

**EXPLANATORY MEMORANDUM TO  
THE SUDAN (UNITED NATIONS MEASURES) (OVERSEAS  
TERRITORIES) ORDER 2005**

**2005 No.1258**

1. This Explanatory Memorandum has been prepared by the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and is laid before Parliament by Command of Her Majesty.

**2. Description**

2.1 This instrument (the Order) give effect in the Overseas Territories to financial sanctions agreed in Resolution 1591 adopted by the Security Council of the United Nations on 29th March 2005.

**3. Matters of special interest to the Joint Committee on Statutory Instruments**

3.1 None

**4. Legislative background**

4.1. On 29th March 2005 the Security Council of the United Nations adopted Resolution 1591 (the Resolution). The Resolution imposes financial sanctions on persons designated by the Sanctions Committee established by paragraph 3(a) of the Resolution as impeding the peace process, as constituting a threat to stability in Darfur and the region, as committing violations of international humanitarian or human rights law or other atrocities, as violating the arms embargo or as being responsible for certain prohibited military flights (“designated persons”). This Order implements the financial sanctions in the Overseas Territories.

4.2. The Resolution also strengthens an existing arms embargo which is implemented in the Overseas Territories in the Sudan (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) Order 2004 (SI 2004 No. 349) (as amended by the Sudan (Restrictive Measures) (Overseas Territories) (Amendment) Order 2004 (SI 2004 No. 1980)).

4.3. The Resolution imposes a travel ban against designated persons which is implemented administratively by the Overseas Territories.

**5. Extent**

5.1 This instrument applies to the following territories: Anguilla, Bermuda, British Antarctic Territory, British Indian Ocean Territory, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Falkland Islands, Gibraltar, Montserrat, Pitcairn, Henderson, Ducie and Oeno Islands, St Helena, St Helena Dependencies, South Georgia and the South Sandwich Islands, Turks and Caicos Islands, and the UK Sovereign Base Areas of Akrotiri and Dhekelia in the island of Cyprus. All the territories were consulted.

## **6. European Convention on Human Rights**

6.1 Not applicable.

## **7. Policy background**

7.1 Given the ongoing civil war in Sudan the Security Council of the United Nations deemed it appropriate to strengthen the restrictive measures against Sudan.

## **8. Impact**

8.1 A Regulatory Impact Assessment has not been prepared for this Order as it has no impact on business, charities or voluntary bodies.

## **9. Contact**

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