Taking the Pulse of Major Sanctions Lists

- **New sanctions programs:**
  - Venezuela: Five new sanctions, adding 15 net designations. Sanctions relate to oil trade and operations.
  - Myanmar: Two new sanctions, adding seven net designations. Two years after the military coup, sanctions now target military leaders and their assets.

- **Thematic related sanctions activity:**
  - Iran: 28 list updates, adding 99 net designations. Sanctions relate to a broader range of activities, including cybercrime and support for terrorism.
  - North Korea: Five list updates, adding 14 net designations. Sanctions relate to human rights violations and weapons of mass destruction.

- **Russia/Ukraine conflict related sanctions activity:**
  - The number of sanctions targets grew significantly, with a notable increase in Russia-related updates.
  - The bulk of sanctions remain focused on Russia.

- **Ongoing priorities:**
  - EU, U.S. and UK showed shared priorities on Russia, Iran and terrorism.
  - The overall trend showed a net increase of 270 designations.

**Resurgence of sanctions actions in relation to Iran:** A total net increase of 270 designations.

- **Analysis of updates by member states:**
  - OFAC net designations exceeded those of the three other agencies combined.
  - 68.4% of net additions to the 4 lists.

- **Update breakdowns:**
  - Syria: 44 list updates, adding 260 net designations. Sanctions relate to human rights violations.
  - Somalia: 33 list updates, adding 250 net designations. Sanctions relate to terrorism.
  - Burma: 16 list updates, adding 159 net designations. Sanctions relate to human rights violations.

- **Highlights:**
  - The number of sanctions targets grew significantly, indicating the pace and nature of the sanctions compliance challenges global businesses face.

- **January-June 2023 Additions:**
  - Total of 1,038 updates, adding, modified or removed 1,038 designations.
  - Added: 615 designations (58%)
  - Modified: 250 designations (24%)
  - Removed: 165 designations (16%)

**Graphical Representation:**

- **Bar Chart:**
  - Breakdown by number of updates per month for H1 2023.

- **Pie Chart:**
  - Breakdown by share of net additions, per program.

**Data Insights:**

- **Net Change of Designations:**
  - OFAC: +260
  - EU: +170
  - UK: +150
  - UN: +110

- **Current Summary:**
  - International companies to be vigilant about their exposure to sanctions risk. This landscape is continuously evolving.

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