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FINANCIAL TRANSFERS (SYRIA) (PROHIBITION) ORDER 2011

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I, MICHAEL NOONAN, Minister for Finance, in exercise of the powers conferred on me by section 4 of the Financial Transfers Act 1992 (No. 27 of 1992) and for the purpose of giving full effect to Council Regulation (EU) No. 442/2011 of 9 May 2011¹, hereby make the following order:

1. This Order may be cited as the Financial Transfers (Syria) (Prohibition) Order 2011.

2. (1) In this Order “Council Regulation” means Council Regulation (EU) No. 442/2011 of 9 May 2011¹, as amended by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 504/2011 of 23 May 2011².

(2) A word or expression which is used in this Order has, unless the context otherwise requires, the same meaning that it has in the Council Regulation.

3. A person shall not make a financial transfer between the State and another country the effect of which would be to enable or facilitate, directly or indirectly, the doing of any thing which is a breach of the Council Regulation.

4. Notwithstanding Article 3 of this Order, a person who has received prior approval under Article 3 of the Council Regulation or a prior authorisation under Article 6, 7 or 9 of the Council Regulation may, subject to compliance with the terms and conditions of such approval or authorisation, do such of the things referred to in Article 3 of this Order as are so authorised.

5. The Central Bank of Ireland may, for the purposes of supervision of financial transfers and the administration and enforcement of the provisions of this Order, give such directions or issue such instructions to a person as it sees fit.

6. A person to whom a direction has been given or an instruction issued under Article 5 shall comply with such direction or instruction.

¹OJ No. L.121, 10.05.11, p.1.

²OJ No. L.136, 24.05.11, p.45.

7. A person shall not do anything to directly or indirectly assist in the circumvention of the provisions of this Order.



GIVEN under my Official Seal,
2 June 2011.

MICHAEL NOONAN,
Minister for Finance.

EXPLANATORY NOTE

(This note is not part of the Statutory Instrument and does not purport to be a legal interpretation.)

This Order provides for enforcement of financial sanctions prohibiting financial transfers between the State and another country, as outlined in Council Regulation (EU) No. 442/2011 of 9 May 2011, as amended, concerning restrictive measures against Syria. The sanctions include a prohibition on financial assistance related to the provision of military equipment or equipment which could be used for internal repression in Syria. The Council Regulation also provides for the freezing of funds and economic resources of persons and entities listed in Annex II of the Council Regulation as amended by Council Implementing Regulation (EU) No. 504/2011 of 23 May 2011.

The Order provides that the Central Bank of Ireland may issue instructions for the purpose of giving full effect to the financial sanctions.

The Financial Transfers Act 1992 allows for control of financial transfers between the State and other countries, creates an offence for breach of the provisions of any Order made under it and provides for appropriate penalties.

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