

Homeland Security and the Attorney General, to have committed, or to pose a significant risk of committing, acts of terrorism that threaten the security of U.S. nationals or the national security, foreign policy, or economy of the United States; (3) persons determined by the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Departments of State, Homeland Security and Justice, to be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on behalf of those persons listed in the Annex to the Order or those persons determined to be subject to subsection 1(b), 1(c), or 1(d)(i) of the Order; and (4) except as provided in section 5 of the Order and after such consultation, if any, with foreign authorities as the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security and the Attorney General, deems appropriate in the exercise of his discretion, persons determined by the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Departments of State, Homeland Security and Justice, to assist in, sponsor, or provide financial, material, or technological support for, or financial or other services to or in support of, such acts of terrorism or those persons listed in the Annex to the Order or determined to be subject to the Order or to be otherwise associated with those persons listed in the Annex to the Order or those persons determined to be subject to subsection 1(b), 1(c), or 1(d)(i) of the Order.

On July 17, 2008, the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Departments of State, Homeland Security, Justice and other relevant agencies, designated, pursuant to one or more of the criteria set forth in subsections 1(b), 1(c) or 1(d) of the Order, four individuals whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13224.

The list of designees is as follows:

1. GASMI, Salah (a.k.a. "BOUNOUADHER"; a.k.a. "SALAH ABU MOHAMED"; a.k.a. "SALAH ABU MUHAMAD"); DOB 13 Apr 1971; POB Zeribet El Oued, Biskra, Algeria (individual) [SDGT].
2. DJOUADI, Yahia (a.k.a. ABU AMAR, Yahia; a.k.a. "ABOU ALAM"; a.k.a. "ABU ALA"); DOB 1 Jan 1967; POB M'Hamid, Sidi Bel Abbas, Algeria (individual) [SDGT].
3. DEGHDEGH, Ahmed (a.k.a. "ABU ABDALLAH"; a.k.a. "AL ILLAH, Abd"); DOB 17 Jan 1967; POB Anser, Jijel, Algeria (individual) [SDGT].
4. HAMMADOU, Abid (a.k.a. ABOU ZEID, Abdelhamid; a.k.a. ABU ZEID, Abdelhamid; a.k.a. ADEL, Youcef; a.k.a. HAMADU, Abid; a.k.a. "ABU ABDELLAH"); DOB 12 Dec 1965; POB

Touggourt, Ouargla, Algeria (individual) [SDGT].

Dated: July 17, 2008.

**Adam J. Szubin,**

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Foreign Assets Control

#### Identification of Blocked Entities Pursuant to Executive Order 13460

**AGENCY:** Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") is publishing the names of two entities that have been identified as entities in which Rami Makhluf, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13460 of February 13, 2008, "Blocking Property of Additional Persons in Connection With the National Emergency With Respect to Syria," owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest. Therefore, all property and interests in property of such entities are blocked.

**DATES:** The identification by the Secretary of the Treasury of these two entities is effective on July 10, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Assistant Director, Compliance Outreach & Implementation, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220, tel.: 202/622-2490.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC's Web site (<http://www.treas.gov/ofac>) or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, tel.: 202/622-0077.

##### Background

On May 11, 2004, the President issued Executive Order 13338 pursuant to, inter alia, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*, the Syria Accountability and Lebanese Sovereignty Restoration Act of 2003, Public Law 108-175, and section 301 of title 3, United States Code. In Executive Order 13338, the President declared a national emergency to address the threat posed by the actions of the Government of Syria in supporting terrorism,

continuing its occupation of Lebanon, pursuing weapons of mass destruction and missile programs, and undermining the United States and international efforts with respect to the stabilization and reconstruction of Iraq.

On February 13, 2008, the President issued Executive Order 13460 (the "Order") pursuant to, inter alia, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*, the National Emergencies Act, 50 U.S.C. 1601 *et seq.*, and section 301 of title 3, United States Code. In the Order, the President found that the Government of Syria continues to engage in certain conduct that formed the basis for the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, including but not limited to undermining efforts with respect to the stabilization of Iraq. The President further found that the conduct of certain members of the Government of Syria and other persons contributing to public corruption related to Syria, including by misusing Syrian public assets or by misusing public authority, entrenches and enriches the Government of Syria and its supporters and thereby enables the Government of Syria to continue to engage in certain conduct that formed the basis for the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13338.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property of the following persons, that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of United States persons: Persons who are determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to be responsible for, to have engaged in, to have facilitated, or to have secured improper advantage as a result of, public corruption by senior officials within the Government of Syria.

On July 10, 2008, the Secretary of the Treasury identified two entities in which Rami Makhluf, whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13460, owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest. Therefore, all property and interests in property of such entities are blocked.

The list of blocked entities is as follows:

1. RAMAK (a.k.a. RAMAK DUTY FREE; a.k.a. RAMAK DUTY FREE SHOP LTD; a.k.a. RAMAK DUTY FREE SHOPS—SYRIA; a.k.a. RAMAK DUTY FREE SHOPS LTD.; a.k.a. RAMAK FIRM FOR FREE TRADE ZONES), Free Zone Area, Jamarek, P.O. Box 932, Damascus, Syria; Al Rawda Street, P.O. Box 932,

Damascus, Syria; Abu Ramana Street, Rawda, Damascus, Syria; Damascus Duty Free, Damascus International Airport, Damascus, Syria; Dara'a Duty Free, Naseeb Border Center, Dara'a, Syria; Aleppo Duty Free, Aleppo International Airport, Aleppo, Syria; Jdaideh Duty Free Complex, Jdaideh Yaboos, Damascus, Syria; Bab el Hawa Border Center, Aleppo, Syria; Lattakia Port, Lattakia, Syria; Tartous Port, Tartous, Syria; E-mail Address [dam.d.free@net.sy](mailto:dam.d.free@net.sy) (Syria); Web site <http://www.ramakdutyfree.net> (Syria) [SYRIA].

2. SYRIATEL (a.k.a. SYRIATEL MOBILE; a.k.a. SYRIATEL MOBILE TELECOM; a.k.a. SYRIATEL MOBILE TELECOM SA), Doctors Syndicate Building, Al Jalaa Street, Abu Roumaneh Area, P.O. Box 2900, Damascus, Syria [SYRIA].

Dated: July 18, 2008.

**Adam J. Szubin,**

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

### Office of Thrift Supervision

#### Recordkeeping and Confirmation Requirements for Securities Transactions

**AGENCY:** Office of Thrift Supervision (OTS), Treasury.

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on proposed and continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3507. The Office of Thrift Supervision within the Department of the Treasury will submit the proposed information collection requirement described below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for

review, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act. Today, OTS is soliciting public comments on its proposal to extend this information collection.

**DATES:** Submit written comments on or before October 20, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments, referring to the collection by title of the proposal or by OMB approval number, to Information Collection Comments, Chief Counsel's Office, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552; send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-6518; or send an e-mail to [infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov](mailto:infocollection.comments@ots.treas.gov). OTS will post comments and the related index on the OTS Internet Site at <http://www.ots.treas.gov>. In addition, interested persons may inspect comments at the Public Reading Room, 1700 G Street, and NW., by appointment. To make an appointment, call (202) 906-5922, send an e-mail to [public.info@ots.treas.gov](mailto:public.info@ots.treas.gov), or send a facsimile transmission to (202) 906-7755.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** You can request additional information about this proposed information collection from Judi McCormick, (202) 906-5636, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** OTS may not conduct or sponsor an information collection, and respondents are not required to respond to an information collection, unless the information collection displays a currently valid OMB control number. As part of the approval process, we invite comments on the following information collection.

Comments should address one or more of the following points:

- a. Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of OTS;
- b. The accuracy of OTS's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection;
- c. Ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected;

d. Ways to minimize the burden of the information collection on respondents, including through the use of information technology.

We will summarize the comments that we receive and include them in the OTS request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. In this notice, OTS is soliciting comments concerning the following information collection.

*Title of Proposal:* Recordkeeping and Confirmation Requirements for Securities Transactions.

*OMB Number:* 1550-0109.

*Form Numbers:* N/A.

*Regulation requirement:* 12 CFR part 551.

*Description:* The regulation found at 12 CFR part 551 imposes recordkeeping and confirmation requirements for savings associations that effect securities transactions.

The recordkeeping and confirmation regulation ensures that savings association customers receive the same protections and disclosures provided to brokerage customers; ensures savings associations effect securities transactions safely and soundly; and provides savings associations with formal guidance when they effect securities transactions.

*Type of Review:* Extension of a currently approved collection.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit.

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 829.

*Estimated Number of Responses:* 829.

*Estimated Frequency of Response:* On occasion.

*Estimated Total Burden:* 4,235 hours.

*Clearance Officer:* Ira L. Mills, (202) 906-6531, Office of Thrift Supervision, 1700 G Street, NW., Washington, DC 20552.

Dated: August 13, 2008.

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