

2017 No. 615

PREVENTION AND SUPPRESSION OF TERRORISM

The Proscribed Organisations (Name Change) Order 2017

Made - - - - 25th April 2017

Laid before Parliament 2nd May 2017

Coming into force - - 3rd May 2017

The Secretary of State makes the following Order in exercise of the powers conferred by section 3(6)(a) of the Terrorism Act 2000(a).

In accordance with section 3(6)(a) of that Act, the Secretary of State believes that the organisation listed as Al-Qa'ida in Schedule 2 to that Act is operating wholly or partly under a name that is not specified in that Schedule (whether as well as or instead of under the specified name).

Citation and commencement

1. This Order may be cited as the Proscribed Organisations (Name Change) Order 2017 and comes into force on the day after the day on which it is laid before Parliament.

Name change

2. Hay'at Tahrir Al-Sham, being a name that is not specified in Schedule 2 to the Terrorism Act 2000 (proscribed organisations), is to be treated as another name for the organisation listed in that Schedule as Al-Qa'ida(b).

Home Office
25th April 2017

Ben Wallace
Minister of State

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Order)

Part 2 of the Terrorism Act 2000 (c. 11) makes provision about proscribed organisations (including setting out offences in relation to such organisations in sections 11 to 13). An organisation is proscribed if it is listed in Schedule 2 to that Act or operates under the same name as an organisation so listed (section 3(1)).

(a) 2000 c. 11; section 3(6) was inserted by section 22(2) of the Terrorism Act 2006 (c. 11).
(b) Al-Qa'ida was added to Schedule 2 to the Terrorism Act 2000 by article 2 of S.I. 2001/1261. Article 2 of S.I. 2013/1795 specifies that "al-Nusrah Front" and "Jabhat al-Nusrah li-ahl al Sham" are to be treated as other names for Al-Qa'ida. Article 2 of S.I. 2016/1187 specifies that "Jabhat Fatah al-Sham" is to be treated as another name for Al-Qa'ida. Other amendments to Schedule 2 to the Terrorism Act 2000 are not relevant.

Section 3(6) of the Terrorism Act 2000 (as inserted by section 22(2) of the Terrorism Act 2006 (c. 11)) enables the Secretary of State, by order, to provide that a name that is not specified in Schedule 2 to that Act is to be treated as another name for an organisation that is listed in that Schedule. Article 2 of this Order specifies “Hay’at Tahrir Al-Sham” as another name for the organisation listed in Schedule 2 as Al-Qa’ida.

An impact assessment has not been produced for this instrument as no impact on the private or voluntary sectors is foreseen.

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