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PART 6

Trade

CHAPTER 4

Unmanned Aerial Vehicles

Interpretation

36. In this Chapter—

“unmanned aerial vehicle goods” means—

- (a) any thing specified in Schedule 4 other than any thing which is unmanned aerial vehicle technology, and
- (b) any tangible storage medium on which unmanned aerial vehicle technology is recorded or from which it can be derived;

“unmanned aerial vehicle technology” means any thing which is described in Schedule 4 as software or technology, within the meaning of that Schedule.

Export of unmanned aerial vehicle goods

- 37.—**(1) The export of unmanned aerial vehicle goods to, or for use in, Iran is prohibited.
(2) Paragraph (1) is subject to Part 8 (Exceptions and licences).

Supply and delivery of unmanned aerial vehicle goods

38.—(1) A person must not directly or indirectly supply or deliver unmanned aerial vehicle goods from a third country to a place in Iran.

(2) Paragraph (1) is subject to Part 8 (Exceptions and licences).

(3) A person who contravenes the prohibition in paragraph (1) commits an offence, but it is a defence for a person charged with that offence to show that the person did not know and had no reasonable cause to suspect that the goods were destined (or ultimately destined) for Iran.

(4) In this regulation, “third country” means a country that is not the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or Iran.

Making unmanned aerial vehicle goods and unmanned aerial vehicle technology available

39.—(1) A person must not—

- (a) directly or indirectly make unmanned aerial vehicle goods or unmanned aerial vehicle technology available to a person connected with Iran;

- (b) directly or indirectly make unmanned aerial vehicle goods or unmanned aerial vehicle technology available for use in Iran.
- (2) Paragraph (1) is subject to Part 8 (Exceptions and licences).
- (3) A person who contravenes a prohibition in paragraph (1) commits an offence, but—
 - (a) it is a defence for a person charged with the offence of contravening paragraph (1)(a) (“P”) to show that P did not know and had no reasonable cause to suspect that the person was connected with Iran;
 - (b) it is a defence for a person charged with the offence of contravening paragraph (1)(b) to show that the person did not know and had no reasonable cause to suspect that the goods or technology were for use in Iran.

Transfer of unmanned aerial vehicle technology

- 40.**—(1) A person must not—
- (a) transfer unmanned aerial vehicle technology to a place in Iran;
 - (b) transfer unmanned aerial vehicle technology to a person connected with Iran.
- (2) Paragraph (1) is subject to Part 8 (Exceptions and licences).
- (3) A person who contravenes a prohibition in paragraph (1) commits an offence, but—
- (a) it is a defence for a person charged with the offence of contravening paragraph (1)(a) to show that the person did not know and had no reasonable cause to suspect that the transfer was to a place in Iran;
 - (b) it is a defence for a person charged with the offence of contravening paragraph (1)(b) (“P”) to show that P did not know and had no reasonable cause to suspect that the person was connected with Iran.

Technical assistance relating to unmanned aerial vehicle goods and unmanned aerial vehicle technology

- 41.**—(1) A person must not directly or indirectly provide technical assistance relating to unmanned aerial vehicle goods or unmanned aerial vehicle technology—
- (a) to a person connected with Iran, or
 - (b) for use in Iran.
- (2) Paragraph (1) is subject to Part 8 (Exceptions and licences).
- (3) A person who contravenes a prohibition in paragraph (1) commits an offence, but—
- (a) it is a defence for a person charged with the offence of contravening paragraph (1)(a) (“P”) to show that P did not know and had no reasonable cause to suspect that the person was connected with Iran;
 - (b) it is a defence for a person charged with the offence of contravening paragraph (1)(b) to show that the person did not know and had no reasonable cause to suspect that the goods or technology were for use in Iran.

Financial services and funds relating to unmanned aerial vehicle goods and unmanned aerial vehicle technology

- 42.**—(1) A person must not directly or indirectly provide, to a person connected with Iran, financial services in pursuance of or in connection with an arrangement whose object or effect is—
- (a) the export of unmanned aerial vehicle goods,

- (b) the direct or indirect supply or delivery of unmanned aerial vehicle goods,
 - (c) directly or indirectly making unmanned aerial vehicle goods or unmanned aerial vehicle technology available to a person,
 - (d) the transfer of unmanned aerial vehicle technology, or
 - (e) the direct or indirect provision of technical assistance relating to unmanned aerial vehicle goods or unmanned aerial vehicle technology.
- (2) A person must not directly or indirectly make funds available to a person connected with Iran in pursuance of or in connection with an arrangement mentioned in paragraph (1).
- (3) A person must not directly or indirectly provide financial services or funds in pursuance of or in connection with an arrangement whose object or effect is—
- (a) the export of unmanned aerial vehicle goods to, or for use in, Iran,
 - (b) the direct or indirect supply or delivery of unmanned aerial vehicle goods to a place in Iran,
 - (c) directly or indirectly making unmanned aerial vehicle goods or unmanned aerial vehicle technology available—
 - (i) to a person connected with Iran, or
 - (ii) for use in Iran,
 - (d) the transfer of unmanned aerial vehicle technology—
 - (i) to a person connected with Iran, or
 - (ii) to a place in Iran, or
 - (e) the direct or indirect provision of technical assistance relating to unmanned aerial vehicle goods or unmanned aerial vehicle technology—
 - (i) to a person connected with Iran, or
 - (ii) for use in Iran.
- (4) Paragraphs (1) to (3) are subject to Part 8 (Exceptions and licences).
- (5) A person who contravenes a prohibition in any of paragraphs (1) to (3) commits an offence, but—
- (a) it is a defence for a person charged with an offence of contravening paragraph (1) or (2) (“P”) to show that P did not know and had no reasonable cause to suspect that the person was connected with Iran;
 - (b) it is a defence for a person charged with an offence of contravening a prohibition in paragraph (3) to show that the person did not know and had no reasonable cause to suspect that the financial services or funds (as the case may be) were provided in pursuance of or in connection with an arrangement mentioned in that paragraph.

Brokering services: non-UK activity relating to unmanned aerial vehicle goods and unmanned aerial vehicle technology

- 43.—**(1) A person must not directly or indirectly provide brokering services in relation to an arrangement (“arrangement A”) whose object or effect is—
- (a) the direct or indirect supply or delivery of unmanned aerial vehicle goods from a third country to a place in Iran,
 - (b) directly or indirectly making unmanned aerial vehicle goods available in a third country for direct or indirect supply or delivery—
 - (i) to a person connected with Iran, or
 - (ii) to a place in Iran,

- (c) directly or indirectly making unmanned aerial vehicle technology available in a third country for transfer—
 - (i) to a person connected with Iran, or
 - (ii) to a place in Iran,
- (d) the transfer of unmanned aerial vehicle technology from a place in a third country—
 - (i) to a person connected with Iran, or
 - (ii) to a place in Iran,
- (e) the direct or indirect provision, in a non-UK country, of technical assistance relating to unmanned aerial vehicle goods or unmanned aerial vehicle technology—
 - (i) to a person connected with Iran, or
 - (ii) for use in Iran,
- (f) the direct or indirect provision, in a non-UK country, of financial services—
 - (i) to a person connected with Iran, where arrangement A, or any other arrangement in connection with which arrangement A is entered into, is an arrangement mentioned in regulation 42(1), or
 - (ii) where arrangement A, or any other arrangement in connection with which arrangement A is entered into, is an arrangement mentioned in regulation 42(3),
- (g) directly or indirectly making funds available, in a non-UK country, to a person connected with Iran, where arrangement A, or any other arrangement in connection with which arrangement A is entered into, is an arrangement mentioned in regulation 42(1), or
- (h) the direct or indirect provision of funds from a non-UK country, where arrangement A, or any other arrangement in connection with which arrangement A is entered into, is an arrangement mentioned in regulation 42(3).

(2) Paragraph (1) is subject to Part 8 (Exceptions and licences).

(3) A person who contravenes a prohibition in paragraph (1) commits an offence, but it is a defence for a person charged with that offence to show that the person did not know and had no reasonable cause to suspect that the brokering services were provided in relation to an arrangement mentioned in that paragraph.

(4) In this regulation—

“non-UK country” means a country that is not the United Kingdom;

“third country” means—

- (a) for the purposes of paragraph (1)(a) and (b), a country that is not the United Kingdom, the Isle of Man or Iran, and
- (b) for the purposes of any other provision of paragraph (1), a country that is not the United Kingdom or Iran.