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NOTICE is hereby given that the Central African Republic (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020 SI 2020 No. 1286, was made on 11th November, 2020, laid before Parliament on 18th November, 2020 and comes into force in accordance with article 1(1) of the Order.

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

https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1286/pdfs/uksi_20201286_en.pdf?text=sanctions%20overseas

The Explanatory Note of the Central African Republic (Sanctions) (Overseas Territories) Order 2020 SI 2020 NO. 1286 is as follows:

“EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

This Order extends with modifications the Central African Republic (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/616) (“the CAR Regulations”) as amended from time to time to all British overseas territories except Bermuda and Gibraltar (which implement sanctions under their own legislative arrangements). It also implements in those territories the travel ban in respect of UN designated persons required by paragraph 30 of resolution 2134 (2014) adopted by the Security Council on 28th January 2014 (which in the United Kingdom is implemented by way of the Immigration Act 1971 (c.77) rather than the CAR Regulations).

Section 63(3)(c) of the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 (c.13) (“the Sanctions Act”) provides that Her 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.

Section 1 of the United Nations Act 1946 (c.45) provides that Her Majesty may by Order in Council make such provision as appears to Her necessary or expedient for enabling the effective application of certain measures where, under Article 41 of the Charter of the United Nations, the Security Council has called upon Her Majesty’s Government in the United Kingdom to apply such measures

to give effect to any decision of that Council. In accordance with subsection (2) of that section, such Orders in Council may extend to the British overseas territories.

The CAR Regulations were made under Part 1 of the Sanctions Act to establish a sanctions regime in relation to the Central African Republic for the purposes of compliance with the United Kingdom's United Nations obligations and for promoting peace, security, stability and human rights in the Central African Republic and related purposes. Following the United Kingdom's withdrawal from the European Union, the CAR Regulations replace the EU sanctions regime implemented via an EU Council Decision and Regulation.

The CAR Regulations, as modified and extended to the British overseas territories listed in Schedule 1 by this Order ("the modified Regulations"), provide that a person named by the UN or designated by the Secretary of State for being, or having been, involved in certain activities, 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 also impose trade restrictions on military goods and technology in relation to the Central African Republic.

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 extend 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 for which the Governor may issue a financial sanctions licence. 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 also prescribe enforcement powers in relation to suspected ships, aircraft or vehicles, or for the issue of a search warrant. 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.

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. 23 This Order also provides that, subject to certain exceptions, UN designated persons must not enter, transit or remain in the territories.

The modifications set out in Schedule 2 to this Order include modifications to provisions in the CAR Regulations which are prospectively amended by the Sanctions (EU Exit) (Miscellaneous Amendments) (No. 3) Regulations 2020 (S.I. 2020/950) (“the amending regulations”). Therefore, article 1(1) provides that this Order comes into force immediately after the amending regulations have come into force in the United Kingdom. The amending regulations will be brought into force on a day yet to be appointed by the Secretary of State in regulations under section 56 of the Sanctions Act.

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