

# Overview of current sanctions measures against Iraq

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## 1. United Nations (UN) sanctions against Iraq

### ARMS EMBARGO

All States are required to prevent the sale or supply to Iraq of arms and related materiel.

### ASSETS FREEZE

All Member States in which there are funds, other financial assets and economic resources owned or controlled by individuals or entities included in the list of individuals established pursuant to resolution 1483 (2003) or the list of entities established pursuant to resolution 1483 (2003) are required to freeze without delay those assets and immediately shall cause their transfer to the Development Fund for Iraq.

SOURCE: <https://main.un.org/securitycouncil/en/sanctions/1518>

## 2. United States (US) sanctions against Iraq

There currently are no broad-based sanctions in place against Iraq, but there are certain prohibitions and asset freezes against specific individuals and entities.

### ASSETS FREEZE

- Asset freeze against designated persons and entities who threaten stabilisation efforts in Iraq.

- U.S. persons are prohibited from transferring, paying, exporting, withdrawing, or otherwise dealing in the property and interests in property of an entity or individual listed on the SDN List. Entities which a designated party owns (defined as an ownership interest of 50% or more) are also blocked, regardless of whether that entity is separately named on OFAC's SDN List.

### **TRADE RESTRICTIONS**

Policy of denial for license applications for the export of reexport to Iraq or transfer within Iraq of any item controlled on the Commerce Control List for UN reasons.

SOURCE: <https://ofac.treasury.gov/sanctions-programs-and-country-information/iraq-related-sanctions> & <https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/documents/regulation-docs/420-part-746-embargoes-and-other-special-controls/file>

## **3. European Union (EU) sanctions against Iraq**

### **ARMS EMBARGO**

The sale, supply, transfer or export of arms and related material of all types, including weapons and ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment and spare parts for the aforementioned, to Iraq by nationals of Member States or from the territories of Member States or using their flag vessels or aircraft shall be prohibited whether originating or not in their territories.

### **ASSETS FREEZE**

All funds and economic resources owned or controlled directly or indirectly by listed persons and entities shall be frozen.

No funds or economic resources shall be made available, directly or indirectly, to or for the benefit of listed persons, entities or bodies.

SOURCE:

<https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main/details/19/?search=%7B%22value%22:%22%22,%22searchType%22:%7B%7D%7D>

## 4. United Kingdom (UK) sanctions against Iraq

The Iraq (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 put in place sanctions measures to ensure the UK continues to meet its obligations under United Nations Security Council Resolution 661 (1990) and 1483 (2003)

### PROHIBITIONS ON FINANCE

- Partial asset-freeze in relation to the former Government of Iraq and its state bodies, corporations or agencies
- Asset freeze in relation to persons connected with the former Iraqi regime
- Prohibition to make funds available to, or for the benefit of, persons connected with the former Iraqi regime
- Prohibition to make economic resources available to, or for the benefit of, persons connected with the former Iraqi regime
- Prohibition on circumventing

### PROHIBITIONS ON TRADE

- Arms embargo - prohibition on export, supply, delivery, making available, transfer, brokering services in relation to military goods and military technology
- Prohibition on illegally removed Iraqi Cultural Property
- Prohibition on circumventing

### PROHIBITION ON FINANCE

SOURCE: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/financial-sanctions-iraq>

## 5. Canada sanctions against Iraq

Sanctions related to Iraq were enacted under the United Nations Act to give effect to United Nations Security Council resolutions. Subject to certain exceptions, the sanctions imposed against Iraq include:

### ARMS EMBARGO

A prohibition on the export of arms and related material to any person in Iraq.

### FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS

Asset freeze against the previous government of Iraq (i.e., that existed prior to May 22, 2003) and any person designated by the UN sanctions committee established pursuant to Resolution 661 (661 Committee).

### **IRAQI CULTURAL PROPERTY**

Anyone in Canada and any Canadian outside Canada is required to freeze any property in their possession or control belonging to the previous Iraqi government and Saddam Hussein and his associates as designated by the 1518 Committee.

SOURCE:

[https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international\\_relations-relations\\_internationales/sanctions/iraq.aspx?lang=eng](https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relations-relations_internationales/sanctions/iraq.aspx?lang=eng)