

Notice of OFAC Actions

On April 18, 2018, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following persons are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

Individual

1. BARAKAT, Nasif (a.k.a. ABOUTARIF, Nassif; a.k.a. BARAKAT AL FAHILIH, Nasif Jarjis; a.k.a. BARAKAT ALVAHILH, Nasif Gergers; a.k.a. BARAKAT, Nassif; a.k.a. BARKAT, Nassif; a.k.a. BARKAT, Nassif; a.k.a. TARIF, Abu), Fahel, Syria; Germana, Damascus, Syria; Al-Qassaa, Damascus, Syria; Al Fuhaylah, Homs, Syria; DOB 20 Jun 1971; alt. DOB 30 Nov 1970; citizen Syria; Gender Male; National ID No. 04010136281 (Syria) (individual) [TCO] (Linked To: BARAKAT TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION).

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(B) of Executive Order 13581 of July 25, 2011, "Blocking Property of Transnational Criminal Organizations" (E.O. 13581) for having materially assisted, sponsored, or provided financial, material, or technological support for, or goods or services to or in support of, the BARAKAT TCO, a person determined to be subject to E.O. 13581.

Also designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C) of E.O. 13581 for having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, the BARAKAT TCO.

Entity

1. BARAKAT TRANSNATIONAL CRIMINAL ORGANIZATION (a.k.a. NASIF BARAKAT ALIEN SMUGGLING ORGANIZATION), Syria; Lebanon; United Arab Emirates; Turkey; Brazil; Colombia; Guatemala; Venezuela; Panama; Mexico [TCO].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(A) of E.O. 13581 for being a foreign person that constitutes a significant transnational criminal organization.

Dated: April 18, 2018.

John E. Smith,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Internal Revenue Service****Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Form 2587**

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 2587, Application for Special Enrollment Examination.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before June 25, 2018 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Laurie Brimmer, Internal Revenue Service, room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Sandra Lowery at Internal Revenue Service, room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or at (202) 317-5754 or through the internet, at *Sandra.J.Lowery@irs.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Title: Application for Special Enrollment Examination.

OMB Number: 1545-0949.

Form Number: Form 2587.

Abstract: Filers use this form to apply to take the Special Enrollment Examination to establish eligibility for enrollment to practice before the Internal Revenue Service.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the form at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 11,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 11,000.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: March 29, 2018.

Laurie Brimmer,

Senior Tax Analyst.

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