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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2001 No. 396**

**The Afghanistan (United Nations Sanctions) Order 2001**

*OFFICES AND BUSINESSES*

**Taliban offices**

14. Any person who establishes or maintains any office or other premises under the name of “the Taliban” or “the Islamic Emirates of Afghanistan” shall be guilty of an offence under this Order.

**Ariana Afghan Airlines**

15.—(1) Any person who carries on any business, or establishes or maintains any place of business, under the name of “Ariana Afghan Airlines” shall be guilty of an offence under this Order.

(2) Any person who, except under the authority of a licence granted by the Secretary of State under this article, establishes or maintains any place of business in connection with the carriage of persons or goods by air (whether to or from the United Kingdom or elsewhere) by any person connected with the Taliban shall be guilty of an offence under this Order, subject to paragraph (4) below.

(3) Any person connected with the Taliban who, except under the authority of a licence granted by the Secretary of State under this article, carries on any business of carrying persons or goods by air (whether to or from the United Kingdom or elsewhere) shall be guilty of an offence under this Order.

(4) In the case of proceedings for an offence in contravention of paragraph (2) of this article, it shall be a defence for the accused person to prove that he did not know and had no reason to suppose that the carriage of persons or goods was by a person connected with the Taliban.