

COUNCIL OF THE EUROPEAN UNION



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EU terrorist list - Adoption of new consolidated list

- Review of the list

The Council has conducted a complete review of the persons and entities subject to the EU's autonomous regime on specific restrictive measures directed against certain persons and entities with a view to combating terrorism (Common Position 2001/931/CFSP and Council Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001¹).

In the light of this review, the Council has adopted a Common Position updating Common Position 2001/931/CFSP on the application of specific measures to combat terrorism. The list of the persons and entities subject to the measures is annexed to the Common Position.

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JO L 344 28.12.2001, p. 70.
Council Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 of 27 December 2001 provides for a freezing of all funds, other financial assets and economic resources belonging to the persons, groups and entities concerned and that no funds, other financial assets and economic resources may be made available to them, whether directly or indirectly.

The following entities are removed from the EU's list:

- Nuclei Territoriali Antimperialisti (Anti-Imperialist Territorial Units);
- Nuclei di Iniziativa Proletaria Rivoluzionaria (Unit for Revolutinonary Proletarian Initiative);
- Nuclei di Iniziativa Proletaria (Units for Proletarian Initiative).

One new entity has been added to the EU's list:

EPANASTATIKOS AGONAS (Revolutionary Struggle).

Concerning the persons and entities which are also on the list provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001, the Council has adopted a Decision maintaining them on that list (35 persons and 30 groups are concerned).

The parties concerned will be informed via a "letter of notification" of the specific information that forms the basis for the Council's decision¹.

The parties concerned may challenge the Council's Decision before the Court of First Instance of the European Communities.

Both acts, including the new consolidated lists, are published in today's Official Journal of the EU (*OJ L 169 of 29.06.2007 pp.58 and 69*).

- Improvement of procedures

Finally, improvements have been agreed regarding the listing and de-listing procedures concerning those on the EU terrorist list, in the light of the Court of First Instance's ruling of 12 December 2006 in the OMPI case. In particular, a statement of reasons is now provided for each person or entity subject to an asset freeze (see below), and the persons and entities concerned are informed of the possibility to submit a request, together with supporting documentation, that the decision to include them on the list should be reconsidered. New procedures have also been agreed concerning notification, the handling of proposals for listing and of requests for de-listing, and the review of the list.

For those whose address is unknown, a notice is published in today's Official Journal ("C" Series) which indicates that they may submit a request to obtain the Council's statement of reasons concerning them.

Against this background, a new working party will be charged with examining proposals for listings and de-listings and with preparing the regular review of the list by the Council as foreseen in Article 1(6) of the Common Position. The mandate, the practical arrangements and working methods for this new Council Working Party can be found in document 10826/1/07 REVI.

Background

The EU first adopted restrictive measures against persons and entities involved in terrorism in December 2001, in the wake of the terrorist attacks on 11 September that year. Since then the lists of those subject to the restrictive measures have been reviewed on a regular basis.

All persons and entities on the list annexed to Common Position 2001/931/CFSP are subject to enhanced measures relating to police and judicial cooperation in criminal matters within the framework of Title VI of the Treaty of the European Union. In addition, those persons and entities which are also on the list provided for in Regulation (EC) No 2580/2001 are subject to an asset freeze implemented by the European Community.

This EU autonomous regime is different from the EU regime implementing UN Security Council Resolutions 1267 (1999) and 1390 (2002) on the freezing of funds of persons and entities associated with Usama bin Laden, the Al-Qaida network and the Taliban (Council Regulation (EC No 881/2002: 'EU/UN regime').