OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Executive Order 13685 of December 19, 2014
Blocking Property of Certain Persons and
Prohibiting Certain Transactions With Respect to the Crimea Region of Ukraine

Executive Order 14065 of February 21, 2022
Blocking Property of Certain Persons and Prohibiting Certain Transactions With Respect to Continued Russian Efforts To Undermine the Sovereignty and Territorial Integrity of Ukraine

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 25
Journalistic Activities and Establishment of News Bureaus in Certain Regions of Ukraine

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this general license, news reporting organizations that are United States persons, and individuals who are United States persons regularly employed by a news reporting organization, either as journalists (including photojournalists) or as supporting broadcast or technical personnel, are authorized to engage in the following transactions in the Crimea region of Ukraine, the so-called Donetsk People’s Republic (DNR) or Luhansk People’s Republic (LNR) regions of Ukraine, or such other regions of Ukraine as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State (collectively, the “Covered Regions”), to the extent such transactions are ordinarily incident and necessary to their journalistic activities in the Covered Regions:

(1) Hiring and compensating support staff in the Covered Regions (e.g., stringers, translators, interpreters, camera operators, technical experts, freelance producers, or drivers), persons to handle logistics, or other office personnel as needed;

(2) Leasing or renting office space;

(3) Purchasing, leasing, or renting Covered Regions-origin goods and services (e.g., mobile phones and related air time), selling such goods when no longer needed, or importing them into the United States;

(4) Renting and using telecommunications facilities in the Covered Regions and paying fees or taxes related to the dissemination of information and transmission of news feeds (e.g., fees for satellite uplink facilities, or live news feeds);

(5) Exporting and reexporting to the Covered Regions, and subsequently reexporting from the Covered Regions, equipment necessary for and ordinarily incident to journalistic activities, provided such equipment is designated as EAR99 under the Export Administration Regulations, 15 CFR parts 730 through 774 (the “EAR”), and further provided that such
equipment is reexported from the Covered Regions to the United States or a third country when no longer needed for journalistic activities in the Covered Regions; and

(6) Paying for all expenses ordinarily incident and necessary to journalistic activities, including sales or employment taxes.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this general license, news reporting organizations that are United States persons are authorized to establish and operate news bureaus in the Covered Regions and to engage in the transactions set forth in paragraph (a) of this general license to the extent such transactions are ordinarily incident and necessary to the establishment and operation of a news bureau in the Covered Regions.

(c) For the purposes of this general license, the term “news reporting organization” means an entity whose primary purpose is the gathering and dissemination of news to the general public.

(d) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any new investment in the Covered Regions prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13685 or E.O. 14065 other than as authorized in paragraphs (a) or (b), unless separately authorized; or

(2) Any transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to E.O. 13685 or E.O. 14065, unless separately authorized.

Note to General License 25. Nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with any other Federal laws or requirements of other Federal agencies.

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