

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation HM Treasury

Financial Sanctions Notice

27/05/2025

Zimbabwe

Introduction

- 1. The Zimbabwe (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019 (S.I. 2019/604) ("the Regulations") were made under the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 ("the Sanctions Act") and provide for the imposition of financial sanctions, namely the freezing of funds or economic resources of persons involved in the commission of a human rights violation or abuse in Zimbabwe; the repression of civil society and democratic opposition in Zimbabwe; or involved in other actions, policies or activities which undermine democracy or the rule of law in Zimbabwe.
- 2. On 27 May 2025 the Foreign, Commonwealth and Development Office updated the UK Sanctions List on GOV.UK. This list provides details of those designated under regulations made under the Sanctions Act. A link to the UK Sanctions List can be found below.
- 3. Following the publication of the UK Sanctions List, information on the Consolidated List has been updated.

Notice summary

- 4. The following entries have been removed from the Consolidated List and are no longer subject to an asset freeze:
 - Godwin MATANGA (Group ID: 14054)
 - Isaac MOYO (Group ID: 14055)
 - Owen NCUBE (Group ID: 14052)
 - Anselem Nhamo SANYATWE (Group ID: 14053)
 - ZIMBABWE DEFENCE INDUSTRIES (Group ID: 10734)

Further Information

5. Copies of recent notices, UK legislation and relevant guidance can be obtained from the Zimbabwe financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases.

6. Further details on the UN measures in respect of Afghanistan can be found on the relevant UN Sanctions Committee webpage:

https://www.un.org/securitycouncil/sanctions/information.

7. The Consolidated List can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-consolidated-list-of-targets/consolidated-list-of-targets.

8. The UK Sanctions List can be found here:

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

9. The Compliance Reporting Form can be found here:

https://www.gov.uk/guidance/suspected-breach-of-financial-sanctions-what-to-do.

10. For more information please see our financial sanctions guidance:

https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-fags.

Enquiries

11. 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.

- 12. Non-media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to: fcdo.correspondence@fcdo.gov.uk.
- 13. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.

14. 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: ZIMBABWE

THE ZIMBABWE (SANCTIONS) (EU EXIT) REGULATIONS 2019 (S.I. 2019/604)

DELISTINGS

Individuals

1. MATANGA, Godwin

DOB: 05/02/1962. POB: Chipinge, Zimbabwe Nationality: Zimbabwe Passport Number: ZL042663 Address: Harare, Zimbabwe. Position: Commissioner General of the Zimbabwe Republic Police Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): ZIM0006. (UK Statement of Reasons): There are reasonable grounds to suspect that Godwin Matanga bears responsibility for serious human rights violations committed by the police and military during the crackdown on post-election protests in August 2018, which resulted in six civilian deaths, by virtue of his position as Commissioner General of the Zimbabwe Republic Police Force based in Harare at the relevant time. Those actions undermined the rule of law in Zimbabwe. (Gender): Male Listed on: 01/02/2021 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 01/02/2021 Last Updated: 01/02/2021 27/05/2025 Group ID: 14054.

2. MOYO, Isaac

Nationality: Zimbabwe Position: Director General, Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO) Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): ZIM0007. (UK Statement of Reasons): There are reasonable grounds to suspect that Isaac Moyo, as Director General of the Central Intelligence Organisation (CIO), has been responsible for acts that constitute serious human rights violations in the context of the heavy crackdown on protests in January 2019 by state security forces. There are also reasonable grounds to suspect that in directing ECONET to suspend all internet services in January 2019, which order the High Court subsequently ruled as illegal, Isaac Moyo has also been involved in other actions that undermined the rule of law in Zimbabwe. (Gender): Male Listed on: 01/02/2021 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 01/02/2021 Last Updated: 01/02/2021 27/05/2025 Group ID: 14055.

3. NCUBE, Owen

DOB: 17/04/1968. **Nationality**: Zimbabwe **Position**: Former Minister of State for National Security **Other Information**: (UK Sanctions List Ref): ZIM0004. (UK Statement of Reasons): There are reasonable grounds to suspect that Owen Ncube bears responsibility for serious human rights violations, including systematic torture, committed by the security forces in the context of the heavy crackdown on protests in January 2019 by virtue of his position as Minister of State for National Security at the relevant time. There are also reasonable grounds to suspect that in directing ECONET to suspend all internet services in January 2019, which order the High Court subsequently ruled as illegal, Owen Ncube has also been involved in other actions that undermined the rule of law in Zimbabwe. (Gender): Male **Listed on**: 01/02/2021 **UK Sanctions List Date Designated**: 01/02/2021 **Last Updated**: 18/03/2022 27/05/2025 **Group ID**: 14052.

4. SANYATWE, Anselem Nhamo

Title: Major General DOB: 21/01/1956. Nationality: Zimbabwe Passport Number: 290060361Y34 Address: Tanzania. Position: (1) Zimbabwe Ambassador to Tanzania (2) Formerly Brigadier General, Commander of the Presidential Guard and Tactical Commander of the National Reaction Force (3) Formerly army General Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): ZIM0005. (UK Statement of Reasons): There are reasonable grounds to suspect that Sanyatwe is responsible for the commission of serious human rights violations by military personnel in the National Reaction Force involved in the crackdown on an opposition protest carried out on 1 August 2018 leading to the deaths of six people by virtue of his role as Tactical Commander of that force at the relevant time. As such, he has undermined the rule of law in Zimbabwe. (Gender): Male Listed on: 01/02/2021 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 01/02/2021 Last Updated: 18/03/2022 27/05/2025 Group ID: 14053.

Entity

1. ZIMBABWE DEFENCE INDUSTRIES

Address: PO Box 6597, 10th Floor, Trustee House, 55 Samora Machel Avenue, Harare, Zimbabwe. Other Information: (UK Sanctions List Ref): ZIM0003. Business Sector: Defence (UK Statement of Reasons): Associated with the Government of Zimbabwe. (Type of entity): State-owned company Listed on: 24/07/2008 UK Sanctions List Date Designated: 31/12/2020 Last Updated: 18/03/2022 27/05/2025 Group ID: 10734.

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