GENERAL LICENSE NO. 20

Authorizing Transactions Involving Afghanistan or Governing Institutions in Afghanistan

(a) To the extent authorization is required and except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions involving Afghanistan or governing institutions in Afghanistan prohibited by the Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 594 (GTSR), the Foreign Terrorist Organizations Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 597 (FTOSR), or Executive Order (E.O.) 13224, as amended, are authorized.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Financial transfers to the Taliban, the Haqqani Network, any entity in which the Taliban or the Haqqani Network owns, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest, or any blocked individual who is in a leadership role of a governing institution in Afghanistan, other than for the purpose of effecting the payment of taxes, fees, or import duties, or the purchase or receipt of permits, licenses, or public utility services, provided that such payments do not relate to luxury items or services;

(2) Transfers of luxury items or services to any blocked person described in paragraph (b)(1) of this general license;

(3) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of any blocked person; or

(4) Any transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the GTSR, the FTOSR, or E.O. 13224, as amended, other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (b)(1) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

Note 1 to General License No. 20. Nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with any other Federal laws or requirements of other Federal agencies.
Note 2 to General License No. 20. Nothing in this general license affects the property or interests in property of Da Afghanistan Bank that are protectively blocked pursuant to E.O. 14064 of February 11, 2022, “Protecting Certain Property of Da Afghanistan Bank for the Benefit of the People of Afghanistan.”

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