias, The Majeed Brigade, as a Foreign Terrorist Organization (FTO) and added the Majeed Brigade as an alias to BLA's previous Specially Designated Global Terrorist (SDGT) designation.

BLA was designated as an SDGT in 2019 following several terrorist attacks. Since 2019, BLA has claimed responsibility for additional attacks, including by the Majeed Brigade. In 2024, BLA claimed it had committed suicide attacks near the airport in Karachi and the Gwadar Port Authority Complex. In 2025, BLA claimed responsibility for the March hijacking of the Jaffar Express train traveling from Quetta to Peshawar, killing 31 civilians and security personnel and holding hostage over 300 train passengers.

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.

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

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

BALUCHISTAN LIBERATION ARMY (a.k.a. BALUCH LIBERATION ARMY; a.k.a. "BLA"), Balochistan, Pakistan; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886 [SDGT]. ~~to~~ BALUCHISTAN LIBERATION ARMY (Arabic: بلوچستان آجریء لشکر) (a.k.a. BALUCH LIBERATION ARMY; a.k.a. MAJEED BRIGADE; a.k.a. ZEPHYR INTELLIGENCE RESEARCH AND ANALYSIS BUREAU; a.k.a. "BLA"; a.k.a. "FATEH SQUAD"), Balochistan, Pakistan; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Organization Established Date 2000 [FTO] [SDGT].

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