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On August 3, 2015, the IRS announced that it added two new FAQs to the **FATCA General FAQs webpage** under the "Registration Update" section. These FAQs both address the Office of Foreign Assets Control's SDN list. The Office of Foreign Assets Control is part of the U.S. Department of the Treasury and administers and enforces economic and trade sanctions. The first FAQ provides that entities on the SDN list are not eligible to register and receive a GIIN. The second FAQ provides background information on the Office of Foreign Asset Control's SDN list, which is "a list of individuals and companies owned or controlled by, or acting for or on behalf of, targeted countries [whose] assets are blocked and U.S. persons are prohibited from dealing with them."

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