



HM TREASURY

TERRORISM AND AL-QAIDA FINANCIAL SANCTIONS

GENERAL LICENCE

(Legal Aid)

Authority to grant licence:

1. This licence is granted under section 17 of the Terrorist Asset Freezing etc. Act 2010 (**"the Act"**), Article 5(2) of Council Regulation (EC) No. 2580/2001 (**"Regulation 2580"**), and is also granted under regulation 9 of The Al-Qaida (Asset-Freezing) Regulations 2011 (**"the Regulations"**) and Article 2a of Council Regulation (EC) No. 881/2002 (**"Regulation 881"**), in accordance with UN Security Council Resolution 1452/2002.
2. Any act which would otherwise breach the prohibitions in sections 11-15 of the Act, Article 2 of Regulation 2580, regulations 3-7 of the Regulations or Article 2 of Regulation 881 is exempt from those prohibitions to the extent required to give effect to this licence.

Definitions:

3. In this licence:

"Designated Person" means	a designated person within the meaning of section 1 of the Act or regulation 2 of the Regulations;
"the LAA" is	the Legal Aid Agency, an executive agency of the Ministry of Justice;
"the GCEU" is	the General Court of the European Union;
"the Solicitors" means	any firm of solicitors who acts for a Designated Person.
"the Solicitors' Bank" means	the bank with whom the Solicitors' bank account is held; and

Licence:

4. Under this licence:
 - 4.1 the LAA may pay money to the Solicitors in respect of fees and disbursements incurred or made by the Solicitors in advising and/or acting for a Designated Person;
 - 4.2 the Solicitors may make such disbursements as are appropriate in the course of providing a Designated Person with legal advice and representation; and

- 4.3 the Solicitors and/or the Solicitors' Bank may apply any funds received in accordance with paragraph 4.1, and any funds received from the GCEU in respect of legal aid payments, to the Solicitors' fees and disbursements incurred or made in connection with their advice to and representation of a Designated Person.

No direct benefit to a Designated Person:

5. Nothing in paragraph 4 above permits funds to be paid directly to a Designated Person.

Reporting Requirements:

6. Solicitors are required to report to the Treasury when a grant of Legal Aid has been made to a designated person.

Duration of licence:

7. This licence takes effect from the date of issue. HM Treasury may vary or revoke this licence at any time.

Revocation of previous licence:

8. This licence replaces and revokes AFU/2010/46.

Authorised by:

Financial Sanctions

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HM Treasury

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