



# **UN DPRK (North Korea) Sanction:**

## **Updates and Case Study**

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# 1. Introduction

## Sanction Committee and Panel of Experts

UN Security Council



1718 Sanctions Committee  
handles DPRK sanction issues: (consisting of all  
the members [countries] of the Council)



Panel of Experts (8 independent members)

- Assist Committee & Member States
- Monitoring implementation of resolutions  
(Gather, examine and analyze information)
- Make recommendations on actions
- Provide midterm & final reports



## 2. Sanction measures

- Arms and related material embargo
- Non-proliferation WMD and missile programs
- Prevention of specialized teaching and training
- Suspension of scientific and technical cooperation
- Asset freeze and travel ban
- Interdiction of prohibited materials' transport
- Ban of DPRK oversea workers
- Prohibition of banks' activities
- Ban of coal, minerals, other sectoral exports
- Restrict the import of oil and refined petroleum products
- Ban of ship to ship transfer to/from DPRK vessels



### 3. Updates – DPRK nationals overseas

#### DPRK nationals earning income overseas

- Work for revenue for nuclear and ballistic missile programs
  - Under monitoring of DPRK government attaché
  - Not only manual labor: medical staffs, athletes, IT engineers
  - Not always on working visa/w work permit
  - Sometimes they work for joint venture with local partner, which are also prohibited (Res 2375 (2017) para. 18)
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- Repatriation of DPRK nationals earning income overseas to the DPRK by 22 December 2019
  - All countries should submit final report on repatriation due on 22 March 2020 (Res 2397 (2017) para. 8)

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- The Chair of 1718 Committee  
(through German Mission to the UN)

with copy to:

- The Senior Secretary of the 1718 Committee  
(email: [sc-1718-committee@un.org](mailto:sc-1718-committee@un.org))
- *In Word and PDF*



### 3. Updates – finance/cyber issues

DPRK continues violation of resolution through cyber means:

- Illegally transfer funds from financial institutions and cryptocurrency exchanges
- Committing cyber espionage to acquire military/sensitive information
- DPRK IT workers can also be hired anonymously
- DPRK also involved in large scale cyberattacks (ex: WannaCry 2.0-Lazarus Group)

DPRK banks are operating through oversea representatives

- Member States should expel all individuals acting on behalf of DPRK financial institutions (res. 2321(2016) para. 33)
- Bank representatives play important role to facilitate coal exportation
- International cooperation is vital to discover oversea networks



Inter-agency information sharing  
Legal frameworks cover virtual assets



### 3. Updates – Maritime issues

- Ship-to-ship transfer of refined petroleum products to the DPRK
- Illegal export of DPRK origin coal
- Transfer of DPRK's fishing rights to a third country's fishing vessel



- Use of disguising techniques: paint over vessel names, Night operation, AIS-turn off, change of name/flag states, use of older vessels/small vessels
- Use of forged documents: coal origin certificates, fishing license, shipping documents (custom documents, bill of lading etc)
- Use of foreign flag vessels (ship-to-ship transfer to/fm DPRK ship is not prohibited by UN resolution)





## 4. Case Study

### (1) DPRK's procurement techniques

- Disguising its nationality and identity
- False custom declarations, visa application
- Use of “cover companies”
- Use of overseas nationals (diplomats, international organization staff, workers)
- Collecting information and establishing networking at international conferences/trade fair
- Use of internet market, secondhand market



Risk for manufacturers, retailers, scholars





## 4. Case Study

### (2) procurement of generators

Kim Chol Yong(Diplomatic representative of DPRK)procured 4 generator units. He pretended to be a Chinese businessman. He stated cargo was bound for China

- Netherland interdicted the generators shipped to DPRK via China

- “Know Your Customer”
- International information exchange is vital





## 4. Case Study

### (3) ship to ship transfer of DPRK coal

DPRK flagged Jang Jin Gang preparing to conduct a ship-to-ship coal transfer near Ningbo with the aid of a floating crane





## 5. Conclusion

- DPRK is continuing to violate UNSCR
- DPRK is establishing/maintaining overseas networks for illicit activities
- To monitor overseas activities by DPRK information sharing among countries inter-agency cooperation is vital
- Report on repatriation of DPRK overseas workers is due 22 March 2020 (check all visa categories/DPRK nationals without having work authorizations)

We are here to support Member States!!  
Comments & Questions are welcome



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