

## Introduction

Sanctions impose restrictions on activities that relate to particular countries, goods and services, or persons and entities.<sup>1</sup> They refer to ‘measures not involving the use of armed force’, including a ‘complete or partial interruption of economic relations.’<sup>2</sup> Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade Australia (DFAT) maintains a list of all persons and entities (targets) who are subject to targeted financial sanctions or travel bans under Australian sanctions laws, and lists some of the aims of sanctions as:

- ‘to limit the adverse consequences of the situation of international concern (for example, by denying access to military or paramilitary goods, or to goods, technologies or funding that are enabling the pursuit of programs of proliferation concern);
- to seek to influence those responsible for giving rise to the situation of international concern to modify their behaviour to remove the concern (by motivating them to adopt different policies); and
- to penalise those responsible (for example, by denying access to international travel or to the international financial system).’

## Policy

CMS<sup>3</sup> will not knowingly or intentionally:

- deal with funds or economic resources owned, held, or controlled by a target (or where we know or have reasonable grounds to suspect that a target is holding or controlling those funds or economic resources)
- make funds, financial services, or economic resources available, directly, or indirectly to targets or benefit the targets
- participate in activities that would directly or indirectly circumvent the financial restrictions imposed by the sanctions regime or enable or facilitate the commission of any of the above

## Approval

This is a CMS Policy  
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## Review

This policy is due for revision in five years from the date of approval  
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<sup>1</sup> <https://dfat.gov.au/international-relations/security/sanctions/Pages/about-sanctions.aspx>

<sup>2</sup> Article 41, *The Charter of the United Nations*

<sup>3</sup> Church Missionary Society comprises of the following entities: CMS-Australia, CMS-NSW&ACT, CMS-QNSW, CMS-SANT, CMS-TAS, CMS-VIC and CMS-WA.