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I, BRIAN LENIHAN, Minister for Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 3 of the European Communities Act 1972 (No. 27 of 1972) and for the purpose of giving full effect to Council Regulation (EC) No. 423/2007 of 19 April 2007¹, as last amended by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 668/2010 of 26 July 2010, hereby make the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Iran) (Financial Sanctions) Regulations 2010.

2. (1) In these Regulations “Council Regulation” means Council Regulation (EC) No. 423/2007 of 19 April 2007¹, as amended by—

- (a) Council Regulation (EC) No. 618/2007 of 5 June 2007²,
- (b) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 116/2008 of 28 January 2008³ and the Corrigendum to that Regulation⁴,
- (c) Commission Regulation (EC) No. 219/2008 of 11 March 2008⁵,
- (d) Council Regulation (EC) No. 1110/2008 of 10 November 2008⁶,
- (e) Council Regulation (EC) No. 680/2009 of 27 July 2009⁷ and the Corrigendum to that Regulation⁸,
- (f) Council Regulation (EC) No. 1100/2009 of 17 November 2009⁹,
- (g) Council Regulation (EU) No. 1228/2009 of 15 December 2009¹⁰,
- (h) Commission Regulation (EU) No. 532/2010 of 18 June 2010¹¹, and
- (i) Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 668/2010 of 26 July 2010¹².

¹OJ No. L.103, 20.4.07, p.1.

²OJ No. L.143, 6.6.07, p.1.

³OJ No. L.35, 9.2.08, p.1.

⁴OJ No. L.239, 6.9.08, p.55.

⁵OJ No. L.68, 12.3.08, p.5.

⁶OJ No. L.300, 11.11.08, p.1.

⁷OJ No. L.197, 29.7.09, p.17.

⁸OJ No. L.265, 9.10.09, p.42.

⁹OJ No. L.303, 18.11.09, p.31.

¹⁰OJ No. L.330, 16.12.09, p.49.

¹¹OJ No. L.154, 19.6.10, p. 5.

¹²OJ No. L.195, 27.7.10, p.25.

*Notice of the making of this Statutory Instrument was published in
“Iris Oifigiúil” of 9th November, 2010.*

(2) A word or expression which is used in these Regulations and which is also used in the Council Regulation has, unless the context otherwise requires, the same meaning in these Regulations as it has in the Council Regulation.

3. Subject to Regulation 4, a person commits an offence if he or she infringes the provisions of the Council Regulation as regards—

- (a) the provision of investment,
- (b) the provision of financing or financial assistance,
- (c) the freezing of funds or economic resources,
- (d) the making available of funds or economic resources,
- (e) the due application of measures by credit and financial institutions in their activities with the institutions referred to in paragraph 2 of Article 11a of the Council Regulation,
- (f) the notification or supply of information to, or cooperation with, the competent authority, or,
- (g) the participation in activities to circumvent the requirements of the Council Regulation as regards paragraph (a), (b), (c), (d), (e) or (f).

4. Notwithstanding Regulation 3, a person who has received an authorisation under Article 3, 5, 6, 8, 9 or 10 of the Council Regulation may, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of such authorisation, do such of the things referred to in Regulation 3 as are so authorised.

5. The Central Bank of Ireland may, for the purposes of the administration and enforcement of the provisions of these Regulations, give such directions or issue such instructions to a person as it sees fit.

6. A person who fails to comply with a direction or an instruction issued under Regulation 5 commits an offence.

7. Where an offence under these Regulations is committed by a body corporate and is proved to have been so committed with the consent, connivance or approval of or to have been attributable to the neglect on the part of any person, being a director, manager, secretary or other officer of the body corporate or a person who was purporting to act in any such capacity, that person, as well as the body corporate, commits an offence and is liable to be proceeded against and punished as if he or she committed the first mentioned offence.

8. A person guilty of an offence under these Regulations is liable—

- (a) on summary conviction, to a fine not exceeding €5,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or to both, or

(b) on conviction on indictment, to a fine not exceeding €500,000 or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 3 years or to both.

9. The European Communities (Iran) (Financial Sanctions) Regulations 2010 (S.I. No. 79 of 2010) are revoked.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
4 November 2010.

BRIAN LENIHAN,
Minister for Finance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

These Regulations update and replace S.I. No. 79 of 2010 to give full effect to the following Commission and Council Regulations:

- Commission Regulation (EU) No. 532/2010 of 18 June 2010 which replaces the list of persons and entities set out in Annex IV to Council Regulation (EC) No. 423/2007.
- Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 668/2010 of 26 July 2010 which replaces the list of persons and entities set out in Annex V to Council Regulation (EC) No. 423/2007.

These updated Regulations provide for enforcement of financial sanctions contained in Council Regulation (EC) No. 423/2007 of 19 April 2007, as amended, concerning restrictive measures against Iran. The sanctions include a prohibition on financial assistance related to the import or export of goods and technology which could contribute to Iran's enrichment-related, reprocessing, or heavy water-related activities, to the development of nuclear weapon delivery systems, a ban on the provision of related services, a ban on investment related to such goods and technology, a ban on procurement of relevant goods and technology from Iran, the freezing of funds and economic resources of persons, entities and bodies engaged in, directly associated with or providing support for such activities or development and a ban on the provision to Iran of technical or financial assistance in relation to certain military equipment.

The Council Regulations impose certain obligations on credit and financial institutions in their dealings with credit and financial institutions in Iran, particularly Bank Saderat. These obligations include a requirement to ensure full information in the case of financial transactions and to report transactions which are suspected to be linked to proliferation financing (Article 11a) as inserted by Council Regulation (EC) No. 1110/2008 of 10 November 2008. There is also a requirement that Bank Saderat branches and subsidiaries should notify Competent Authorities of all funds transfers and for this data to be transferred, as appropriate, to the Competent Authorities of other Member States where the counterparts to such transactions are established.

These Regulations also provide that the Central Bank of Ireland may issue instructions for the purpose of giving full effect to the financial sanctions.

The Regulations create offences for breach of the Council Regulation or for failure to comply with the instructions of the Central Bank of Ireland with regard to implementation of the sanctions and provide for appropriate penalties.

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