

COUNCIL IMPLEMENTING REGULATION (EU) 2023/1498
of 20 July 2023
implementing Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation
in Syria

THE COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION,

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

Having regard to Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 of 18 January 2012 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Syria and repealing Regulation (EU) No 442/2011 ⁽¹⁾, and in particular Article 32(1) thereof,

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

Whereas:

- (1) On 18 January 2012, the Council adopted Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.
- (2) The Council remains deeply concerned about the situation in Syria. After more than a decade, the conflict in Syria is far from over and remains a source of suffering and instability.
- (3) The Council notes that the Syrian regime continues to pursue its policy of repression. The Council considers it necessary to maintain and ensure the effectiveness of the restrictive measures in place by further developing them while maintaining their targeted and differentiated approach and bearing in mind the humanitarian conditions of the Syrian population. The Council considers that certain categories of persons and entities are of particular relevance for the effectiveness of those restrictive measures, given the specific context prevailing in Syria.
- (4) The Council has assessed that Iran provides military support to the Syrian regime. In view of the gravity of the situation, the Council considers that one person involved in the development and delivery of air defence systems to Syria should be added to the list of natural and legal persons, entities or bodies subject to restrictive measures set out in Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012.
- (5) Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 should therefore be amended accordingly,

HAS ADOPTED THIS REGULATION:

Article 1

Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 is amended as set out in 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*.

⁽¹⁾ OJ L 16, 19.1.2012, p. 1.

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

Done at Brussels, 20 July 2023.

For the Council
The President
J. BORRELL FONTELLES

ANNEX

The following entry is added to the list set out in Section A ('Persons') of Annex II to Regulation (EU) No 36/2012:

	Name	Identifying information	Reasons	Date of listing
'352	Fereydoun Mohammadi SAGHAEI فریدون محمدی سقایی	Date of birth: 1964; Nationality: Iranian; Gender: male	Fereydoun Mohammadi Saghaei is Deputy Commander of the Islamic Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) Aerospace Force. He is in charge of the IRGC's air defence project in Syria. That project takes place within the context of Iran supporting the Syrian regime by sending military equipment and personnel to Syria. Therefore, Fereydoun Mohammadi Saghaei is supporting the Syrian regime.	20.7.2023'