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1. **Counter Narcotics and Counter Terrorism Designations – Treasury Sanctions Guatemalan Drug Trafficking Organizations Supporting Mexican Narco-Terrorist Cartels**

On the 13th November 2026, OFAC SDN List **has been updated with Counter Narcotics and Counter Terrorism Designations of the following entities:**

A. ENTITIES

LOS LORENZANAS (a.k.a. LORENZANA DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION; a.k.a. "THE LORENZANA CLAN"; a.k.a. "THE LORENZANA FAMILY"), Guatemala; 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].

LOS MENDOZA DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION, Guatemala; Honduras; Belize; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Target Type Criminal Organization [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: SINALOA CARTEL).

OFAC sanctioned the **Los Mendoza Drug Trafficking Organization** (DTO) and the **Los Huistas DTO** for supporting Mexico's largest narco-terrorist groups, the Sinaloa Cartel and Cartel de Jalisco Nueva Generacion (CJNG), which the Trump Administration has designated as both Foreign Terrorist Organizations (FTOs) and Specially Designated Global Terrorists (SDGTs) last year. Based in Guatemala, Los Mendoza DTO and Los Huistas DTO control strategic trafficking corridors along the borders with Honduras and Mexico, making them indispensable logistics partners for the Sinaloa Cartel and CJNG.

The action was taken pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 14059, which targets the international proliferation of illicit drugs and their means of production, and pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended by E.O. 13886 (collectively, "E.O.13224, as amended"), which targets terrorists and their supporters. This action was done in coordination with the Department of State who is taking action against narcoterrorists destabilizing the Western Hemisphere. In a concurrent action, the

Department of State is also designating Los Lorenzanas as both an FTO pursuant to section 219 of the Immigration and Nationality Act, and as an SDGT pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended.

As a result of OFAC's 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.

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 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.

Non-U.S. persons are also prohibited from causing or conspiring to cause U.S. persons to wittingly or unwittingly violate U.S. sanctions, as well as engaging in conduct that evades U.S. sanctions.

Furthermore, engaging in certain transactions involving the persons designated today 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 Publication:
OFAC 13/11 - Treasury Sanctions Guatemalan Drug Trafficking Organizations Supporting Mexican Narco-Terrorist Cartels
United States Department of State 13/11 - Foreign Terrorist Designations of Guatemalan Groups

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

LOS HUISTAS DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION (a.k.a. "LOS HUISTAS DTO"), Santa Ana Huista, Huehuetenango, Guatemala; San Antonio Huista, Huehuetenango, Guatemala;

La Democracia, Huehuetenango, Guatemala; Target Type Criminal Organization [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

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LOS HUISTAS DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION, Santa Ana Huista, Huehuetenango, Guatemala; San Antonio Huista, Huehuetenango, Guatemala; La Democracia, Huehuetenango, Guatemala; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Target Type Criminal Organization [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: SINALOA CARTEL; Linked To: CARTEL DE JALISCO NUEVA GENERACION).

2. OFAC UPDATES: Iran Designation Update

On the 11th November 2026, OFAC SDN List **has been updated with the following change:**

VOLTA SHIPPING SERVICES LLC (Arabic: فولتا لخدمات الشحن ذ م م) (a.k.a. VOLTA SHIPPING SERVICES FZCO), Office No 1-024, Al Garhoud, Deira, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Business Cluster Building 3 108, Fl 1, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Secondary sanctions risk: See Section 2 of E.O. 13902; Organization Established Date 07 Jun 2017; alt. Organization Established Date 01 Oct 2023; License 784220 (United Arab Emirates); alt. License 50335 (United Arab Emirates); Chamber of Commerce Number 290374 (United Arab Emirates); Registration Number 1290166 (United Arab Emirates); Economic Register Number (CBLS) 10957213 [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: SHAMKHANI, Mohammad Hossein).

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VOLTA SHIPPING SERVICES LLC (Arabic: فولتا لخدمات الشحن ذ م م) (a.k.a. VOLTA CONTAINER LINE FZCO), Office No 1-024, Al Garhoud, Deira, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Business Cluster Building 3 108, Fl 1, Dubai, United Arab Emirates; Secondary sanctions risk: See Section 2 of E.O. 13902; Organization Established Date 07 Jun 2017; alt. Organization Established Date 01 Oct 2023; License 784220 (United Arab Emirates); alt. License 50335 (United Arab Emirates); Chamber of Commerce Number 290374 (United Arab Emirates); Registration Number 1290166 (United Arab Emirates); Economic Register Number (CBLS) 10957213 [IRAN-EO13902] (Linked To: SHAMKHANI, Mohammad Hossein).