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STATUTORY INSTRUMENTS

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**2020 No. 1233**

**The Syria (United Nations Sanctions) (Cultural Property) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020**

**PART 3**

Exceptions

**Exception for acts done for purposes of national security or prevention of serious crime**

**16.**—(1) Where an act would, in the absence of this paragraph, be prohibited by any prohibition in Part 2 (Trade), that prohibition does not apply to the act if the act is one which a responsible officer has determined would be in the interests of—

- (a) national security, or
- (b) the prevention or detection of serious crime in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

(2) Where, in the absence of this paragraph, a thing would be required to be done under or by virtue of a provision of Part 4 (Information and records) or Part 6 (Maritime enforcement), that requirement does not apply if a responsible officer has determined that not doing the thing in question would be in the interests of—

- (a) national security, or
- (b) the prevention or detection of serious crime in the United Kingdom or elsewhere.

(3) In this regulation “responsible officer” means a person in the service of the Crown or holding office under the Crown, acting in the course of that person's duty.

(4) Nothing in this regulation affects the application of a prohibition or requirement in a case where it would be incompatible with a UN obligation <sup>M1</sup> for the prohibition or requirement not to apply.

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**Commencement Information**

**I1** Reg. 16 in force at 31.12.2020 by [S.I. 2020/1514](#), [reg. 19](#)

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**Marginal Citations**

**M1** Section 1(8) of the Sanctions and Anti-Money Laundering Act 2018 defines a “UN obligation” as an obligation that the United Kingdom has by virtue of a UN Security Council Resolution. UN Security Council Resolution is also defined in section 1(8).

**Changes to legislation:**

There are currently no known outstanding effects for the The Syria (United Nations Sanctions) (Cultural Property) (EU Exit) Regulations 2020, Section 16.