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I, SIMON HARRIS, 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 (EU) 2016/44 of 18 January 2016¹, as amended, hereby make the following regulations:

1. These Regulations may be cited as the European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Libya) Regulations 2026.

2. (1) In these Regulations -

“Council Regulation” means Council Regulation (EU) 2016/44 of 18 January 2016¹ as amended by the European acts specified in Schedule 1;

“European act” means an act adopted by an institution of the European Union or an institution of the European Communities.

(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. (1) A person who contravenes a provision of the Council Regulation specified in Schedule 2 shall be guilty of an offence.

(2) A person who contravenes a condition of an authorisation granted under a provision of the Council Regulation shall be guilty of an offence.

4. A person who is guilty of an offence under Regulation 3 shall be liable -

(a) on summary conviction, to a class A fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 12 months or 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 both.

5. A competent authority in the State, following such consultation as it considers necessary with other competent authorities, for the purposes of the administration and enforcement of the Council Regulation or these Regulations, may give in writing such directions to a person as it sees fit.

6. A person who fails to comply with a direction given under Regulation 5 within the time specified in the direction shall be guilty of an offence and shall

¹ OJ No. L 12, 19.1.2016, p. 1

be liable on summary conviction to a class A fine or to imprisonment for a term not exceeding 6 months or both.

7. Where an offence under these Regulations is committed by a body corporate and is proved to have been so committed with the consent or connivance of or to be attributable to any 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 such capacity, that person shall, as well as the body corporate, be guilty of an offence and shall be liable to be proceeded against and punished as if he or she were guilty of the first-mentioned offence.

8. (1) Proceedings for an offence under these Regulations in relation to an act committed outside the State may be taken in any place in the State and the offence may for all incidental purposes be treated as having been committed in that place.

(2) Where a person is charged with an offence referred to in paragraph (1), no further proceedings in the matter (other than any remand in custody or on bail) may be taken except by or with the consent of the Director of Public Prosecutions.

(3) In proceedings for an offence referred to in paragraph (1) -

- (a) a certificate purporting to be signed by an officer of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade and stating that a passport was issued by that Minister to a person on a specified date, and
- (b) a certificate that is signed by an officer of the Minister for Justice, Home Affairs and Migration and stating that, to the best of the officer's knowledge and belief, the person has not ceased to be an Irish citizen,

is evidence that the person was an Irish citizen on the date on which the offence is alleged to have been committed, and is taken to have been signed by the person purporting to have signed it, unless the contrary is shown.

(4) A person who has been acquitted or convicted of an offence in a place outside the State shall not be proceeded against for an offence under these Regulations in relation to an act committed outside the State consisting of the conduct, or substantially the same conduct, that constituted the offence of which the person has been acquitted or convicted.

9. The European Union (Restrictive Measures concerning Libya) (No.3) Regulations 2025 (S.I. No. 387 of 2025) are revoked.

Schedule 1

European Acts amending Council Regulation

1. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/466 of 31 March 2016²
2. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/690 of 4 May 2016³
3. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/819 of 24 May 2016⁴
4. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1334 of 4 August 2016⁵
5. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1687 of 20 September 2016⁶
6. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2016/1752 of 30 September 2016⁷
7. Council Regulation (EU) 2017/488 of 21 March 2017⁸
8. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/489 of 21 March 2017⁹
9. Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1325 of 17 July 2017¹⁰
10. Council Regulation (EU) 2017/1419 of 4 August 2017¹¹
11. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1423 of 4 August 2017¹²
12. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1456 of 10 August 2017¹³
13. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/1974 of 30 October 2017¹⁴
14. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2006 of 8 November 2017¹⁵
15. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2017/2260 of 5 December 2017¹⁶
16. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/126 of 24 January 2018¹⁷
17. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/166 of 2 February 2018¹⁸

² OJ No. L 85, 1.4.2016, p. 3

³ OJ No. L 120, 5.5.2016, p. 1

⁴ OJ No. L 136, 25.5.2016, p. 8

⁵ OJ No. L 212, 5.8.2016, p. 3

⁶ OJ No. L 255, 21.9.2016, p. 12

⁷ OJ No. L 268, 1.10.2016, p. 77

⁸ OJ No. L 76, 22.3.2017, p. 1

⁹ OJ No. L 76, 22.3.2017, p. 3

¹⁰ OJ No. L 185, 18.7.2017, p. 16

¹¹ OJ No. L 204, 5.8.2017, p. 1

¹² OJ No. L 204, 5.8.2017, p. 80

¹³ OJ No. L 208, 11.8.2017, p. 31

¹⁴ OJ No. L 281, 31.10.2017, p. 27

¹⁵ OJ No. L 290, 9.11.2017, p. 17

¹⁶ OJ No. L 324, 8.12.2017, p. 39

¹⁷ OJ No. L 22, 26.1.2018, p. 12

¹⁸ OJ No. L 31, 3.2.2018, p. 82

18. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/200 of 9 February 2018¹⁹
19. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/711 of 14 May 2018²⁰
20. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/870 of 14 June 2018²¹
21. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1073 of 30 July 2018²²
22. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1245 of 18 September 2018²³
23. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1285 of 24 September 2018²⁴
24. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2018/1863 of 28 November 2018²⁵
25. Council Regulation (EU) 2018/2004 of 17 December 2018²⁶
26. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2019/1163 of 5 July 2019²⁷
27. Council Regulation (EU) 2019/1292 of 31 July 2019²⁸
28. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/371 of 5 March 2020²⁹
29. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1130 of 30 July 2020³⁰
30. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1309 of 21 September 2020³¹
31. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1380 of 1 October 2020³²
32. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1481 of 14 October 2020³³
33. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/538 of 26 March 2021³⁴
34. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/667 of 23 April 2021³⁵
35. Council Regulation (EU) 2021/1005 of 21 June 2021³⁶
36. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1241 of 29 July 2021³⁷

¹⁹ OJ No. L 38, 10.2.2018, p. 11

²⁰ OJ No. L 119, 15.5.2018, p. 35

²¹ OJ No. L 152, 15.6.2018, p. 1

²² OJ No. L 194, 31.7.2018, p. 30

²³ OJ No. L 235, 19.9.2018, p. 1

²⁴ OJ No. L 240, 25.9.2018, p. 4

²⁵ OJ No. L 304, 29.11.2018, p. 1

²⁶ OJ No. L 322, 18.12.2018, p. 12

²⁷ OJ No. L 182, 8.7.2019, p. 33

²⁸ OJ No. L 204, 2.8.2019, p. 1

²⁹ OJ No. L 71, 6.3.2020, p. 5

³⁰ OJ No. L 247, 31.7.2020, p. 14

³¹ OJ No. L 3051, 21.9.2020, p. 1

³² OJ No. L 320, 2.10.2020, p. 1

³³ OJ No. L 341, 15.10.2020, p. 7

³⁴ OJ No. L 108, 29.3.2021, p.8

³⁵ OJ No. L 141, 26.4.2021, p.1

³⁶ OJ No. L 222, 22.6.2021, p.1

³⁷ OJ No. L 272, 30.7.2021, p.1

37. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1909 of 4 November 2021³⁸
38. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/1932 of 9 November 2021³⁹
39. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2021/2192 of 13 December 2021⁴⁰
40. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/183 of 10 February 2022⁴¹
41. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/595 of 11 April 2022⁴²
42. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1308 of 26 July 2022⁴³
43. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/1502 of 9 September 2022⁴⁴
44. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2022/2525 of 21 December 2022⁴⁵
45. Council Regulation (EU) 2023/720 of 31 March 2023⁴⁶
46. Council Regulation (EU) 2023/1433 of 10 July 2023⁴⁷
47. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2501 of 9 November 2023⁴⁸
48. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/2504 of 9 November 2023⁴⁹
49. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/757 of 26 February 2024⁵⁰
50. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2011 of 22 July 2024⁵¹
51. Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2024/2465 of 10 September 2024⁵²
52. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/190 of 27 January 2025⁵³
53. Council Regulation (EU) 2025/813 of 25 April 2025⁵⁴
54. Council Implementing Regulation (EU) 2025/1583 of 29 July 2025⁵⁵
55. Council Regulation (EU) 2026/1332 of 12 June 2026⁵⁶

³⁸ OJ No. L 389 I, 4.11.2021, p.1

³⁹ OJ No. L 396, 10.11.2021, p.1

⁴⁰ OJ No. L 445 I, 13.12.2021, p.1

⁴¹ OJ No. L 30, 11.2.2022, p.1

⁴² OJ No L 114, 12.04.2022, p.60

⁴³ OJ No. L 198, 27.7.2022, p.1

⁴⁴ OJ No. L 235, 12.9.2022, p.4

⁴⁵ OJ No. L 328, 22.12.2022, p.64

⁴⁶ OJ No. L 94, 3.4.2023, p.1

⁴⁷ OJ No. L 176, 11.7.2023, p.1

⁴⁸ OJ L, 2023/2501, 10.11.2023

⁴⁹ OJ L, 2023/2504, 10.11.2023

⁵⁰ OJ L, 2024/757, 27.2.2024

⁵¹ OJ L, 2024/2011, 23.7.2024

⁵² OJ L, 2024/2465, 12.9.2024

⁵³ OJ L, 2025/190, 28.1.2025

⁵⁴ OJ L, 2025/813, 28.4.2025

⁵⁵ OJ L, 2025/1583, 30.7.2025

⁵⁶ OJ L, 2026/1332, 15.6.2026

Schedule 2

Contravention of Provision of Council Regulation

Article 2 (1) or (2)

Article 3 (1) or (2)

Article 3a

Article 4

Article 5 (1), (2), (3), or (4)

Article 12 (2)

Article 15 (1), (2), (4), (5), or (6)

Article 17 (1)

Article 18 (1)



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
16 June, 2026.

SIMON HARRIS,
Minister for Finance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

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

These Regulations provide for the enforcement of restrictive measures contained in Council Regulation (EU) 2016/44 of 18 January 2016 as amended, regarding restrictive measures concerning Libya.

The Regulations provide that competent authorities of the State may issue directions for the purpose of giving full effect to the sanctions. The Regulations create offences for breach of the Council Regulations or for failure to comply with the directions of competent authorities of the State with regard to implementation of the sanctions and provides for appropriate penalties.

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