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From: Mr Ivan Rogers, Permanent Representative, Permanent Representation of the United Kingdom to the European Union

On: 20 February 2015

To: Mr Rafael Fernández-Pita y González, Director-General, Council of the European Union

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Subject: Council Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA of 22 July 2003 on the execution in the European Union of orders freezing property or evidence  
- Notification by the United Kingdom

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Dear Sir,

I am writing to inform you of the following declarations made by the United Kingdom to the Council Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA relating to the mutual recognition of freezing orders. Domestic law in the United Kingdom giving effect to this measure was made on the 3 December 2014.

The following declaration have been made in order to make full and effective use of the Framework Decisions in UK domestic law.

The UK welcomes and implements the mutual recognition principle between Member States for the execution of judicial decisions and this complements the UK domestic law on asset recovery and the freezing of assets as provided by UK domestic legislation - The Proceeds of Crime Act 2002.

Council Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA

Referring to Council Framework Decision 2003/577/JHA, the United Kingdom fully transposes into our domestic law all the articles in the Framework Decision. In addition to the United Kingdom's declaration of December 2009 (5254/10) regarding implementation in regards to the freezing of evidence, the United Kingdom declares, in accordance with Article 4(1), that a freezing order in relation to property (except terrorist property) together with the certificate must be sent to:

For England and Wales:

Crown Prosecution Service

Proceeds of Crime

Rose Court

2 Southwark Bridge

London

SE1 9HS

or:

Serious Fraud Office

Proceeds of Crime

Serious Fraud Office

2-4 Cockspur Street

London

SW1Y 5BS

For Northern Ireland:

Public Prosecution Service for Northern Ireland

High Court & International Section

Belfast Chambers

93 Chichester Street

Belfast

BT1 3JR

or:

Serious Fraud Office  
Proceeds of Crime  
Serious Fraud Office  
2-4 Cockspur Street  
London  
SW1Y 5BS

For Scotland:

International Co-operation Unit  
Crown Office  
25 Chambers Street  
Edinburgh  
EH1 1LA  
Tel: +44 (0)131 243 8152  
Fax: +44 (0)131 243 8153  
Email: [coicu@copfs.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:coicu@copfs.gsi.gov.uk)

A freezing order in relation to terrorist property together with the certificate must be sent to:

For England & Wales, and Northern Ireland:

International Criminality Unit  
Home Office  
3rd Floor, Seacole Building  
2 Marsham Street  
London  
SW1P 1AD  
Tel: +44 (0)207 035 4040  
Fax: +44 (0)207 035 6985  
Email: [UKCA-ILOR@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:UKCA-ILOR@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)

For Scotland:

International Co-operation Unit

Crown Office

25 Chambers Street

Edinburgh

EH1 1LA

Tel: +44 (0)131 243 8152

Fax: +44 (0)131 243 8153

Email: [coicu@copfs.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:coicu@copfs.gsi.gov.uk)

In relation to Article 9(3), the United Kingdom will only accept orders, certificates and other supporting documents written in the English language (or accompanied by a certified English translation).

We emphasize that the power and responsibility to issue and recognise freezing orders is a matter for the UK court.

Should you wish to discuss any of the declarations set out above, Stephen Goadby from the Home Office would be happy to provide further details - [stephen.goadby@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:stephen.goadby@homeoffice.gsi.gov.uk)  
+44 (0)20 7035 1559.

(Complimentary close)

(s.) Ivan Rogers

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