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# EU – Syria sanctions – Exemption for humanitarian assistance

In view of the gravity of the humanitarian crisis in Syria exacerbated by the earthquake, and with a view to facilitating the speedy delivery of aid, the EU has introduced an exemption to the freezing of the assets of, and to the restrictions on making funds and economic resources available to, designated natural or legal persons and entities, to the benefit of international organisations and certain defined categories of actors involved in humanitarian activities. These are necessary to ensure the timely delivery of humanitarian assistance or to support other activities that support basic human needs.

This exemption shall apply for an initial period of six months and does not require prior authorisation from the relevant national competent authority.



Source: [EU Council Decision \(CFSP\) 2023/40 of 23 February 2023 amending Decision 2013/255/CFSP concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria](#) – [EU Council Regulation \(EU\) 2023/40 of 23 February 2023 amending Regulation \(EU\) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria](#)