



# SNAPSHOT

## GUINEA-BISSAU SANCTIONS REGIME

### Why are sanctions imposed?

In 2012, the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) imposed sanctions in relation to Guinea-Bissau in response to the military seizing power. Australia implements the UNSC sanctions concerning Guinea-Bissau by incorporating them into Australian law.

### What is prohibited by the Guinea-Bissau sanctions regime?

The Guinea-Bissau sanctions regime imposes the following measure:

Measure	UNSC	Autonomous
travel bans	✓	

The Guinea-Bissau sanctions regime imposes a travel ban on 11 senior members of the Guinea-Bissau military (listed in the [Annex to UNSC Resolution 2048 \(2012\)](#)) with the effect that those people are prohibited from transiting through or entering Australia. Under Australian law, they cannot be issued with a visa to visit Australia (except in exceptional circumstances).

### Who must comply with sanctions?

Australian sanction laws apply to activities in Australia and to activities undertaken overseas by Australian citizens and Australian-registered bodies corporate.

In some circumstances, it may be possible to obtain a permit from the Minister for Foreign Affairs to engage in an activity that would otherwise be prohibited by a sanctions measure. Information on planning an activity and submitting an application for a sanction permit is available on the [DFAT website](#).

It is a serious criminal offence to contravene a sanctions measure (or a condition of a sanctions permit). The penalties include up to ten years in prison and substantial fines.

### Relevant legislation

The relevant legislation for the Guinea-Bissau sanctions regime includes the following:

- *Migration (United Nations Security Council Resolutions) Regulations 2007*

### Where can I get more information?

More information on Australia's sanctions can be found on DFAT's website: <https://dfat.gov.au/international-relations/security/sanctions/Pages/sanctions.aspx>.

Enquiries can be made to DFAT by emailing [sanctions@dfat.gov.au](mailto:sanctions@dfat.gov.au).

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