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# Restrictive measures against Zimbabwe

## SUMMARY OF:

[Decision 2011/101/CFSP — concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Zimbabwe](#)

[Regulation \(EC\) No 314/2004 — concerning certain restrictive measures in view of the situation in Zimbabwe](#)

## WHAT IS THE AIM OF THE DECISION AND THE REGULATION?

- The decision repeals and replaces Council Common Position [2004/161/CFSP](#) on restrictive measures against Zimbabwe.
- The regulation amends and extends the [sanctions](#) against Zimbabwe introduced by Regulation (EC) No [310/2002](#).

## KEY POINTS

To prevent internal repression within Zimbabwe, the decision and regulation prohibit:

- the sale, supply, transfer or export of **arms and related materiel** of all types for use in Zimbabwe, including
  - weapons and ammunition
  - military vehicles and equipment
  - paramilitary equipment and spare parts;
- the supply of **technical assistance** in the use of such weapons;
- the provision of **financing or financial assistance** related to military activities in Zimbabwe, including in particular
  - grants, loans and export credit insurance
  - insurance and reinsurance for any sale, supply, transfer or export of arms and related military equipment.

## Restrictive measures

The decision and regulation impose restrictive measures on individual members of the Zimbabwean government and any associates whose activities seriously undermine democracy, respect for [human rights](#) and the [rule of law](#) in Zimbabwe.

- A **travel ban**:
  - the annex to the decision sets out the list of individuals whom [Member States](#) must prevent entering or transiting through their territories;
  - the annex may be amended by a decision of the [Council](#).
- An **asset freeze**:
  - the annex to the decision sets out the individuals whose funds and economic resources will be frozen;
  - no funds or economic resources will be made available, directly or indirectly, to those individuals, companies, entities or bodies.

Specific exemptions to these measures are set out in the decision.

## Appropriate measures

In addition to the above measures, the EU also imposed ‘appropriate measures’ on Zimbabwe between 2002 and 2014. These measures consisted of:

- the suspension of all direct development cooperation with the government; and instead
- direct support of the population in the social sectors, democratisation, respect for human rights and the rule of law, implemented through international agencies or [civil-society organisations](#).



These measures were lifted in November 2014, with the re-engagement of the EU and its Member States in political dialogue with the Zimbabwean government and the resumption of EU bilateral development cooperation.

## FROM WHEN DO THE DECISION AND THE REGULATION APPLY?

- The decision has applied since 15 February 2011.
- The regulation has applied since 21 February 2004.

## BACKGROUND

The legal bases for these EU sanctions are [Article 29](#) of the Treaty on European Union for the decision, and [Article 215](#) of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union for the regulation.

- [Zimbabwe and the EU](#) (*European External Action Service*)
- [Sanctions policy](#) (*European External Action Service*)
- [Sanctions: how and when the EU adopts restrictive measures](#) (*Council of the European Union*).

## MAIN DOCUMENTS

Council Decision [2011/101/CFSP](#) of 15 February 2011 concerning restrictive measures in view of the situation in Zimbabwe (OJ L 42, 16.2.2011, pp. 6-23)

Successive amendments to Decision 2011/101/CFSP have been incorporated into the original text. This [consolidated version](#) is of documentary value only.

Council Regulation (EC) No [314/2004](#) of 19 February 2004 concerning certain restrictive measures in view of the situation in Zimbabwe (OJ L 55, 24.2.2004, pp. 1-13)

See [consolidated version](#).

## RELATED DOCUMENTS

Consolidated version of the Treaty on European Union — Title V — General provisions on the Union’s external action and specific provisions on the common foreign and security policy — Chapter 2 — Specific provisions on the common foreign and security policy — Section 1 — Common provisions — [Article 29](#) (ex Article 15 TEU) (OJ C 202, 7.6.2016, p. 33)

Consolidated version of the Treaty on the Functioning of the European Union — Part Five — The Union’s external action — Title IV — Restrictive measures — [Article 215](#) (ex Article 301 TEC) (OJ C 202, 7.6.2016, p. 144)

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