Iran

Specification	Restrictive measures in relation to serious human rights violations in Iran
Acronym	HR
Adopted by	EU
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.

Guidances

Title	File
Guidance note on the provision of humanitarian aid to fight the COVID-19 pandemic in certain environments subject to EU restrictive measures	210813-humanitarian-aid-guidance-note_en.pdf
EU Best Practices for the effective implementation of restrictive measures	ST-11623-2024-INIT_en.pdf
Guidelines on implementation and evaluation of restrictive measures (sanctions) in the framework of the EU Common Foreign and Security Policy	ST_15598_2017_INIT_EN_Public.pdf