



US Imposes Sanctions on Foreign Persons Involved in the Global Illicit Drug Trade

On 15 December, 2021, President Biden signed Executive Order (“EO”) 14059 which imposes sanctions on any foreign person which may have materially contributed to the international proliferation of illicit drugs or their means of production; or which have knowingly received any interest in property known to be derived from proceeds of activities related to the international proliferation or production of illicit drugs.



Under EO 14059, the sanctions that the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to impose on persons meeting the criteria is summarized as follows:

1. block all property and interests in property of the sanctioned person within the reach of the United States, and provide that such property and interests in property may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in;
2. prohibit any transfers of credit or payments between financial institutions to the extent that such transfers or payments are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and involve any interest of the sanctioned person;
3. prohibit any United States financial institution from making loans or providing credit to the sanctioned person;
4. prohibit any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and in which the sanctioned person has any interest;
5. prohibit any United States person from investing in or purchasing significant amounts of equity or debt instruments of the sanctioned person; or
6. impose on the principal executive officer or officers of the sanctioned person, or on persons performing similar functions and with similar authorities as such officer or officers, any of the sanctions described above.

Following the signing of EO 14059, the U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control added eight entries and updated seventeen entries on its list of Specially Designated Nationals.

The Executive Order can be found [here](#).

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