OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Executive Order 14024 of April 15, 2021
Blocking Property With Respect To Specified Harmful Foreign Activities of the Government of the Russian Federation

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 6
Transactions Related to the Exportation or Reexportation of Agricultural Commodities, Medicine, Medical Devices, Replacement Parts and Components, or Software Updates, or the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) Pandemic

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024, as applicable, are authorized, including: (1) the exportation or reexportation of agricultural commodities, medicine, medical devices, replacement parts and components for medical devices, or software updates for medical devices to, from, or transiting the Russian Federation; or (2) the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of COVID–19 (including research or clinical studies relating to COVID–19), are authorized.

(b) For the purposes of this general license, agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical devices are defined as follows:

(1) Agricultural commodities. For the purposes of this general license, agricultural commodities are products that fall within the term “agricultural commodity” as defined in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602) and are intended for use as:

(i) Food for humans (including raw, processed, and packaged foods; live animals; vitamins and minerals; food additives or supplements; and bottled drinking water) or animals (including animal feeds);
(ii) Seeds for food crops;
(iii) Fertilizers or organic fertilizers; or
(iv) Reproductive materials (such as live animals, fertilized eggs, embryos, and semen) for the production of animals.

(2) Medicine. For the purposes of this general license, medicine is an item that falls within the definition of the term “drug” in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

(3) Medical devices. For the purposes of this general license, a medical device is an item that falls within the definition of “device” in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

(c) This general license does not authorize the opening or maintaining of a correspondent account or payable-through account for or on behalf of any entity subject to Directive 2 under E.O. 14024, Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions.

Note to General License No. 6. Nothing in this general license requires any person from compliance with any other Federal laws or requirements of other Federal agencies.

Andrea M. Gacki,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control
Dated: February 24, 2022

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 6A
Transactions Related to the Exportation or Reexportation of Agricultural Commodities, Medicine, Medical Devices, Replacement Parts and Components, or Software Updates, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) Pandemic, or Clinical Trials

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), that are ordinarily incident and necessary to: (1) the exportation or reexportation of agricultural commodities, medicine, medical devices, replacement parts and components for medical devices, or software updates for medical devices to, from, or transiting the Russian Federation; (2) the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of COVID–19 (including research or clinical studies relating to COVID–19); or (3) ongoing clinical trials and other medical research activities that were in effect prior to March 24, 2022, are authorized.

(b) For the purposes of this general license, agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical devices are defined as follows:

(1) Agricultural commodities. For the purposes of this general license, agricultural commodities are products that fall within the term “agricultural commodity” as defined in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602) and are intended for use as:

(i) Food for humans (including raw, processed, and packaged foods; live animals; vitamins and minerals; food additives or supplements; and bottled drinking water) or animals (including animal feeds);
(ii) Seeds for food crops;
(iii) Fertilizers or organic fertilizers; or
(iv) Reproductive materials (such as live animals, fertilized eggs, embryos, and semen) for the production of animals.

(2) Medicine. For the purposes of this general license, medicine is an item that falls within the definition of the term “drug” in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

(3) Medical devices. For the purposes of this general license, a medical device is an item that falls within the definition of “device” in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

(c) This general license does not authorize: (1) The opening or maintaining of a correspondent account or payable-through account for or on behalf of any entity subject to Directive 2 under E.O. 14024, Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions;
(2) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation; or
(3) Any transaction prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14066 or E.O. 14068.
(d) Effective March 24, 2022, General License No. 6, dated February 24, 2022, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 6A.

Note 1 to General License No. 6A.

Transactions prohibited by E.O. 14066 or E.O. 14068 include new investment in certain sectors in the Russian Federation and the importation into the United States of certain products of Russian Federation origin, such as alcoholic beverages and fish, seafood, or preparations thereof.

Note 2 to General License No. 6A. Nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with any other Federal laws or requirements of other Federal agencies.

Andrea M. Gacki,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control
Dated: March 24, 2022

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 6B

Transactions Related to Agricultural Commodities, Medicine, Medical Devices, Replacement Parts and Components, or Software Updates, the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID–19) Pandemic, or Clinical Trials

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587, related to: (1) the production, manufacturing, sale, or transport of agricultural commodities, agricultural equipment, medicine, medical devices, replacement parts and components for medical devices, or software updates for medical devices; (2) the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of COVID–19 (including research or clinical studies relating to COVID–19); or (3) ongoing clinical trials and other medical research activities are authorized.

(b) For the purposes of this general license, agriculture, medicines, and medical devices are defined as follows:

(1) Agricultural commodities. For the purposes of this general license, agricultural commodities are products that fall within the term "agricultural commodity" as defined in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602) and are intended for use as:

(i) Food for humans (including raw, processed, and packaged foods; live animals; vitamins and minerals; food additives or supplements; and bottled drinking water) or animals (including animal feeds);

(ii) Seeds for food crops;

(iii) Fertilizers or organic fertilizers; or

(iv) Reproductive materials (such as live animals, fertilized eggs, embryos, and semen) for the production of food animals.

(2) Medical devices. For the purposes of this general license, medicine is an item that falls within the definition of the term "drug" in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

(3) Medical devices. For the purposes of this general license, a medical device is an item that falls within the definition of "device" in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

(c) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The opening or maintaining of a correspondent account or payable-through account for or on behalf of any entity subject to Directive 2 under Executive Order (E.O.) 14024, Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions;

(2) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation;

(3) Any transactions prohibited by E.O. 14066 or E.O. 14068; or

(4) Any transactions involving Joint Stock Company Channel One Russia, Joint Stock Company NTV Broadcasting Company, Television Station Russia-1, Limited Liability Company Algoritm, New Eastern Outlook, or Oriental Review, unless separately authorized.

(d) Effective July 14, 2022, General License No. 6B, dated June 2, 2022, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 6B.

Note 1 to General License No. 6B. Nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with any other Federal laws or requirements of other Federal agencies, including export, reexport, and transfer (in-country) licensing requirements maintained by the Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry and Security under the Export Administration Regulations, 15 CFR parts 730–774.

Andrea M. Gacki,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control
Dated: July 14, 2022

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 25C

Authorizing Transactions Related to Telecommunications and Certain Internet-Based Communications

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions ordinarily incident and necessary to the receipt or transmission of telecommunications involving the Russian Federation that are prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), are authorized.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, the exportation or reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States or by U.S. persons, wherever located, to the Russian Federation of services, software, hardware, or technology incident to the exchange of communications over the internet, such as instant messaging, videoconferencing, chat and email, social networking, sharing of photos, movies, and documents, web browsing, blog hosting, and domain name registration services, that is prohibited by the RuHSR, is authorized.

(c) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The opening or maintaining of a correspondent account or payable-through account for or on behalf of any entity subject to Directive 2 under Executive Order (E.O.) 14024, Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions;

(2) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation;

(3) Any transactions prohibited by E.O. 14066 or E.O. 14068; or

(4) Any transactions involving Joint Stock Company Channel One Russia, Joint Stock Company NTV Broadcasting Company, Television Station Russia-1, Limited Liability Company Algoritm, New Eastern Outlook, or Oriental Review, unless separately authorized.

(d) Effective July 14, 2022, General License No. 25C, dated May 2, 2022, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 25C.

Note 1 to General License No. 25C. Nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with any other Federal laws or requirements of other Federal agencies, including export, reexport, and transfer (in-country) licensing requirements maintained by the Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry and Security under the Export Administration Regulations, 15 CFR parts 730–774.

Andrea M. Gacki,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control
Dated: July 14, 2022
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Foreign Assets Control
31 CFR Part 591
Publication of Venezuela Sanctions Regulations Web General Licenses 40 and 40A
AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.
ACTION: Publication of web general licenses.
SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing two general licenses (GLs) issued in the Venezuela Sanctions program: GL 40, which was previously made available on OFAC’s website and is now expired, and GL 40A, which was also previously made available on OFAC’s website and expires on July 12, 2023.
DATES: GL 40 was issued on July 12, 2021. GL 40A was issued on July 7, 2022. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for additional relevant dates.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Electronic Availability
This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC’s website: www.treas.gov/ofac.
Background
On July 12, 2021, OFAC issued GL 40 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591. GL 40 had an expiration date of July 8, 2022. On July 7, 2022, OFAC issued GL 40A, which replaced and superseded GL 40 and has an expiration date of July 12, 2023. GLs 40 and 40A were each made available on OFAC’s website (www.treas.gov/ofac) at the time of publication. The text of GLs 40 and 40A is provided below.
OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL
Venezuela Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR part 591
GENERAL LICENSE NO. 40
Authorizing Certain Transactions Involving the Exportation or Reexportation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas to Venezuela
(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities related to the exportation or reexportation, directly or indirectly, of liquefied petroleum gas to Venezuela, involving the Government of Venezuela, Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA), or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, that are prohibited by E.O. 13850 of November 1, 2018, as amended by E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, or E.O. 13884 of August 5, 2019, each as incorporated into the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591 (the VSR), are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 12, 2023.
(b) This general license does not authorize:
(1) Any payment-in-kind of petroleum or petroleum products; or
(2) Any transactions or activities otherwise prohibited by the VSR, prohibited by any other part of 31 CFR chapter V, or involving any blocked persons other than PdVSA, any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, or any Government of Venezuela person that is blocked solely pursuant to E.O. 13884.
(c) Effective July 7, 2022, General License No. 40, dated July 12, 2021, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 40A.
Note to General License No. 40A: Nothing in this general license relieves any persons from compliance with the requirements of other Federal agencies, including the Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry and Security.
Andrea Gacki,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control
Dated: July 7, 2022
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Foreign Assets Control
31 CFR Part 591
Publication of Venezuela Sanctions Regulations Web General Licenses 81 and 8J
AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.
ACTION: Publication of web general licenses.
SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing two general licenses (GLs) issued in the Venezuelan General Licenses program: GL 81, which was previously made available on OFAC’s website and is now expired, and GL 8J, which was also previously made available on OFAC’s website and expires on July 12, 2023.
DATE: GL 81 was issued on July 12, 2021. GL 8J was issued on July 7, 2022. See SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION for additional relevant dates.
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Electronic Availability
This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC’s website: www.treas.gov/ofac.
Background
On July 12, 2021, OFAC issued GL 81 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Venezuelan General Licenses Regulations, 31 CFR part 591. GL 81 had an expiration date of July 12, 2022. On July 7, 2022, OFAC issued GL 8J, which replaced and superseded GL 81 and has an expiration date of July 12, 2023. GLs 81 and 8J were each made available on OFAC’s website (www.treas.gov/ofac) at the time of publication. The text of GLs 81 and 8J is provided below.
OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL
Venezuela Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR part 591
GENERAL LICENSE NO. 81
Authorizing Certain Transactions Involving the Exportation or Reexportation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas to Venezuela
(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities related to the exportation or reexportation, directly or indirectly, of liquefied petroleum gas to Venezuela, involving the Government of Venezuela, Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA), or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, that are prohibited by E.O. 13850 of November 1, 2018, as amended by E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, or E.O. 13884 of August 5, 2019, each as incorporated into the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591 (the VSR), are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 12, 2023.
(b) This general license does not authorize:
(1) Any payment-in-kind of petroleum or petroleum products; or
(2) Any transactions or activities otherwise prohibited by the VSR, prohibited by any other part of 31 CFR chapter V, or involving any blocked persons other than PdVSA, any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, or any Government of Venezuela person that is blocked solely pursuant to E.O. 13884.
(c) Effective July 7, 2022, General License No. 81, dated July 12, 2021, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 8J.
Note to General License No. 8J: Nothing in this general license relieves any persons from compliance with the requirements of other Federal agencies, including the Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry and Security.
Andrea Gacki,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control
Dated: July 7, 2022