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## **Syrian Sanctions: European Union**

At the Council of the European Union's meeting on 18 January 2012 the Council approved Council Regulation (EU) No 36/2012 which replaced Resolution No 442/2011 which had previously been the primary source of EU sanctions against Syria.

Prohibitions set out in previous regulations and reported in our previous bulletins remain in force. Additional prohibitions introduced with immediate effect by Regulation 36/2012 include:

- Export of telecommunications monitoring equipment,
- Participation and investment in certain infrastructure projects,
- Provision of insurance and reinsurance to the Syrian State, its government, its public bodies, corporations or agencies, or to any person or entity acting on behalf or at the direction of any such organisation,
- The sale, supply, transfer or export of equipment or technology to the refining, liquefied natural gas, exploration and production sectors of the oil and gas industry in Syria. The provision of financial or technical assistance - including brokering services - is also prohibited in relation to such items.

In addition, EU Council Regulation No 55/2012 - effective 24 January 2012 - has amended Annex II of Regulation 36/2012 and extends the list of blacklisted entities and now includes banks and petroleum companies.

A copy of Regulations 36/2012 and 55/2012 can be found at,

<http://eur-lex.europa.eu/LexUriServ/LexUriServ.do?uri=OJ:L:2012:016:0001:0032:EN:PDF>

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