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NOTICE is hereby given that the Global Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Sanctions (Overseas Territories) Order 2026 SI 2026 No. 1089 was made on 14th October, 2026 and came into force on 15th October, 2026.

The full text of the Order can be viewed via the following link:

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2026/1089/pdfs/uksi_20261089_en.pdf

The Explanatory Note of the Global Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Sanctions (Overseas Territories) Order 2026 SI 2026 No. 1089 is as follows:

"EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order extends with modifications the Global Human Rights and International Humanitarian Law Sanctions Regulations 2026 (S.I. 2026/1071) ("the GHRIHLS Regulations") as amended from time to time to all British overseas territories except Bermuda and Gibraltar (which implement sanctions under their own legislative arrangements).

Section 63(3)(c) of the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (c. 13) ("the Sanctions Act") provides that His Majesty may by Order in Council provide for any provision of Part 1 of that Act, or any regulations under Part 1 of that Act, to extend with or without modifications to any of the British overseas territories. Section 63(4) provides that this includes the power to extend any regulations as amended from time to time.

The GHRIHLS Regulations were made under Part 1 of the Sanctions Act to establish a sanctions regime for the purpose of deterring, and providing accountability for activities which: if carried out by or on behalf of a State, would amount to serious violations of certain human rights by that State; constitute serious violations of international humanitarian law; and constitute obstruction of the delivery or distribution of, or access, to humanitarian assistance.

The GHRIHLS Regulations, as modified and extended by this Order so as to apply in the British overseas territories listed in Schedule 1 ("the modified Regulations"), provide that a person designated by the Secretary of State for being, or having been, involved in activities which, if carried out by or on behalf of a State, would amount to serious violations of certain human rights by that State, which constitute a

serious violation of international humanitarian law, or which constitute obstruction of the delivery, or distribution of, or access to, humanitarian assistance, is a designated person for the purposes of the modified Regulations. Designated persons may be excluded from the territory and may be made subject to financial sanctions, including having their funds or economic resources frozen.

The modified Regulations provide for certain exceptions to this sanctions regime (for example to allow for frozen accounts to be credited with interest or other earnings and to allow acts done for the purpose of national security or the prevention of serious crime). The Governor of a British overseas territory to which the modified Regulations apply may, with the consent of the Secretary of State, issue a licence in respect of activities that would otherwise be prohibited under the modified Regulations. Schedule 2 sets out the purposes under which the Governor may issue such licences. The modified Regulations also require the Governor of the territory to publish an up-to-date list of designated persons.

The modified Regulations prescribe powers for the provision and sharing of information to enable the effective implementation and enforcement of the sanctions regime. The modified Regulations make it a criminal offence to contravene, or circumvent, any of the prohibitions in the modified Regulations and prescribe the penalties that apply to such offences.

The modified Regulations also contain supplementary provision, including transitional provision for licences issued by the Governor under previous legislation to continue to have effect.

This Order also extends to the territories for the purposes of the modified Regulations specific provisions of Part 1 of the Sanctions Act, namely provisions relating to protection for acts done for purposes of compliance, Crown application and saving for prerogative powers.

An Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this instrument because the territorial extent of the instrument is the British overseas territories listed at Schedule 1 to the instrument: no, or no significant, impact is foreseen on the private, voluntary or public sector in the United Kingdom.”.