

Cabinet Decision no. (141) of 2024

On Rewards for Reporting Illicit Trade in Commodities

The Cabinet,

- After reviewing the Constitution and,
- Federal Law no. (1) of 1972 on the mandates of Ministries and Powers of Ministers, as amended,
- Federal Decree Law no. (43) of 2021 on Commodities Subject to Non-Proliferation,
- Cabinet Decision no. (97) of 2024 Concerning the Executive Regulation of Federal Decree Law no. (43) of 2021 On Commodities Subject to Non-Proliferation,
- Based on the proposal of the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the approval of the Cabinet,

Hereby decides as follows:

Article (1)

Definitions

In the implementation of the provisions of the present decision, the following words and expressions shall have the meanings assigned thereto, unless otherwise required by context:

Competent Authority: the Executive Office for Control and Non-Proliferation (EOCN).

Commodity/Commodities: materials, systems, equipment, components, software or technology listed in the table of commodities subject to the control of the Competent Authority pursuant to the provisions of Federal Decree Law no. (43) of 2021.

Reporting person: any person that submits a report to the Competent Authority concerning illicit trade in commodities subject to the aforementioned Federal Decree Law no. (43) of 2021, and whose reporting led to the detection of such illicit trade.

Law Enforcement Authorities: federal and local authorities entrusted by their applicable laws with carrying out enforcement, investigation, inquiry, and evidence-gathering activities in criminal matters, including crimes of money laundering, terrorism financing, and the financing of illicit organizations.

Article (2)

Objectives of the Decision

The present decision aims to enhance community involvement in detecting crimes related to illicit trade in commodities, and to encourage reporting any actions related to such illicit trade.

Article (3)

Scope of Application

The provisions of this decision shall apply to any person that reports, discloses, or provides valid information regarding acts of illicit trade in commodities, leading to the uncovering of such illicit trade.

Article (4)

Competent Authority Powers

The competent authority shall have all necessary powers to undertake the following functions:

1. Use information provided by reporting persons to detect illicit trade in commodities.
2. Determine methods and procedures for receiving reports.
3. Specify the information to be included in the report.
4. Specify sums to be allocated within its budget as financial rewards for reporting persons.
5. Establish procedures for approving the value of financial rewards in accordance with the controls specified in Article (7) of the present decision, and the party authorized to disburse such.
6. Set the requirements that must be met regarding any information provided by the reporting person, including requirements of proof, verification and documentation.
7. Create a reporting persons register, detailing the value of the financial reward disbursed to each person.

Article (5)

Competent Authority Obligations

The competent authority shall:

1. Maintain confidentiality of the personal information of reporting persons and refrain from disclosing such to others.
2. Deal with all reports in complete confidentiality and refrain from disclosing any information related to said reports.

Article (6)

Conditions for Reward Disbursement

The reward shall be disbursed under the following conditions:

1. Information provided by the reporting person must prove the occurrence of illicit trade in commodities by the reported person.
2. The provided information must not have been previously known to the competent authority or any other authority in the country.
3. Information must be accurate and valid at the time of reporting.
4. The report must contribute, either directly or indirectly, to the arrest of those involved in illicit trade in commodities or the recovery of illegal commodities.
5. The reporting person must not be involved or participating in the illicit trade in commodities referred to in the report.
6. The reporting person must not be an employee of the competent authority or a relative of any of its employees up to the second degree.
7. The reporting person must not have already received a reward or financial incentive from another entity as a result of submitting the same report.

Article (7)

Criteria for Determining the Reward Value

The competent authority shall consider the following criteria when determining the value of the financial reward:

1. The volume and scale of the reported illicit trade in commodities.
2. The seriousness and adverse impact of the reported illicit trade in commodities.
3. The extent to which the information provided by the reporting person to the competent authority contributed to the success of law enforcement authorities in investigating, gathering evidence and arresting those involved in the illicit trade in commodities.

4. The financial reward shall not be less than (3,000) dirhams and shall not exceed (25,000) dirhams.

Article (8)

Executive Decisions

The minister shall issue the necessary decisions to implement the provisions of the present decision.

Article (9)

Publication and Entry into Force

The present decision shall be published in the official gazette and shall enter into force the day following its publication.

Mohammed bin Rashid Al Maktoum
Prime Minister

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