

Overview of current sanctions measures concerning Nicaragua

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1. United Nations (UN) sanctions concerning Nicaragua

None

2. United States (US) sanctions concerning Nicaragua

ASSETS FREEZE

All property and interests in property that are in the United States, that come within the United States, or that are or come within the possession or control of any U.S. person of listed persons are blocked and may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in.

TRAVEL BAN

The unrestricted immigrant and nonimmigrant entry into the United States of listed aliens, as well as immediate family members of such aliens, or aliens determined by the Secretary of State to be employed by, or acting as an agent of, such aliens, would be detrimental to the interest of the United States, and the entry of such persons into the United States, as immigrants and nonimmigrants, is hereby suspended.

IMPORT RESTRICTIONS

An amendment to Nicaragua's Harmonized Tax Code prohibits the importation of vehicles that are ten

years or older. There are several exceptions such as classic or historic vehicles, certain donated vehicles, and certain vehicles used for cargo or public transportation.

EXPORT CONTROLS

- The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) of the Department of Commerce administers dual-use EXPORT CONTROLS. BIS administers these controls through the Export Administration Regulations (EAR, 15 C.F.R. 730 et seq.), which includes the Commerce Control List (CCL) of dual-use technologies subject to controls. The EAR sets licensing policy for specific destinations, end use, and end user controls.
- Based on the Commerce Country Chart (Supplement No. 1 to Part 738 page 11, EAR), you need to obtain an export license for exports to Nicaragua of items on the CCL controlled for the following reasons: CB 1, CB 2, NP 1, NS 1, NS 2, MT 1, RS, 1, RS 2, FC, 1, CC 1, and CC 3.
- Note: If there is an “X” in the box, this means that I require a license for exports to that particular country. If the space is blank and there is no “X”, this means that I do not need an export license for a shipment to the country in question.

SOURCE:

<https://ofac.treasury.gov/sanctions-programs-and-country-information/nicaragua-related-sanctions> & <https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/documents/regulations-docs/federalregister-notices/federal-register-2014/1033-738-supp-1/file>

3. European Union (EU) sanctions concerning Nicaragua

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Member States shall take the measures necessary to prevent the entry into, or transit through, their territories of listed natural persons.

ASSETS FREEZE

- All funds and economic resources belonging to, owned, held or controlled by listed natural or legal persons, entities or bodies shall be frozen.
- No funds or economic resources shall be made available directly or indirectly to or for the benefit of the listed natural or legal persons, entities or bodies.

CLAIMS

No claims in connection with any contract or transaction the performance of which has been affected, directly or indirectly, in whole or in part, by the measures imposed under this Decision, including claims

for indemnity or any other claim of this type, such as a claim for compensation or a claim under a guarantee, in particular a claim for extension or payment of a bond, guarantee or indemnity, in particular a financial guarantee or financial indemnity, of whatever form, shall be satisfied, if they are made by listed persons.

SOURCE:

<https://www.sanctionsmap.eu/#/main/details/48/?search=%7B%22value%22:%22%22,%22searchType%22:%7B%7D%7D>

4. United Kingdom (UK) sanctions concerning Nicaragua

The Nicaragua (Sanctions) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020 puts in place measures.

PROHIBITIONS ON FINANCE

Asset freeze in relation to designated persons

- Prohibition to make funds available to, or for the benefit of, designated persons
- Prohibition to make economic resources available to, or for the benefit of, designated persons
- Prohibition on circumventing

DIRECTOR DISQUALIFICATION SANCTIONS

PROHIBITIONS ON IMMIGRATION

- Refusal of leave to enter and/or remain in the United Kingdom
- Cancelling a persons leave to enter or remain in the United Kingdom

SOURCE: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/uk-sanctions-on-nicaragua>

5. Canada sanctions concerning Nicaragua

Sanctions related to Nicaragua have been enacted under the Special Economic Measures Act in response to the gross and systematic human rights violations that have been committed in Nicaragua. Subject to certain exceptions, the measures imposed against Nicaragua include:

FINANCIAL RESTRICTIONS

- Prohibition on dealing in property, wherever situated, that is owned, held or controlled by a listed person or a person acting on behalf of a listed person;
- Prohibition on entering into or facilitating any transaction related to a dealing prohibited by these Regulations;
- Prohibition on providing any financial or related services in respect of a dealing prohibited by these Regulations;
- Prohibition on making available any goods, wherever situated, to a listed person or a person acting on behalf of a listed person;
- Prohibition on providing any financial or other related services to or for the benefit of a listed person.

CIRCUMVENTION & FACILITATING

Causing, facilitating or assisting in prohibited activities is likewise prohibited.

TRAVEL BAN

Listed individuals are inadmissible to Canada.

SOURCE:

https://www.international.gc.ca/world-monde/international_relationsrelations_internationales/sanctions/nicaragua.aspx?lang=eng#a1