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The monetary noose tightens around Iran - Some interesting things have happened on the Iran sanctions front since I last wrote on the topic.

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In my first post I explained how the sanctions worked. In my second post, I speculated about the so-called gold-for-gas trade, one of the routes Iran had been using to get around the sanctions. To recap, here's how the trade works: Turkish companies buy Iranian natural gas with Turkish lira deposits at Halkbank, a large government-owned bank based in Ankara. Iran converts these deposits into gold and re-imports the metal back into Iran (primarily via Dubai) in order to use it to purchase goods elsewhere or to fortify its FX reserves. There was nothing about the gold-for-gas route that contravened the letter of US sanctions.

Now there is a new rule that will put the gold-for-gas trade.

Measures included in the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act signed by President Obama on January 3, namely Title XII, Subtitle D, known as the Iran Freedom and Counter-Proliferation Act (IFCPA), require the President to impose sanctions against any financial institution that enables Iranian entities to purchase precious metals. These rules will come into effect on July 1, 2013.

This means that the so-called gold-for-gas trade has only a few months left to run. As of July 1, if Iran wishes to make purchases through its account, Halk Bank will have to ensure that whatever it buys does not include gold, silver, or platinum (no, there is no platinum coin loop hole).

But there are even bigger changes afoot. As of February 8, 2013, measures enacted in last August’s Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012 (TRA) control all buyers of Iranian crude to a purely bilateral trade relationship. In essence, buyers can only transact with Iran using financial institutions located in the buying country. Furthermore, TRA requires that any revenues that Iran earns from oil sales remain “locked” in accounts within the buying country. If these requirements are ignored, President Obama is required to impose sanctions on transacting banks. Since these sanctions involve cutting off U.S. bank’s access to the US payments system, few banks are likely to risk ignoring them.

TRA will have major repercussions for the way Iran does business with its clients, in particular India. For the last two years, Iran and India have been transacting this way: 45% of Iran-India oil trading has been conducted
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“We want to show them they can have these kind of experiences.” There were five sessions for the girls on Friday, including auto maintenance and nanotechnology. By lunchtime, the students had been exposed to four of the five and had liked each one.

Liquidia mulls spinning off two nanotechnology companies

WHAL Tech Wire - Feb 28, 2013

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