



## **Burundi**

### **Introduction**

1. Council Regulation (EU) 2015/1755 (“the Regulation”) imposing financial sanctions against Burundi has been amended.
2. Identifying information for the individuals listed in the Annex to this Notice has been amended.

### **Notice summary (Full details are provided in the Annex to this Notice)**

3. The following entries have been amended and are still subject to an asset freeze:
  - Godefroid BIZIMANA (Group ID: 13281)
  - Gervais NDIRAKOBUCA (Group ID: 13282)
4. Furthermore, OFSI has corrected identifying information for 2 entries. These amendments bring the entries into line with Annex I to the Regulation. The following entries have been amended and are still subject to an asset freeze:
  - Leonard NGENDAKUMANA (Group ID: 13284)
  - Mathias-Joseph NIYONZIMA (Group ID: 13283)

### **What you must do**

5. You must:
  - i. check whether you maintain any accounts or hold any funds or economic resources for the persons set out in the Annex to this Notice;

- ii. freeze such accounts, and other funds or economic resources;
  - iii. refrain from dealing with the funds or assets or making them available (directly or indirectly) to such persons unless licensed by the Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation (OFSI);
  - iv. report any findings to OFSI, together with any additional information that would facilitate compliance with the Regulation;
  - v. provide any information concerning the frozen assets of designated persons that OFSI may request. Information reported to OFSI may be passed on to other regulatory authorities or law enforcement.
6. Where a relevant institution has already reported details of accounts, other funds or economic resources held frozen for designated persons, they are not required to report these details again.
7. Failure to comply with financial sanctions legislation or to seek to circumvent its provisions is a criminal offence.

#### **Legislative details**

8. On 30 October 2020 Commission Implementing Regulation (EU) 2020/1758 (“the Amending Regulation”) was published in the Official Journal of the European Union (O.J. L 362, 30.10.2020, p.1) by the European Commission.
9. The Amending Regulation amended Annex I to the Regulation with effect from 31 October 2020.

#### **Further Information**

10. A copy of the Amending Regulation can be obtained from the website of the Official Journal of the European Union:

<https://eur-lex.europa.eu/legal-content/EN/TXT/PDF/?uri=CELEX:32020R1578&from=EN>

11. Copies of recent Notices, certain EU Regulations, and UK legislation can be obtained from the Burundi financial sanctions page on the GOV.UK website:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/financial-sanctions-regime-specific-consolidated-lists-and-releases>

12. Please note there are also import and export restrictions on Burundi. Further guidance on export and trade sanctions is available from the GOV.UK website: <https://www.gov.uk/sanctions-embargoes-and-restrictions>.
13. For more information please see our guide to financial sanctions: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-faqs>

### **Enquiries**

14. Non-media enquiries, reports and licence applications should be addressed to:

Office of Financial Sanctions Implementation  
HM Treasury  
1 Horse Guards Road  
London  
SW1A 2HQ  
[ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk](mailto:ofsi@hmtreasury.gov.uk)

15. Media enquiries about how financial sanctions are implemented in the UK should be addressed to the Treasury Press Office on 020 7270 5238.
16. Media enquiries about the sanctions measures themselves should be addressed to the Foreign, Commonwealth & Development Office Press Office on 020 7008 3100.

## ANNEX TO NOTICE

### FINANCIAL SANCTIONS: BURUNDI

COMMISSION IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2020/1578

AMENDING ANNEX I TO COUNCIL REGULATION (EU) 2015/1755

### AMENDMENTS

Deleted information appears in strikethrough. Additional information appears in italics and is underlined.

### Individuals

#### 1. BIZIMANA, Godefroid

**DOB:** 23/04/1968. **POB:** Nyagaseke, Mabayi, Cibitoke **Nationality:** Burundian **Passport Details:** ~~Passport number: DP0001520~~ **Position:** ~~Deputy Director-General of the National Police~~ *Charge de missions de la Presidence* **Other Information:** *Gender: male. Former Deputy Director-General of the National Police. On 31 December 2019, Mr Bizimana was promoted to the rank of Chief Police Commissioner. Responsible for undermining democracy by making operational decisions that have led to a disproportionate use of force and acts of violent repression towards peaceful demonstrations that started on 26 April 2015 following the announcement of the presidential candidacy of President Nkurunziza.* **Listed on:** 02/10/2015 **Last Updated:** ~~02/10/2015~~ 02/11/2020 **Group ID:** 13281.

#### 2. NDIRAKOBUCA, Gervais

**DOB:** 01/08/1970. **a.k.a:** NDAKUGARIKA **Nationality:** Burundian **Passport Details:** ~~Passport number: DP0000761~~ **Position:** ~~Head of Cabinet of the Presidential Administration (Présidence) responsible for matters relating to the National Police~~ *Minister of the Interior, Community Development and Public Security as of June 2020* **Other Information:** *Gender: male. Former head of Cabinet of the Presidential Administration (Presidence) responsible for matters relating to the National Police between May 2013 and November 2019, and former Director-General of the National Intelligence Service between November 2019 and June 2020. Responsible for obstructing the search for a political solution in Burundi by issuing instructions that led to a disproportionate use of force, acts of violence, acts of repression and violations of international human rights laws against protestors demonstrating from 26 April 2015 onwards, following the announcement of the presidential candidacy of President Nkurunziza, including on 26, 27 and 28 April in the Nyakabiga and Musaga districts of Bujumbura.* **Listed on:** 02/10/2015 **Last Updated:** ~~02/10/2015~~ 02/11/2020 **Group ID:** 13282.

## CORRECTIONS

### Individuals

1. **NGENDAKUMANA, Leonard**

**DOB:** 24/11/1968. **Nationality:** Burundian **Passport Details:** Passport number: DP0000885 **Position:** Former 'Charge de Missions de la Presidence' and former army general. **Other Information:** *Former 'Charge de Missions de la Presidence' and former army general. Responsible for obstructing the search for a political solution in Burundi by participating in the attempted coup d'état of 13 May 2015 to overthrow the Burundi Government. Responsible for grenade attacks committed in Burundi, as well as for incitement to violence. Publicly supported violence as a means to achieve political goals.* **Listed on:** 02/10/2015 **Last Updated:** ~~02/10/2015~~ 02/11/2020 **Group ID:** 13284.

2. **NIYONZIMA, Mathias-Joseph**

**DOB:** (1) 06/03/1956. (2) 02/01/1967. **POB:** Kanyosha Commune, Mubimbi, Bujumbura-Rural Province, Burundi a.k.a: KAZUNGU **Nationality:** Burundian **Passport Details:** Passport number: OP0053090 **National Identification no:** O/00064 (SNR registration) **Position:** Officer of the National Intelligence Service **Other Information:** *Registration number (SNR): O/00064 Responsible for obstructing the search for a political solution in Burundi by inciting violence and acts of repression during the demonstrations that started on 26 April 2015 following the announcement of the presidential candidacy of President Nkurunziza. Responsible for helping train, coordinate and arm the Imbonerakure paramilitary militias, including outside Burundi, who are responsible for acts of violence, repression and serious human rights abuses in Burundi.* **Listed on:** 02/10/2015 **Last Updated:** ~~10/01/2019~~ 02/11/2020 **Group ID:** 13283.

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