

Iran

Specification Restrictive measures in relation to serious human rights violations in Iran

Acronym HR

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Program IRN

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Notes The restrictive measures in relation to serious human rights violations in Iran were first put in place on 12 April 2011. Travel restrictions and an asset freeze were introduced with respect to persons complicit in or responsible for directing or implementing grave human rights violations in the repression of peaceful demonstrators, journalists, human rights defenders, students or other persons who speak up in defense of their legitimate rights. The measures can also be imposed against those who are complicit in or responsible for directing or implementing grave violations of the right to due process, torture, cruel, inhuman and degrading treatment, or the indiscriminate, excessive and increasing application of the death penalty, including public executions, stoning, hangings or executions of juvenile offenders in contravention of Iran's international human rights obligations.

On 23 March 2012, in view of the gravity of the human rights situation in Iran, additional restrictive measures were introduced, namely an embargo on equipment which may be used for internal repression and on equipment that may be used to monitor or intercept the Internet and telephone communications on mobile or fixed networks.

Measures



Asset freeze and prohibition to make funds available

All assets of the listed persons and entities should be frozen. It is also prohibited to make any funds or assets directly or indirectly available to them.



Restrictions on admission

Member States shall enforce travel restrictions on persons listed in the Annex of Council Decision 2011/235/CFSP.



Restrictions on equipment used for internal repression

It is prohibited to export equipment which might be used for internal repression to Iran. Related technical or financial assistance and services are also prohibited.



Telecommunications equipment

It is prohibited to export equipment or software listed in Annex IV of Council Regulation (EU) No 359/2011 intended for use in the monitoring or interception by the Iranian regime of the Internet and of telephone communications in Iran. Related assistance to install, operate or update such equipment or software is also prohibited.

Legal acts

Type	Title	Number
EC Council Decision	Council Decision concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities in view of the situation in Iran	01.04.2026 consolidated basic legal act - 2011/235/CFSP
EC Council Regulation	Council Regulation concerning restrictive measures directed against certain persons, entities and bodies in view of the situation in Iran	01.04.2026 consolidated basic legal act - (EU) No 359/2011