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COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2026/...

of ...

**implementing Regulation (EU) 2023/1529 concerning restrictive measures
in view of Iran's military support to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine
and to armed groups and entities in the Middle East and the Red Sea region**

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

Having regard to the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union,

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) 2023/1529 of 20 July 2023 concerning restrictive measures in view of Iran's military support to Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and to armed groups and entities in the Middle East and the Red Sea region¹, and in particular Article 7(1) thereof,

Having regard to the proposal from the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy,

¹ OJ L 186, 25.7.2023, p. 1, ELI: <http://data.europa.eu/eli/reg/2023/1529/oj>.

Whereas:

- (1) On 20 July 2023, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) 2023/1529.
- (2) In its conclusions of 21 and 22 March 2024, the European Council stated that were Iran to transfer ballistic missiles and related technology to Russia for use against Ukraine after having supplied the Russian regime with unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), which are used in relentless attacks against the civilian population in Ukraine, the European Union would be prepared to respond swiftly and in coordination with international partners, including with new and significant restrictive measures against Iran. Moreover, the European Council stated that Russia's access to sensitive items and technologies with battlefield relevance must be restricted to the maximum extent possible, including by targeting entities in third countries enabling this circumvention. The European Council called on the High Representative of the Union for Foreign Affairs and Security Policy (the 'High Representative') and the Commission to prepare further sanctions against Belarus, North Korea and Iran.

- (3) On 13 September 2024, in a statement by the High Representative on behalf of the Union, the Union strongly condemned the transfer of Iranian-made ballistic missiles to Russia, considered as a direct threat to European security and as a substantive material escalation from the provision of Iranian UAVs and ammunition, which Russia had used in its illegal war of aggression against Ukraine. The Union would respond swiftly and in coordination with international partners, including with new and significant restrictive measures against Iran, including the designation of individuals and entities involved with Iran's ballistic missile and drone programmes, and in that regard was considering restrictive measures in Iran's aviation sector as well.
- (4) In its conclusions of 19 December 2024, the European Council stated that the arms transfers and deepening military cooperation between Russia and the DPRK and Iran, as well as the deployment of the DPRK's military forces to Russia and their use on the battlefield against Ukraine represent an international escalation of the war, with serious consequences for international peace and security.
- (5) Russia is using Iran-produced UAVs and UAVs components in support of its war of aggression against Ukraine, which violates the sovereignty, independence and territorial integrity of Ukraine, including against civilians and civilian infrastructure. The Iranian State-sponsored programme for the development and production of UAVs therefore contributes to violations of the United Nations Charter and of fundamental principles of international law.

- (6) In view of the gravity of the situation, four persons and six entities should be included in the list of natural and legal persons, entities and bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2023/1529.
- (7) Regulation (EU) 2023/1529 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2023/1529 is amended in accordance with the Annex to this Regulation.

Article 2

This Regulation shall enter into force on the date of its publication in the *Official Journal of the European Union*.

This Regulation shall be binding in its entirety and directly applicable in all Member States.

Done at ...,

For the Council

The President

ANNEX

Annex III to Regulation (EU) 2023/1529 is amended as follows:

(1) the following entries are added under the heading ‘A. Natural persons’:

	Names (Transliteration into Latin script)	Names	Identifying information	Reasons for listing	Date of listing
‘21.	Amir RADFAR	رادفر میر (Farsi spelling)	Position(s): Director of Shahid Bagheri Industrial Group (SBIG) DOB: 22.12.1971 Nationality: Iranian Gender: male	Amir Radfar is the director of Shahid Bagheri Industrial Group (SBIG). SBIG manufactures solid-fuel ballistic missiles and is a subsidiary of the EU-listed Aerospace Industries Organization (AIO), which oversees the development and production of Iran’s ballistic missiles. Amir Radfar is therefore involved in Iran’s missile programme.	+

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22	Hossein HEMSI		Position(s): CEO and shareholder of Fanavaran Sanat Ertebatat Company DOB: 27.10.1982 Nationality: Iranian Gender: male National ID number: 0532987276	Hossein Hemsî is the CEO and shareholder of Fanavaran Sanat Ertebatat Company (FSE). FSE is a private company supplying critical electronic components and jam-resistance guidance systems to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Research and Self-Sufficiency Jihad Organisation (IRGC SSJO) and thereby involved in Iran's unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) programme. Therefore, in his capacity as CEO and shareholder of FSE, Hossein Hemsî is involved in Iran's UAV programme.	+

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23.	Armin Ghorsi ANBARAN	عنبران آرمين قرصی (Farsi spelling)	Position(s): Board Member and shareholder of Fanavaran Sanat Ertebatat Company DOB: 21.9.1983 Nationality: Iranian Gender: male National ID number: 0065911601	Armin Ghorsi Anbaran is a Board Member and shareholder of Fanavaran Sanat Ertebatat Company (FSE). FSE is a private company supplying critical electronic components and jam-resistance guidance systems to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Research and Self-Sufficiency Jihad Organisation (IRGC SSJO) and thereby is involved in Iran's unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) programme. Therefore, in his capacity as Board Member and shareholder of FSE, Armin Ghorsi Anbaran is involved in Iran's UAV programme.	+

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24.	Hossein BAKSHAYESH	بخشایش حسین (Farsi spelling)	Position(s): CEO and Managing Director of Sahara Thunder DOB: 22.5.1964 Nationality: Iranian Gender: male National ID number: 1189810190	Hossein Bakshayesh is the CEO and managing director of Sahara Thunder. Sahara Thunder is an Iranian import-export trading company which acts as a front company for the Iranian Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Logistics (MODAFL). In this capacity, it supplies unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), individual components, and related technology to Russia and receives payment from Russia for delivery of those goods and services. As CEO and managing director of Sahara Thunder, Hossein Bakshayesh therefore supplies and is otherwise involved in transferring Iran's UAVs to Russia in support of its war of aggression against Ukraine.	+

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(2) the following entries are added under the heading ‘B. Legal persons, entities and bodies’:

	Names (Transliteration into Latin script)	Names	Identifying information	Reasons for listing	Date of listing
‘21.	Sahara Thunder a.k.a. Tondar Sahara Co. a.k.a. Tondar Sahra Private Limited Company a.k.a. Desert Thunder Company	صحرا شرکت تندر (Farsi spelling)	Address: No. 2, Moghadas Alley, Ghasir St., Beheshti St. Tehran, Iran Address: Fifth Floor, No. 2, Shahid Hassan Moghadam Alley, Shahid Ahmad Ghsir Str. Argentine, Saei St. Tehran, Iran Place of registration: Iran Business Registration Number 94186 National ID: 10101382714 Chamber of Commerce Number: 131454 Website: www.saharathunder.com	Sahara Thunder is an Iranian import-export trading company which acts as a front company for the Iranian Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Logistics (MODAFL). In this capacity, it supplies unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs), individual components, and related technology to Russia and receives payment from Russia for delivery of those goods and services. Therefore, Sahara Thunder supplies and is otherwise involved in transferring Iran’s UAVs or missiles or related technologies or components thereof to Russia in support of its war of aggression against Ukraine.	+

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22.	Fanavaran Sanat Ertebatat Company (FSE)	شرکت فن آوران صنعت ارتباطات (Farsi spelling)	Address: Yousef Abad Neighbourhood, Kordestan Express Way, Seyyed Sohrab Akhlaqi street 37, Tehran, Iran Type of entity: Private company National ID: 10102884046 Business Number: 247799	Fanavaran Sanat Ertebatat Company (FSE) is a private company supplying critical electronic components and jam-resistant guidance systems to the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps Research and Self-Sufficiency Jihad Organisation (IRGC SSJO). It is also a member of the Iranian Aviation and Space Industries Association (IASIA), which procures components on behalf of the IRGC for the manufacturing of unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs). FSE is therefore involved in Iran's UAV programme.	+

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23.	Pishgaman Tejarat Rafi Novin Co.	پیشگامان تجارت رفیع نوین (Farsi spelling)	Address: Tehran Leyzan Hossein Abad Javanshir Street, Corner of Ordibehesht St., No. 10, Postal Code: 166993356, Iran Type of entity: Private Limited Company Place of registration: Iran Date of registration: 10.12.2007 Registration number: 311045 National ID: 10103503385	Pishgaman Tejarat Rafi Novin Co. is a private company with links to entities involved in Iran's missile programme. Pishgaman Tejarat Rafi Novin Co. has procured significant amounts of ammonium perchlorate, a key propellant for solid-fuel missiles, from foreign suppliers for Iran's missile program. Pishgaman Tejarat Rafi Novin Co. is therefore involved in Iran's missile programme.	+

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24.	Arsang Safe Trading Co.	تجارت ایمن شزکت ارسنگ (Farsi spelling)	Address: 901, Negin Saii Tower, Vali-asr St., 14338 Tehran, 901, Negin Saii Tower, vali-asr st., 14338, Iran Place of registration: Iran Date of registration: 3.3.2014 Registration number: 450913	Arsang Safe Trading Co. is instrumental in aiding Russia's acquisition of Close Range Ballistic Missiles (CRBMs) and unmanned aerial vehicles (UAVs) from Iran through its collaboration with Sahara Thunder. The Supply, Research, and Industry Affairs Section of Iran's Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Logistics (MODAFL) oversees these military deals, playing a leading role in Iran's military research and development efforts. Sahara Thunder has had time charter contracts with India-based companies for the vessel CHEM, which has been used for multiple shipments of UAVs, since 2022. Arsang Safe Trading Co. provided ship management services for these shipments, ensuring the smooth transfer of UAVs.	+

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				<p>As a subsidiary of MODAFL, Sahara Thunder is crucial in the design, development, manufacture, and sale of UAVs used by Russia in the war of aggression against Ukraine.</p> <p>Arsang Safe Trading Co. is associated with Sahara Thunder and is involved in transferring Iran's UAVs or missiles or related technologies or components thereof to Russia in support of its war of aggression against Ukraine.</p>	

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25.	Asia Marine Crown Agency a.k.a. Asia Marine Crown Shipping Agency a.k.a. Asia Marine Crown Shipping Agency Services Company a.k.a. Taj Daryaye Asia	آسیا دریای تاج (Farsi spelling)	Address: Unit. 7, 1st Floor, BLDG No. 21, Kar Va Tejarat Av., Vanak St., Vanak Sq, Tehran, Iran Place of registration: Iran Date of registration: 9.1.2019 Registration number: 10977 ID number: 14008069775	Asia Marine Crown Agency is a front company for Iran's Ministry of Defence and Armed Forces Logistics (MODAFL). This agency has served as the port agent in Bandar Abbas, Iran, facilitating several shipments of unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) parts and dual use goods for Sahara Thunder projects which provide UAVs to Russia. Sahara Thunder, another MODAFL front company, oversees Iran's commercial activities related to the design, development, manufacture, and sale of UAVs, many of which are transferred to Russia for use in its war of aggression against Ukraine. Asia Marine Crown Agency is involved in transferring Iran's UAVs or missiles or related technologies or components thereof to Russia in support of its war of aggression against Ukraine.	+

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26.	Khojir Missile Development and Production a.k.a. Khojir Missile Production Complex		Location: Teheran Province, Iran Place of registration: Iran	<p>Khojir Missile Development and Production is leading Iran’s ballistic missile programme, which is massively expanding its production capabilities. Khojir Missile Development and Production was expanded significantly in recent years to build weapons for Russia and the so-called “Axis of Resistance”. This expansion follows an October 2022 deal where Iran agreed to supply missiles to Russia for its war of aggression against Ukraine.</p> <p>Since Russia’s 2022 invasion of Ukraine, Iran has sent powerful surface-to-surface ballistic missiles to Russia, including Fath-360 Close Range Ballistic Missiles (CRBMs). Khojir facility is used to produce various missile types and is managed by the Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) and Defence and Armed Forces Logistics Ministry (MODAFL). These facilities are used to develop and manufacture advanced weapons systems, including solid-propellant ballistic missiles.</p>	+

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				Therefore, Khojir Missile Development and Production is supplying or otherwise involved in transferring Iran's missiles or related technologies or components thereof to Russia in support of its war of aggression against Ukraine.	