

Democratic Republic of the Congo sanctions: guidance

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Statutory guidance for the Democratic Republic of the Congo sanctions regime, plus a summary of its purposes, scope and prohibitions.

The Democratic Republic of the Congo (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2019, and certain other regulations, are in force to implement certain UN obligations and to meet the UK's policy objectives.

This summary gives a quick overview of the sanctions in place under the regime. It is not comprehensive and is not a replacement for the statutory guidance or the regulations themselves.

Summary

Regime is limited in scope to:

1. sanctions targeting designated persons
2. sanctions in respect of military goods and military technology
3. sanctions in respect of enabling or facilitating armed hostilities

Designated persons

The UK Sanctions List tells you who is designated under the regime and which sanctions have been applied to them. A designated person can be an individual, a business or an organisation.

The statutory guidance lists in detail the sanctions that can apply in respect of designated persons, including:

- an asset freeze on their funds and other assets
- making available funds or economic resources to them or for their benefit
- director disqualification
- immigration sanction (travel ban)

Sanctioned goods and services

You must not export or otherwise supply or transfer to a non-governmental person operating in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) certain goods in these categories (this is not an exhaustive list):

- military, security and para-military goods, software and technology and arms, ammunition and related material

Related financial services, brokering services and technical assistance may also be subject to sanctions.

You must not provide technical assistance, armed personnel or financial services that enable or facilitate the conduct of armed hostilities in DRC.

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