



Venezuela

Introduction

1. The Venezuela (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/135) were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (the Sanctions Act) and provide for the freezing of funds and economic resources of certain persons, entities or bodies involved in a serious human rights violation or abuse in Venezuela, the repression of civil society and democratic opposition in Venezuela or other actions, policies or activities which undermine democracy or the rule of law in Venezuela.
2. This notice is to issue a correction to 3 listings in the new version of the consolidated list bringing the entries in line with the UK Sanctions List.

Notice summary

3. The following entries have been amended and are still subject to an asset freeze:
 - Luis Eduardo PARRA RIVERO (Group ID: 13849)
 - Franklyn Leonardo DUARTE (Group ID: 13850)
 - Gregorio Jose NORIEGA FIGUEROA (Group ID: 13851)

What you must do

4. You must:
 - i. check whether you maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice;

- ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources and any funds which are owned or controlled by persons set out in the Annex to the Notice
 - iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI);
 - iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulations;
 - v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that OFSI may request. Information reported to OFSI may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
5. Where a relevant institution has already reported details of accounts, other funds or economic resources held frozen for designated persons, they are not required to report these details again.
6. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

Further Information

7. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Venezuela financial sanctions page on the Gov.UK website:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases>
8. The Consolidated List can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets>
9. Further details on changes to the new format of the consolidated list can be found here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-sanctions-list-change-in-format/uksanctions-list-change-to-the-lists-format>

10. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/the-uk-sanctions-list>

11. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/uk-financial-sanctions-guidance>

Enquiries

12. Non-media enquiries about the implementation of financial sanctions in the UK should be addressed to:

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation
HM Treasury
1 Horse Guards Road
London
SW1A 2HQ
ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk

13. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to:
sanctions@fcdo.gov.uk

14. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.

15. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

ANNEX TO NOTICE

FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: VENEZUELA

THE VENEZUELA (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/135)

AMENDMENTS

Deleted information appears in strikethrough. Additional information appears in italics and is underlined.

Individuals

1. **PARRA RIVERO, Luis Eduardo ~~Luis~~**

DOB: 07/07/1978. **POB:** Venezuela **Nationality:** Venezuela **National Identification Number:** V-14211633 **Position:** (1) National Assembly Deputy (2) Vice President of the National Assembly's Permanent Commission on the Environment (3) Former Deputy of the democratically elected National Assembly of 2015 **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): VEN0034 (UK Statement of Reasons): Luis Parra Rivero is a National Assembly Deputy (2021-2025) having been re-elected on 6 December 2020 in undemocratic parliamentary elections not recognised as free and fair by the UK. He was appointed Vice President of the National Assembly's Permanent Commission on the Environment in January 2021. Parra Rivero had previously served as a National Assembly Deputy for the period 2016-2020. There are reasonable grounds to suspect that Parra has been involved in undermining democracy in Venezuela by taking office as NA President on 5 January 2020 under an illegitimate process. The evidence indicates that Parra didn't have the quorum for a session, the session was not moderated by the previous President of the National Assembly and security forces blocked access to MPs that tried to enter the NA to participate in elections for a new National Assembly board. There are also reasonable grounds to suspect that Parra was involved with Operation Alacran, a scandal in which MPs were bribed, intimidated and coerced by the regime (or deputies co-opted by the regime) to not vote for opposition figurehead Juan Guaidó. There are lastly reasonable grounds to suspect that Parra has been involved in undermining democracy and the rule of law in Venezuela through his involvement in a corruption scandal related to the regime's Committee of Supply and Demand (CLAP). There are also reasonable grounds to suspect that Parra is associated with person who is involved in undermining democracy in Venezuela (Nicolas Maduro), through aiding Maduro's attacks on and attempts to control the National Assembly. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 30/06/2020 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~28/04/2022~~ 17/02/2022 **Group ID:** 13849.

2. **DUARTE, Franklyn Leonardo ~~Franklyn~~**

DOB: 15/05/1977. **POB:** Venezuela **Nationality:** Venezuela **National Identification Number:** V-3304045 **Position:** Member of the National Assembly **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): VEN0035 (UK Statement of Reasons): Franklyn Duarte is a National Assembly Deputy (2021-2025) having been re-elected on 6 December 2020 in undemocratic parliamentary elections not recognised as free and fair by the UK. Duarte had previously served as a National Assembly Deputy for the period 2015-2020. As a Deputy of the 2015-2020 National Assembly Deputy, there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Franklin Duarte has been involved in the repression of democratic opposition and other actions, policies, or activities which undermine democracy in Venezuela by coming to power through fraudulent/illegitimate elections for the new

National Assembly Board on 5 January 2020 and through his involvement with Operation Alacran. There are also reasonable grounds to suspect that Duarte has been acting on behalf of, or at the direction of, a person (Nicolas Maduro) who is involved in repression of political opposition and other actions, policies, or activities which undermine democracy in Venezuela, by enabling him to attack and control the democratically elected National Assembly. There are lastly reasonable grounds to suspect that Duarte is a member of, or associated with, persons who have been involved with the repression of democratic opposition and other actions, policies, and activities which undermined democracy in Venezuela due to his involvement in Operation Alacran. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 30/06/2020 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~28/01/2022~~ 17/02/2022 **Group ID:** 13850.

3. **NORIEGA FIGUEROA, Gregorio Jose**

Non-Latin Script: José Gregorio NORIEGA FIGUEROA

Title: Member of the National Assembly **DOB:** 21/02/1969. **POB:** Venezuela **Nationality:** Venezuela **National Identification Number:** V-8348784 **Position:** Member of the National Assembly **Other Information:** (UK Sanctions List Ref): VEN0036 (UK Statement of Reasons): Noriega is a National Assembly Deputy (2021-2025) having been re-elected on 6 December 2020 in undemocratic parliamentary elections not recognised as free and fair by the UK. Noriega had previously served as a National Assembly Deputy for the period 2016-2020. There are reasonable grounds to suspect that Noriega, a member of the Venezuelan National Assembly, has been involved in the repression of democratic opposition in Venezuela and other actions, policies, or activities which undermine democracy in Venezuela, by coming to power through fraudulent/illegitimate elections and by his involvement with Operation Alacran. There are also reasonable grounds to suspect he is associated with Nicolas Maduro, a person who is involved in the repression of democratic opposition and otherwise undermining democracy in Venezuela through his involvement in Operation Alacran. Lastly, there are reasonable grounds to suspect that Noriega was acting on behalf of, or at the command of a person (Nicolas Maduro) who is involved in repression of political opposition and other policies which undermine democracy in Venezuela by aiding his attacks and attempts to control the National Assembly. In July 2020, Noriega, helped by the Venezuelan Supreme Court of Justice (Tribunal Supremo de Justicia (TSJ)), illegitimately took over the leadership of the political party Voluntad Popular, thereby further undermining democracy in Venezuela. (Gender): Male **Listed on:** 30/06/2020 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated:** 31/12/2020 **Last Updated:** ~~28/01/2022~~ 17/02/2022 **Group ID:** 13851.

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