

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

IRANIAN TRANSACTIONS REGULATIONS
(31 C.F.R. PART 560)

STATEMENT OF LICENSING POLICY ON
SUPPORT OF DEMOCRACY AND HUMAN RIGHTS IN IRAN
AND ACADEMIC AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

Consistent with current U.S. foreign policy, the following Statement of Licensing Policy establishes a favorable licensing regime through which U.S. persons can request OFAC approval of participation in projects in support of the Iranian people.

a. Specific licenses may be issued on a case-by-case basis to authorize U.S. nongovernmental organizations and other corporate entities to engage in the following projects or activities in or related to Iran that are designed to directly benefit the Iranian people:

1. Projects, including conferences and training, to support human rights, democratic freedoms and democratic institutions and to meet basic human needs; and
2. The establishment or support of independent civic organizations.

b. Specific licenses may be issued on a case-by-case basis to authorize U.S. persons (both entities and individuals) to engage in the following projects or activities in or related to Iran that are designed to directly benefit the Iranian people:

1. The provision of donated professional medical services;
2. Certain targeted educational, cultural and sports exchange programs, provided such programs are not in furtherance of Iranian military, industrial or technological infrastructure or potential;

3. Environmental projects, provided such projects are not in furtherance of Iranian military or industrial infrastructure or potential; and

4. Projects, including exchanges and technical training, to improve the flow of public information through independent media available to the Iranian public.

c. Specific licenses issued pursuant to this policy generally will not authorize the exportation or reexportation to Iran of goods (including software) and technology listed on the Commerce Control List in the Export Administration Regulations, 15 C.F.R. Part 774, supplement No. 1 (CCL).

Note 1: Pursuant to paragraph (c) of this licensing policy, U.S. persons will not be able to take most laptops, personal computers, cell phones, personal digital assistants, and other similar items with them to Iran, even on a temporary basis, unless the exportation of any such items to Iran is specifically authorized in a license issued under this policy in a manner consistent with the Iran-Iraq Arms Nonproliferation Act of 1992 and other relevant law.

Note 2: Section 560.405 of the Iranian Transactions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 560 (the "ITR"), provides that, with certain specified exceptions, a license authorizes not only the transactions specifically described in the license but also transactions ordinarily incident to the licensed transaction and necessary to give effect to it. Section 560.516 of the ITR authorizes U.S. depository institutions, subject to specified conditions, to engage in certain payment and United States dollar clearing transactions involving Iran, e.g., when the transfer arises from a specific license issued pursuant to the ITR.

Note 3: As license applications received from individuals are not included within the scope of paragraph (a) of this licensing policy, any applications by individuals to undertake such activities will be reviewed in accordance with OFAC's standard procedures.

Note 4: Information on applying for specific licenses is set forth in § 501.801 of the Reporting, Procedures and Penalties Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 501. As stated in § 501.801, no particular form is required to

apply for a license to engage in any transactions prohibited by the ITR.

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