

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT SUBMISSION

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1. Agency/Subagency originating request Treasury, Office of Foreign Assests Control	2. OMB control number b. <input type="checkbox"/> None a. <u>1505 - 0164</u>
3. Type of information collection (<i>check one</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> New Collection b. <input type="checkbox"/> Revision of a currently approved collection c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Extension of a currently approved collection d. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, without change , of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired e. <input type="checkbox"/> Reinstatement, with change , of a previously approved collection for which approval has expired f. <input type="checkbox"/> Existing collection in use without an OMB control number <i>For b-f, note Item A2 of Supporting Statement instructions</i>	4. Type of review requested (<i>check one</i>) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regular b. <input type="checkbox"/> Emergency - Approval requested by: ___/___/___ c. <input type="checkbox"/> Delegated 5. Small entities Will this information collection have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
7. Title Reporting, Procedures, and Penalties Regulations 31 CFR Part 501	6. Requested expiration date a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Three years from the approval date b. <input type="checkbox"/> Other: ___/___
8. Agency form number(s) (<i>if applicable</i>) TD-F-90-22.50	
9. Keywords Reporting and record keeping requirements	
10. Abstract Submissions will provide the U.S. Government with information to be used in enforcing various economic sanctions programs administered by OFAC under 31 CFR Chapter V.	
11. Affected public (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others with "X"</i>) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Individuals or households d. <input type="checkbox"/> Farms b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Business or other for-profit e. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Federal Government c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Not-for-profit institutions f. <input type="checkbox"/> State, Local, or Tribal Government	12. Obligation to respond (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. <input type="checkbox"/> Voluntary b. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Required to obtain or retain benefits c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Mandatory
13. Annual reporting and recordkeeping hour burden a. Number of respondents <u>13,125</u> b. Total annual responses <u>27,000</u> 1. Percentage of these responses collected electronically <u>0</u> % c. Total annual hours requested <u>33,750</u> d. Current OMB inventory <u>27,550</u> e. Difference <u>6,200</u> f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment <u>6,200</u>	14. Annual reporting and recordkeeping cost burden (<i>in thousands of dollars</i>) a. Total annualized capital/startup costs <u>338</u> b. Total annual costs (O&M) <u>0</u> c. Total annualized cost requested <u>338</u> d. Current OMB inventory <u>276</u> e. Difference <u>62</u> f. Explanation of difference 1. Program change _____ 2. Adjustment <u>62</u>
15. Purpose of information collection (<i>Mark primary with "P" and all others that apply with "X"</i>) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Application for benefits e. <input type="checkbox"/> Program planning or management b. <input type="checkbox"/> Program evaluation f. <input type="checkbox"/> Research c. <input type="checkbox"/> General purpose statistics g. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Regulatory or compliance d. <input type="checkbox"/> Audit	16. Frequency of recordkeeping or reporting (<i>check all that apply</i>) a. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Recordkeeping b. <input type="checkbox"/> Third party disclosure c. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Reporting: 1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On occasion 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Weekly 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Monthly 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Quarterly 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Semi-annually 6. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Annually 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Biennially 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Other (describe) _____
17. Statistical methods Does this information collection employ statistical methods? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	18. Agency contact (<i>person who can best answer questions regarding the content of this submission</i>) Name: <u>Eytan J. Fisch</u> Phone: <u>202 622 2402</u>

19. Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions

On behalf of this Federal agency, I certify that the collection of information encompassed by this request complies with 5 CFR 1320.9.

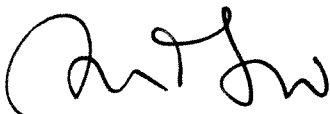
NOTE: The text of 5 CFR 1320.9, and the related provisions of 5 CFR 1320.8(b)(3), appear at the end of the instructions. *The certification is to be made with reference to those regulatory provisions as set forth in the instructions.*

The following is a summary of the topics, regarding the proposed collection of information, that the certification covers:

- (a) It is necessary for the proper performance of agency functions;
- (b) It avoids unnecessary duplication;
- (c) It reduces burden on small entities;
- (d) It uses plain, coherent, and unambiguous language that is understandable to respondents;
- (e) Its implementation will be consistent and compatible with current reporting and recordkeeping practices;
- (f) It indicates the retention periods for recordkeeping requirements;
- (g) It informs respondents of the information called for under 5 CFR 1320.8 (b)(3) about:
 - (i) Why the information is being collected;
 - (ii) Use of information;
 - (iii) Burden estimate;
 - (iv) Nature of response (voluntary, required for a benefit, or mandatory);
 - (v) Nature and extent of confidentiality; and
 - (vi) Need to display currently valid OMB control number;
- (h) It was developed by an office that has planned and allocated resources for the efficient and effective management and use of the information to be collected (see note in Item 19 of the instructions);
- (i) It uses effective and efficient statistical survey methodology (if applicable); and
- (j) It makes appropriate use of information technology.

If you are unable to certify compliance with any of these provisions, identify the item below and explain the reason in Item 18 of the Supporting Statement.

Signature of Senior Official or designee



Date

July 28, 2009

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

This filing contains the information required by the Office of Management and Budget pursuant to the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3520, and 5 C.F.R. Part 1320.

A. Justification.

1. Explain the circumstances that make the collection of information necessary. Identify any legal or administrative requirements that necessitate the collection. Attach a copy of the appropriate section of each statute and regulation mandating or authorizing the collection of information.

The accompanying OMB 83-I application is submitted to extend the information collection authority pertaining to the Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”)’s Reporting, Procedures and Penalties Regulations set forth in 31 CFR part 501. These regulations are implemented pursuant to the Trading With the Enemy Act (50 U.S.C. App. 1-44), the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 - 1706), and the United Nations Participation Act (22 U.S.C. 287c), and other laws. The collections of information relevant to this request are contained in §§ 501.601 through 501.605, 501.801 and 501.804 through 501.807 and pertain to the operation of various economic sanctions programs administered by OFAC under 31 CFR chapter V. Section 501.601 relates to the maintenance of records and § 501.602 relates to OFAC demands for information relative to any transaction or property subject to the provisions of 31 CFR chapter V. Section 501.603 imposes reporting requirements pertaining to blocked assets and retained funds transfers. This information is required by OFAC to monitor compliance with regulatory requirements, to support diplomatic negotiations concerning the targets of sanctions, and to support settlement negotiations addressing U.S. claims. Section 501.604 requires the filing of reports for compliance purposes by U.S. financial institutions where a funds transfer is not required to be blocked but is rejected because the underlying transaction is otherwise prohibited. Section 501.605 requires reporting of information pertaining to litigation, arbitration, and other binding alternative dispute resolution proceedings in the United States to prevent the intentional or inadvertent transfer through such proceedings of blocked property or retained funds. Sections 501.801 and 501.804 through 501.805 relate to license requests; rulemaking; and document requests. Section 501.806 sets forth the procedures to be followed by a person seeking to have funds released at a financial institution if the person believes that the funds were blocked due to mistaken identity. Section 501.807 sets forth the procedures to be followed by persons seeking administrative reconsideration of their designation or that of a vessel as blocked, or who wish to assert that the circumstances resulting in the designation are no longer applicable. Copies of §§ 501.601 through 501.605, 501.801, and 501.804 through 501.807 are included as Attachment 1.

2. Indicate how, by whom, and for what purpose the information is to be used. Except for a new collection, indicate the actual use the agency has made of the information received from the current collection.

The information collected is used by OFAC to implement blocking, licensing, compliance, and civil penalty, and enforcement programs pursuant to 31 CFR chapter V. OFAC has used

information reported on blocked and rejected funds transfers to enhance compliance with U.S. sanctions and as a basis for assisting U.S. Government dealings with other countries. Information submitted in applications for specific licenses is used by OFAC to determine whether to authorize particular transactions that would otherwise be prohibited under 31 CFR chapter V. It would be impossible to authorize such exceptions without requiring those parties requesting them to submit the basic facts supporting their requests. Without the ability to make such exceptions from the broad prohibitions contained in 31 CFR chapter V, OFAC would not be able to exercise reasonable discretion in administering economic sanctions programs.

3. Describe whether, and to what extent, the collection of information involves the use of automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g. permitting electronic submission of responses, and the basis for the decision for adopting this means of collection. Also describe any consideration of using information technology to reduce burden.

The information is generally reported to OFAC by letter. For example, requests with respect to general and specific licenses are received from the public in letter form. Information collected from U.S. financial institutions, however, is collected increasingly by automated, electronic, and computerized means. Annual reports required under §501.603(b)(2) are submitted via form TDF 90-22.50.

4. Describe efforts to identify duplication. Show specifically why any similar information already available cannot be used or modified for use for the purposes described in item 2. above.

Generally, the information that OFAC requires pertains to individual transactions and is not available other than through a specific report. Each individual report of information provided is of a limited nature, separate, and unique. Thus, there is no duplication of records. Each item is based upon a new occurrence pertaining to a designated entity or blocked transaction.

U.S. financial institutions, however, are required to make individual reports on assets that they have blocked within 10 days from the blocking and are also required to report on an annual basis all blocked property under their control. The annual report is not merely a duplicate of the information previously reported. Because OFAC periodically issues general licenses allowing the unblocking of property without a need to make a specific request to OFAC, only through the annual reporting requirement can OFAC be apprised of the actual status of blocked property. Current information is required for the purpose of the Department of the Treasury's congressionally mandated annual report on terrorist assets as well as for U.S. foreign policy purposes concerning negotiations with impacted countries.

5. If the collection of information impacts small businesses or other small entities (Item 5 of OMB Form 83-1), describe any methods used to minimize burden.

The information collection may affect a limited number of small businesses or other small entities that hold blocked assets or engage in transactions prohibited, unless otherwise authorized, by the individual parts in 31 CFR chapter V. In the licensing area, the application procedures are simple, and the average time required to complete a license application is two hours. The recordkeeping requirement imposed by § 501.601 is minimal, because the records required to be maintained

should already be maintained under standard business practices.

6. Describe the consequence to Federal program or policy activities if the collection is not conducted or is conducted less frequently, as well as any technical or legal obstacles to reducing burden.

The information collected is used primarily by the Treasury Department for licensing, compliance, and civil penalty and enforcement purposes. This information is used to authorize transactions consistent with policy, and to prevent the transfer through U.S. financial institutions of funds in support of target governments and persons. Without these collections of information, the President's Executive orders cannot be carried out.

Generally, the information could not be collected less frequently unless it was not collected at all. For example, the need for information required to request a specific license arises only at the time an applicant determines such a license is necessary. Persons availing themselves of certain general licenses may be required to file reports and statements in accordance with the instructions specified in those licenses. With regard to the individual and annual reports on the blocking of property, if the information were not collected or were collected less frequently, OFAC would have no means of tracking the compliance of U.S. financial institutions and their customers with U.S. economic sanctions.

7. Explain any special circumstances that require the collection to be conducted in a manner:

- X *requiring respondents to report information to the agency more often than quarterly;*
Respondents are required to report information on a transaction-by-transaction basis and on an annual basis. Prompt reporting of individual blockings and rejected transfers is necessary for OFAC to maintain effective compliance and enforcement.
- X *requiring respondents to prepare a written response to a collection of information in fewer than 30 days after receipt of it;*
OFAC requires that reports on blocked or rejected transactions be submitted within 10 days of the blocking or rejection. A 30-day requirement would be insufficient for the foreign policy purposes underlying the economic sanctions. In addition, because OFAC frequently receives requests to unblock property shortly after it has been blocked, it is essential for the blockings to be reported to OFAC as soon as possible. OFAC requests for information in the enforcement context may require a response in less than 30 days when the information requested is needed immediately for OFAC to adequately enforce U.S. economic sanctions.
- X *requiring respondents to submit more than an original and two copies of any document;*
No such requirement exists.
- X *requiring respondents to retain records, other than health, medical, government contract, grant-in-aid, or tax records, for more than three years;*
Part 501 requires respondents to retain records for five years from the date of a restricted transaction or from the date that blocked property is unblocked. Under § 501.601, the

requirement for five years of record retention beyond a transaction corresponds to the statute of limitations set forth in 28 U.S.C. 2462.

- X *in connection with a statistical survey, that is not designed to produce valid and reliable results that can be generalized to the universe of study;*
The information collections are not part of a statistical survey.
- X *requiring the use of a statistical data classification that has not been reviewed and approved by OMB;*
Not Applicable.
- X *that includes a pledge of confidentiality that is not supported by authority established in statute or regulation, that is not supported by disclosure and data security policies that are consistent with the pledge, or which unnecessarily impedes sharing of data with other agencies for compatible confidential use;*
No assurances of confidentiality are given other than with respect to reports of blocked property, as indicated in OFAC's regulations. It is the policy of OFAC to protect the confidentiality of information in appropriate cases pursuant to the exemptions from disclosure provided under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act.
- X *requiring respondents to submit proprietary trade secrets, or other confidential information unless the agency can demonstrate that it has instituted procedures to protect the information's confidentiality to the extent permitted by law.*
Reports of blocked property are received on a confidential basis. It is the policy of OFAC to protect the confidentiality of information in appropriate cases pursuant to the exemptions from disclosure provided under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act.

8. *If applicable, provide a copy and identify the date and page number of publication in the Federal Register of the agency's notice, required by 5 CFR 1320.8(d), soliciting comments on the information collection prior to submission to OMB. Summarize public comments received in response to that notice and describe actions taken by the agency in response to these comments. Specifically address comments received on cost and hour burden.*

A copy of the *Federal Register* Notice of May 22, 2009, 74 FR 24074, soliciting comments is included as Attachment 2. OFAC received no comments.

Describe efforts to consult with persons outside the agency to obtain their views on the availability of data, frequency of collection, the clarity of instructions and record keeping, disclosure, or reporting format (if any), and on the data elements to be recorded, disclosed, or reported.

We solicited comments through the *Federal Register* notice referenced above and received no response. In addition, OFAC has substantial contact with various individuals and groups seeking to comply with OFAC's regulations. Through these contacts OFAC is able to develop an appreciation of the impact of the information collections necessitated by economic sanctions.

OFAC's Licensing Division is in daily contact with applicants for specific licenses under the various programs it administers. Licensing officers routinely discuss the information required to process comparable applications with applicants. Since the procedures are informal, arrangements to minimize the burden to applicants, while allowing OFAC to make sound decisions, are constantly being negotiated. In addition, the Compliance Division, which possesses substantial expertise in the area of banking and financial transactions, maintains similar contacts with financial institutions. Over thirty years of such daily contacts have streamlined procedures and assisted OFAC in obtaining a detailed understanding of the burdens its procedures impose on applicants.

Consultation with representatives of those from whom information is to be obtained or those who must compile records should occur at least once every 3 years - even if the collection of information activity is the same as in prior periods. There may be circumstances that mitigate against consultation in a specific situation. These circumstances should be explained.

Not applicable.

9. Explain any decision to provide any payment or gift to respondents, other than remuneration of contractors or grantees.

Respondents receive no payment or gifts for providing information to OFAC.

10. Describe any assurance of confidentiality provided to respondents and the basis for the assurance in statute, regulation, or agency policy.

No assurances of confidentiality are given to persons who furnish information to OFAC unless specifically indicated in advance. Reports of blocked property are received on a confidential basis pursuant to OFAC's regulations. It is the policy of OFAC to protect the confidentiality of information in appropriate cases pursuant to the exemptions from disclosure provided under the Freedom of Information Act and the Privacy Act.

11. Provide additional justification for any questions of a sensitive nature, such as sexual behavior and attitudes, religious beliefs, and other matters that are commonly considered private. This justification should include the reasons why the agency considers the questions necessary, the specific uses to be made of the information, the explanation to be given to persons from whom the information is requested, and any steps to be taken to obtain their consent.

OFAC makes no requests for sensitive information of the type described above.

12. Provide estimates of the hour burden of the collection of information. The statement should:

X Indicate the number of respondents, frequency of response, annual hour burden, and an explanation of how the burden was estimated. Unless directed to do so, agencies should not conduct special surveys to obtain information on which to base hour burden estimates. Consultation with a sample (fewer than 10) of potential respondents is desirable. If the hour burden on respondents is expected to vary widely because of differences in activity,

size, or complexity, show the range of estimated hour burden and explain the reasons for the variance. Generally, estimates should not include burden hours for customary and usual business practices.

The anticipated number of respondents is approximately 13,125. While the vast majority of these respondents will submit information to OFAC one or two times per year, larger financial institutions make many more submissions. Roughly 27,000 responses are expected annually during the coming three years. The total number of burden hours is anticipated to be 33,750. This estimate is based on time required to provide the information varying from 30 minutes to 10 hours, depending on individual circumstances, with an average of 1.25 hours. These estimates stem from past experience in previous and ongoing programs.

- X If the request for approval covers more than one form, provide separate hour burden estimates for each form and aggregate the hour burdens in Item 13 of OMB Form 83-I.*

Most of the information collections under OMB authorization 1505-164 do not involve the use of forms. For the purposes of the annual reports of financial institutions, Form TDF 90-20.55 is used. Roughly 250 financial institutions use this form on an annual basis, taking an average of four hours to complete it.

- X Provide estimates of annualized cost to respondents for the hour burdens for collections of information, identifying and using appropriate wage rate categories. The cost of contracting out or paying outside parties for information collection activities should not be included here. Instead, this cost should be included in Item 13.*

Of the 27,000 estimated responses, a great majority are processed quickly by individuals acting on their own behalf or by clerk-level administrators in large financial institutions. OFAC estimates the cost per burden hour of the anticipated 33,750 burden hours to be \$10 per hour, for a total cost of \$337,500.

13. Provide an estimate of the total annual cost burden to respondents or record-keeper resulting from the collection of information. (Do not include the cost of any hour burden shown in Items 12 and 14.)

- X The cost estimate should be split into two components: (a) a total capital and start-up cost component (annualized over its expected useful life) and (b) a total operation and maintenance component. The estimates should take into account costs associated with generating, maintaining, and disclosing or providing the information. Include descriptions of methods used to estimate major cost factors including system and technology acquisition, expected useful life of capital equipment, the discount rate(s), and the time period over which costs will be incurred. Capital and start-up costs include, among other items, preparations for collecting information such as purchasing computers and software; monitoring, sampling, drilling and testing equipment; and record storage facilities.*

For larger financial institutions, there may be capital, operating, and maintenance costs associated with products such as interdiction software used to maintain compliance with U.S. sanctions laws. Nevertheless, any capital or operating costs associated with the actual collection of information to be submitted to OFAC are assumed to be minimal.

- X If cost estimates are expected to vary widely, agencies should present ranges of cost burdens and explain the reasons for the variance. The cost of purchasing or contracting out information collection services should be a part of this cost burden estimate. In developing cost burden estimates, agencies may consult with a sample of respondents (fewer than 10), utilize the 60-day pre-OMB submission public comment process and use existing economic or regulatory impact analysis associated with the rulemaking containing the information collection, as appropriate.*

Not applicable.

- X Generally, estimates should not include purchases of equipment or services, or portions thereof, made: (1) prior to October 1, 1995, (2) to achieve regulatory compliance with requirements not associated with the information collection, (3) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the government, or (4) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.*

Not applicable.

14. Provide estimates of annualized cost to the Federal Government. Also, provide a description of the method used to estimate cost, which should include quantification of hours, operational expenses (such as equipment, overhead, printing, and support staff), and any other expense that would not have been incurred without this collection of information. Agencies may also aggregate cost estimates from paragraphs 12, 13, and 14 in a single table.

There is no cost to the U.S. Government attributable to this information collection effort that would not have been incurred without the paperwork burden.

15. Explain the reasons for any program changes or adjustments reported in Items 13 or 14 of the OMB Form 83-I.

This submission is being made for renewal purposes. The estimated 27,000 annual responses cited in Item 13(b) represents a 5,750 annual response increase from the 21,250 annual responses provided for in the change request filed in 2008 for 31 CFR part 501. This change is the result of an expected increase in the number of annual reports submitted pursuant to § 501.603 based on trends from the past 3 years and stems from expanded OFAC sanctions programming. The corresponding increase in total annual hours requested to 33,750 hours, cited in Item 13(c), reflects the additional hours expected due to the increase in § 501.603 annual reports.

16. For collections of information whose results will be published, outline plans for tabulation and publication. Address any complex analytical techniques that will be used. Provide the time schedule for the entire project, including beginning and ending dates of the collection of

information, completion of report, publication dates, and other actions.

Results will not be published.

17. If seeking approval to not display the expiration date for OMB approval of the information collection, explain the reasons that display would be inappropriate.

Not applicable.

18. Explain each exception to the certification statement identified in Item 19, "Certification for Paperwork Reduction Act Submissions," of OMB Form 83-I.

Not applicable.

B. Collections of Information Employing Statistical Methods.

Not applicable.

ATTACHMENT 1

Subpart A—Relation of This Part to Other Parts in This Chapter**§ 501.101 Relation of this part to other parts in this chapter.**

This part sets forth standard reporting and recordkeeping requirements and license application and other procedures governing transactions regulated pursuant to other parts codified in this chapter, as well as to economic sanctions programs for which implementation and administration are delegated to the Office of Foreign Assets Control. Substantive prohibitions and policies particular to each economic sanctions program are not contained in this part but are set forth in the particular part of this chapter dedicated to that program, or, in the case of economic sanctions programs not yet implemented in regulations, in the applicable executive order or other authority. License application procedures and reporting requirements set forth in this part govern transactions undertaken pursuant to general or specific licenses. The criteria for general and specific licenses pertaining to a particular economic sanctions program are set forth in subpart E of the individual parts in this chapter. Statements of licensing policy contained in subpart E of the individual parts in this chapter, however, may contain additional information collection provisions that require production of specified documentation unique to a given general license or statement of licensing policy.

[62 FR 52494, Oct. 8, 1997]

Subpart B—Definitions**§ 501.301 Definitions.**

Definitions of terms used in this part are found in subpart C of the part within this chapter applicable to the relevant application, record, report, procedure or transaction. In the case of economic sanctions programs for which implementation and administration are delegated to the Office of Foreign Assets Control but for which regulations have not yet been issued, the definitions of terms in this part are governed by definitions contained in

the implementing statute or Executive order.

Subpart C—Reports**§ 501.601 Records and recordkeeping requirements.**

Except as otherwise provided, every person engaging in any transaction subject to the provisions of this chapter shall keep a full and accurate record of each such transaction engaged in, regardless of whether such transaction is effected pursuant to license or otherwise, and such record shall be available for examination for at least 5 years after the date of such transaction. Except as otherwise provided, every person holding property blocked pursuant to the provisions of this chapter or funds transfers retained pursuant to § 596.504(b) of this chapter shall keep a full and accurate record of such property, and such record shall be available for examination for the period of time that such property is blocked and for at least 5 years after the date such property is unblocked.

NOTE: See subpart F of part 597 for the relationship between this section and part 597.

[62 FR 45101, Aug. 25, 1997, as amended at 62 FR 52494, Oct. 8, 1997]

§ 501.602 Reports to be furnished on demand.

Every person is required to furnish under oath, in the form of reports or otherwise, from time to time and at any time as may be required by the Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, complete information relative to any transaction, regardless of whether such transaction is effected pursuant to license or otherwise, subject to the provisions of this chapter or relative to any property in which any foreign country or any national thereof has any interest of any nature whatsoever, direct or indirect. The Director may require that such reports include the production of any books of account, contracts, letters or other papers connected with any such transaction or property, in the custody or control of the persons required to make such reports. Reports with respect to transactions may be required either before

or after such transactions are completed. Except as provided in parts 596 and 597, the Director may, through any person or agency, conduct investigations, hold hearings, administer oaths, examine witnesses, receive evidence, take depositions, and require by subpoena the attendance and testimony of witnesses and the production of all books, papers, and documents relating to any matter under investigation, regardless of whether any report has been required or filed in connection therewith.

NOTE: See subpart F of part 597 for the relationship between this section and part 597. [62 FR 45101, Aug. 25, 1997, as amended at 62 FR 52494, Oct. 8, 1997]

§ 501.603 Reports on blocked property.

(a) *Who must report*—(1) *Holders of blocked property.* Any person, including a financial institution, holding property blocked pursuant to this chapter must report. The requirement includes financial institutions that receive and block payments or transfers. This requirement is mandatory and applies to all U.S. persons (or persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction in the case of parts 500 and 515 of this chapter) who have in their possession or control any property or interests in property blocked pursuant to this chapter.

(2) *Primary responsibility to report.* A report may be filed on behalf of a holder of blocked property by an attorney, agent, or other person. Primary responsibility for reporting blocked property, however, rests with the actual holder of the property, or the person exercising control over property located outside the United States, with the following exceptions: primary responsibility for reporting any trust assets rest with the trustee; and primary responsibility for reporting real property rests with any U.S. co-owner, legal representative, agent, or property manager in the United States. No person is excused from filing a report by reason of the fact that another person has submitted a report with regard to the same property, except upon actual knowledge of the report filed by such other person. Reports filed are regarded as privileged and confidential.

(3) *Financial institutions.* For purposes of this section, the term “financial in-

stitution” shall include a banking institution, domestic bank, United States depository institution, financial institution, or U.S. financial institution, as those terms are defined in the applicable part of this chapter.

(b) *What must be reported*—(1) *Initial reports*—(i) *When reports are due.* Reports are required to be filed within 10 business days from the date that property becomes blocked. This reporting requirement includes payments or transfers that are received and blocked by financial institutions.

(ii) *Contents of reports.* Initial reports on blocked property shall describe the owner or account party, the property, its location, any existing or new account number or similar reference necessary to identify the property, actual or estimated value and the date it was blocked, and shall include the name and address of the holder, along with the name and telephone number of a contact person from whom compliance information can be obtained. If the report is filed by a financial institution and involves the receipt of a payment or transfer of funds which are blocked by the financial institution, the report shall also include a photocopy of the payment or transfer instructions received and shall confirm that the payment has been deposited into a new or existing blocked account which is labeled as such and is established in the name of, or contains a means of clearly identifying the interest of, the individual or entity subject to blocking pursuant to the requirements of this chapter.

(2) *Annual reports*—(i) *When reports are due.* A comprehensive report on all blocked property held as of June 30 of the current year shall be filed annually by September 30. The first annual report is due September 30, 1997.

(ii) *Contents of reports.* Annual reports shall be filed using Form TDF 90-22.50, Annual Report of Blocked Property. Copies of Form TDF 90-22.50 may be obtained directly from the Office of Foreign Assets Control, by calling the fax-on-demand service maintained by the Office of Foreign Assets Control at 202/622-0077, or by downloading the form from the “OFAC Press Releases and Miscellaneous Documents” file library

("FAC_MISC") located on the Government Printing Office's Federal Bulletin Board Online via GPO Access (Internet site: http://fedbbs.access.gpo.gov/lib/fac_misc.htm). Photocopies of the report form may be used. Requests to submit the information required on Form TDF 90-22.50 in an alternative format developed by the reporter are invited and will be considered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control on a case-by-case basis. A copy of reports filed using form TDF 90-22.50 or in alternative formats must be retained for the reporter's records.

(c) *Reports on retained funds pursuant to § 596.504(b) of this chapter.* The reporting requirements set forth in this section are applicable to any financial institution retaining funds pursuant to § 596.504(b) of this chapter, except that the account name shall reflect the name of the person whose interest required retention of the funds.

(d) *Where to report.* All reports must be filed with the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Compliance Programs Division, U.S. Treasury Department, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.—Annex, Washington, DC 20220.

NOTE: See subpart F of part 597 for the relationship between this section and part 597. [62 FR 45101, Aug. 25, 1997, as amended at 62 FR 52495, Oct. 8, 1997]

§ 501.604 Reports by U.S. financial institutions on rejected funds transfers.

(a) *Who must report.* Any financial institution that rejects a funds transfer where the funds are not blocked under the provisions of this chapter, but where processing the transfer would nonetheless violate, or facilitate an underlying transaction that is prohibited under, other provisions contained in this chapter, must report. For purposes of this section, the term "financial institution" shall include a banking institution, depository institution or United States depository institution, domestic bank, financial institution or U.S. financial institution, as those terms are defined in the applicable part of this chapter.

(b) *Rejected transfers.* Examples of transactions involving rejected funds transfers include funds transfer instructions:

(1) Referencing a blocked vessel but where none of the parties or financial institutions involved in the transaction is a blocked person;

(2) Sending funds to a person in Iraq;

(3) Transferring unlicensed gifts or charitable donations from the Government of Syria to a U.S. person;

(4) Crediting Iranian accounts on the books of a U.S. financial institution; and

(5) Making unauthorized transfers from U.S. persons to Iran or the Government of Iran.

(c) *When reports are due.* Reports are required to be filed within 10 business days by any financial institution rejecting instructions to execute payments or transfers involving underlying transactions prohibited by the provisions of this chapter.

(d) *What must be reported.* The report shall include the name and address of the transferee financial institution, the date of the transfer, the amount of the payment transfer, and a photocopy of the payment or transfer instructions received, and shall state the basis for the rejection of the transfer instructions. The report shall also provide the name and telephone number of a contact person at the transferee financial institution from whom compliance information may be obtained.

(e) *Where to report.* Reports must be filed with the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Compliance Programs Division, U.S. Treasury Department, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.—Annex, Washington, DC 20220.

[62 FR 45101, Aug. 25, 1997, as amended 70 FR 34061, June 13, 2005]

§ 501.605 Reports on litigation, arbitration, and dispute resolution proceedings.

(a) U.S. persons (or persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States in the case of parts 500 and 515 of this chapter) participating in litigation, arbitration, or other binding alternative dispute resolution proceedings in the United States on behalf of or against persons whose property or interests in property are blocked or whose funds have been retained pursuant to § 596.504(b) of this chapter, or when the outcome of any proceeding may affect

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blocked property or retained funds, must:

(1) Provide notice of such proceedings upon their commencement or upon submission or receipt of documents bringing the proceedings within the terms of the introductory text to this paragraph (a);

(2) Submit copies of all pleadings, motions, memoranda, exhibits, stipulations, correspondence, and proposed orders or judgments (including any proposed final judgment or default judgment) submitted to the court or other adjudicatory body, and all orders, decisions, opinions, or memoranda issued by the court, to the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.—Annex, Washington, DC 20220, within 10 days of filing, submission or issuance. This paragraph (a)(2) shall not apply to discovery requests or responses, documents filed under seal, or requests for procedural action not seeking action dispositive of the proceedings (such as requests for extension of time to file); and

(3) Report by immediate facsimile transmission to the Chief Counsel, Office of Foreign Assets Control, at facsimile number 202/622-1911, the scheduling of any hearing or status conference in the proceedings whenever it appears that the court or other adjudicatory body may issue an order or judgment in the proceedings (including a final judgment or default judgment) or is considering or may decide any pending request dispositive of the merits of the proceedings or of any claim raised in the proceedings.

(b) The reporting requirements of paragraph (a) of this section do not apply to proceedings to which the Office of Foreign Assets Control is a party.

(c) Persons initiating proceedings subject to the reporting requirements of this section must notify the court or other adjudicatory body of the restrictions set forth under the applicable part in this chapter governing the transfer of blocked property or funds retained pursuant to § 596.504(b) of this chapter, including the prohibition on any unlicensed attachment, judgment, decree, lien, execution, garnishment or

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other judicial process with respect to any property in which, on or after the applicable effective date, there existed an interest of any person whose property and property interests were subject to blocking pursuant to this chapter or were subject to retention pursuant to § 596.504(b) of this chapter.

§ 501.606 Reporting and recordkeeping requirements applicable to economic sanctions programs.

The reporting and recordkeeping requirements set forth in this subpart are applicable to economic sanctions programs for which implementation and administration have been delegated to the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Subpart D—Trading With the Enemy Act (TWEA) Penalties

SOURCE: 68 FR 53642, Sept. 11, 2003, unless otherwise noted.

§ 501.700 Applicability.

This subpart is applicable only to those parts of chapter V promulgated pursuant to the TWEA, which include parts 500, 505, and 515.

§ 501.701 Penalties.

(a) Attention is directed to section 16 of the TWEA, as adjusted pursuant to the Federal Civil Penalties Inflation Adjustment Act of 1990 (Pub. L. 101-410, as amended, 28 U.S.C. 2461 note), which provides that:

(1) Persons who willfully violate any provision of TWEA or any license, rule, or regulation issued thereunder, and persons who willfully violate, neglect, or refuse to comply with any order of the President issued in compliance with the provisions of TWEA shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$1,000,000 or, if an individual, be fined not more than \$100,000 or imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both; and an officer, director, or agent of any corporation who knowingly participates in such violation shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than \$100,000 or imprisoned for not more than 10 years, or both.

(2) Any property, funds, securities, papers, or other articles or documents, or any vessel, together with its tackle,

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transcript of the relevant proceedings be prepared and forwarded to the Secretary's designee.

(a) *Contents of the record.* In proceedings for final decision before the Secretary's designee the record shall consist of:

(1) All items that are part of the record in accordance with § 501.739;

(2) Any petitions for review, cross-petitions or oppositions;

(3) All briefs, motions, submissions and other papers filed on appeal or review; and

(4) Any other material of which the Secretary's designee may take administrative notice.

(b) *Review of documents not admitted.* Any document offered in evidence but excluded by the Administrative Law Judge and any document marked for identification but not offered as an exhibit shall not be considered a part of the record before the Secretary's designee on review but shall be transmitted to the Secretary's designee if he or she so requests. In the event that the Secretary's designee does not request the document, the Administrative Law Judge shall retain the document not admitted into the record until the later of:

(1) The date upon which the Secretary's designee's order becomes final; or

(2) The conclusion of any judicial review of that order.

§ 501.745 Orders and decisions: signature, date and public availability.

(a) *Signature required.* All orders and decisions of the Administrative Law Judge or Secretary's designee shall be signed.

(b) *Date of entry of orders.* The date of entry of an order by the Administrative Law Judge or Secretary's designee shall be the date the order is signed. Such date shall be reflected in the caption of the order, or if there is no caption, in the order itself.

(c) *Public availability of orders.* (1) In general, any final order of the Department shall be made public. Any supporting findings or opinions relating to a final order shall be made public at such time as the final order is made public.

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(2) *Exception.* Any final order of the Administrative Law Judge or Secretary's designee pertaining to an application for confidential treatment shall only be available to the public in accordance with § 501.725(b)(3).

§ 501.746 Referral to United States Department of Justice; administrative collection measures.

In the event that the respondent does not pay any penalty imposed pursuant to this part within 30 calendar days of the mailing of the written notice of the imposition of the penalty, the matter may be referred for administrative collection measures or to the United States Department of Justice for appropriate action to recover the penalty in a civil suit in a Federal district court.

§ 501.747 Procedures on remand of decisions.

Either an Administrative Law Judge or a Secretary's designee, as appropriate, shall reconsider any Department decision on judicial remand to the Department. The rules of practice contained in this subpart shall apply to all proceedings held on judicial remand.

Subpart E—Procedures

SOURCE: 62 FR 45101, Aug. 25, 1997, unless otherwise noted. Redesignated at 68 FR 53642, Sept. 11, 2003.

§ 501.801 Licensing.

(a) *General licenses.* General licenses have been issued authorizing under appropriate terms and conditions certain types of transactions which are subject to the prohibitions contained in this chapter. All such licenses are set forth in subpart E of each part contained in this chapter. General licenses may also be issued authorizing under appropriate terms and conditions certain types of transactions which are subject to prohibitions contained in economic sanctions programs the implementation and administration of which have been delegated to the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control but

which are not yet codified in this chapter. It is the policy of the Office of Foreign Assets Control not to grant applications for specific licenses authorizing transactions to which the provisions of an outstanding general license are applicable. Persons availing themselves of certain general licenses may be required to file reports and statements in accordance with the instructions specified in those licenses. Failure to file such reports or statements will nullify the authority of the general license.

(b) *Specific licenses*—(1) *General course of procedure*. Transactions subject to the prohibitions contained in this chapter, or to prohibitions the implementation and administration of which have been delegated to the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, which are not authorized by general license may be effected only under specific licenses.

(2) *Applications for specific licenses*. Original signed applications for specific licenses to engage in any transactions prohibited by or pursuant to this chapter or sanctions programs that have been delegated to the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control for implementation and administration must be filed by mail or courier. Applications will not be accepted by fax or electronically, unless otherwise authorized. Applications may be submitted in letter form with the exception of license applications for the unblocking of funds transfers. Applications for the unblocking of funds transfers must be submitted using TD-F 90-22.54, "Application for the Release of Blocked Funds," accompanied by two complete copies of the entire submission. The form, which requires information regarding the date of the blocking, the financial institutions involved in the transfer, and the beneficiary and amount of the transfer, may be obtained from the OFAC Internet Home Page: <http://www.treas.gov/ofac>, the OFAC fax-on-demand service: 202/622-0077, or the Compliance Programs Division, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20220. Any person having an interest in a transaction or proposed transaction may file an application for a license authorizing such transaction.

(3) *Information to be supplied*. The applicant must supply all information specified by relevant instructions and/or forms, and must fully disclose the names of all parties who are concerned with or interested in the proposed transaction. If the application is filed by an agent, the agent must disclose the name of his principal(s). Such documents as may be relevant shall be attached to each application as a part of such application, except that documents previously filed with the Office of Foreign Assets Control may, where appropriate, be incorporated by reference in such application. Applicants are required to supply their taxpayer identifying number pursuant to 31 U.S.C. 7701, which number may be used for purposes of collecting and reporting on any delinquent amounts arising out of the applicant's relationship with the United States Government. Applicants may be required to furnish such further information as is deemed necessary to a proper determination by the Office of Foreign Assets Control. Any applicant or other party in interest desiring to present additional information may do so at any time before or after decision. Arrangements for oral presentation should be made with the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

(4) *Effect of denial*. The denial of a license does not preclude the reopening of an application or the filing of a further application. The applicant or any other party in interest may at any time request explanation of the reasons for a denial by correspondence or personal interview.

(5) *Reports under specific licenses*. As a condition for the issuance of any license, the licensee may be required to file reports with respect to the transaction covered by the license, in such form and at such times and places as may be prescribed in the license or otherwise.

(6) *Issuance of license*. Licenses will be issued by the Office of Foreign Assets Control acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury or licenses may be issued by the Secretary of the Treasury acting directly or through any specifically designated person, agency, or instrumentality.

(7) *Address.* License applications, reports, and inquiries should be addressed to the appropriate division or individual within the Office of Foreign Assets Control, or to its Director, at the following address: Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.—Annex, Washington, DC 20220.

(c) *Registration of nongovernmental organizations—(1) Purpose of registration.* For those parts of this chapter specifically authorizing the registration of nongovernmental organizations (“NGOs”), registration numbers may be issued on a case-by-case basis to NGOs involved in humanitarian or religious activities in countries or geographic areas subject to economic sanctions pursuant to this chapter V. A registration number authorizes certain transactions by or on behalf of the registered NGO otherwise prohibited by the specific part with respect to which the registration number is issued, including the exportation of goods, services, and funds to the country or geographic area subject to such part for the purpose of relieving human suffering. The transactions authorized for registered NGOs either will be specified by the statement of licensing policy in the part under which the registration number is issued or by the Office of Foreign Assets Control letter issuing the registration number.

(2) *Application information to be supplied.* Applications for registration numbers should be submitted to the Compliance Programs Division, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Annex, Washington, DC 20220, or by facsimile to (202) 622-2426, and must include:

(i) The organization’s name in English, in the language of origin, and any acronym or other names used to identify the organization;

(ii) Address and phone number of the organization’s headquarters location;

(iii) Full name in English, in the language of origin, and any acronym or other names used, as well as nationality, citizenship, current country of residence, place and date of birth for key staff at the organization’s headquarters, such as the chairman and

board members, president, director, etc.;

(iv) Identification of field offices or partner offices elsewhere, including addresses, phone numbers, and organizational names used, as well as the identification of the senior officer(s) at these locations, including the person’s name, position, nationality, citizenship, and date of birth (names of individuals and organizations shall be provided in English, in the language of origin, and shall include any acronym or other names used to identify the individuals or organizations);

(v) Identification of subcontracting organizations, if any, to the extent known or contemplated at the time of the application;

(vi) Existing sources of income, such as official grants, private endowments, commercial activities;

(vii) Financial institutions that hold deposits on behalf of or extend lines of credit to the organization (names of individuals and organizations shall be provided in English, in the language of origin, and shall include any acronym or other names used to identify the individuals or organizations);

(viii) Independent accounting firms, if employed in the production of the organization’s financial statements (names of individuals and organizations shall be provided in English, in the language of origin, and shall include any acronym or other names used to identify the individuals or organizations);

(ix) A detailed description of the organization’s humanitarian or religious activities and projects in countries or geographic areas subject to economic sanctions pursuant to this chapter V;

(x) Most recent official registry documents, annual reports, and annual filings with the pertinent government, as applicable; and

(xi) Names and addresses of organizations to which the applicant currently provides or proposes to provide funding, services or material support, to the extent known at the time of the vetting, as applicable.

(3) *Use of registration number.* Registered NGOs conducting transactions authorized by their registrations to support their humanitarian or religious activities pursuant to any part of

this chapter should reference the registration number on all payments and funds transfers and on all related documentation, including all purchasing, shipping, and financing documents.

(4) *Limitations.* Registered NGOs are not authorized to make remittances from blocked accounts. Registration numbers are not transferable and may be revoked or modified at any time at the discretion of the Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control. Registration numbers do not excuse compliance with any law or regulation administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control or any other agency (including reporting requirements) applicable to the transaction(s) herein authorized, nor does it release the Registrant or third parties from civil or criminal liability for violation of any law or regulation.

(5) *Prior numbers.* Registration numbers already issued remain in effect.

[62 FR 45101, Aug. 25, 1997, as amended at 65 FR 10708, Feb. 29, 2000; 66 FR 2728, Jan. 11, 2001]

§ 501.802 Decisions.

The Office of Foreign Assets Control will advise each applicant of the decision respecting filed applications. The decision of the Office of Foreign Assets Control acting on behalf of the Secretary of the Treasury with respect to an application shall constitute final agency action.

§ 501.803 Amendment, modification, or revocation.

Except as otherwise provided by law, the provisions of each part of this chapter and any rulings, licenses (whether general or specific), authorizations, instructions, orders, or forms issued thereunder may be amended, modified or revoked at any time.

[63 FR 35809, July 1, 1998]

§ 501.804 Rulemaking.

(a) All rules and other public documents are issued by the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control. In general, rulemaking by the Office of Foreign Assets Control involves foreign affairs functions of the United States, and for that reason is exempt from the requirements under the Administrative

Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) for notice of proposed rulemaking, opportunity for public comment, and delay in effective date.

(b) Any interested person may petition the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control in writing for the issuance, amendment, or repeal of any rule.

§ 501.805 Rules governing availability of information.

(a) The records of the Office of Foreign Assets Control which are required by the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) to be made available to the public shall be made available in accordance with the definitions, procedures, payment of fees, and other provisions of the regulations on the Disclosure of Records of the Departmental Offices and of other bureaus and offices of the Department of the Treasury issued under 5 U.S.C. 552 and published at 31 CFR part 1.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH § 501.805(a): Records or information obtained or created in the implementation of part 598 of this chapter are not subject to disclosure under section 552(a)(3) of the Freedom of Information Act. See § 598.802 of this chapter.

(b) The records of the Office of Foreign Assets Control which are required by the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a) to be made available to an individual shall be made available in accordance with the definitions, procedures, requirements for payment of fees, and other provisions of the Regulations on the Disclosure of Records of the Departmental Offices and of other bureaus and offices of the Department of the Treasury issued under 5 U.S.C. 552a and published at 31 CFR part 1.

(c) Any form issued for use in connection with this chapter may be obtained in person or by writing to the Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.—Annex, Washington, DC 20220, or by calling 202/622-2480.

(d) *Certain Civil Penalties Information.*

(1) After the conclusion of a civil penalties proceeding that results in either the imposition of a civil monetary penalty or an informal settlement, OFAC shall make available to the public certain information on a routine basis,

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not less frequently than monthly, as follows:

(i) In each such proceeding against an entity, OFAC shall make available to the public

(A) The name and address of the entity involved,

(B) The sanctions program involved,

(C) A brief description of the violation or alleged violation,

(D) A clear indication whether the proceeding resulted in an informal settlement or in the imposition of a penalty,

(E) An indication whether the entity voluntarily disclosed the violation or alleged violation to OFAC, and

(F) The amount of the penalty imposed or the amount of the agreed settlement.

(ii) In such proceedings against individuals, OFAC shall release on an aggregate basis

(A) The number of penalties imposed and informal settlements reached,

(B) The sanctions programs involved,

(C) A brief description of the violations or alleged violations,

(D) A clear indication whether the proceedings resulted in informal settlements, in the imposition of penalties, or in administrative hearing requests pursuant to the Trading With the Enemy Act (TWEA), 50 U.S.C. 5(b), and

(E) The amounts of the penalties imposed and the amounts of the agreed settlements.

(2) The medium through which information will be released is OFAC's website at <http://www.treas.gov/ofac>.

(3) The information made available pursuant to paragraph (d)(1) of this section shall not include the following:

(i) The name of any violator or alleged violator who is an individual.

(ii) Records or information obtained or created in the implementation of part 598 of this chapter.

(4) On a case-by-case basis, OFAC may release additional information concerning a particular civil penalties proceeding.

[62 FR 45101, Aug. 25, 1997, as amended at 65 FR 41335, July 5, 2000; 68 FR 6822, Feb. 11, 2003]

§ 501.806 Procedures for unblocking funds believed to have been blocked due to mistaken identity.

When a transaction results in the blocking of funds at a financial institution pursuant to the applicable regulations of this chapter and a party to the transaction believes the funds have been blocked due to mistaken identity, that party may seek to have such funds unblocked pursuant to the following administrative procedures:

(a) Any person who is a party to the transaction may request the release of funds which the party believes to have been blocked due to mistaken identity.

(b) Requests to release funds which a party believes to have been blocked due to mistaken identity must be made in writing and addressed to the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Compliance Programs Division, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.—Annex, Washington, DC 20220, or sent by facsimile transmission to the Compliance Programs Division at 202/622-1657.

(c) The written request to release funds must include the name, address, telephone number, and (where available) fax number of the party seeking the release of the funds. For individuals, the inclusion of a social security number is voluntary but will facilitate resolution of the request. For corporations or other entities, the application should include its principal place of business, the state of incorporation or organization, and the name and telephone number of the appropriate person to contact regarding the application.

(d) A request to release funds should include the following information, where known, concerning the transaction:

(1) The name of the financial institution in which the funds are blocked;

(2) The amount blocked;

(3) The date of the blocking;

(4) The identity of the original remitter of the funds and any intermediary financial institutions;

(5) The intended beneficiary of the blocked transfer;

(6) A description of the underlying transaction including copies of related documents (e.g., invoices, bills of lading, promissory notes, etc.);

(7) The nature of the applicant's interest in the funds; and

(8) A statement of the reasons why the applicant believes the funds were blocked due to mistaken identity.

(e) Upon receipt of the materials required by paragraph (d) of this section, OFAC may request additional material from the applicant concerning the transaction pursuant to § 501.602.

(f) Following review of all applicable submissions, the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control will determine whether to release the funds. In the event the Director determines that the funds should be released, the Office of Foreign Assets Control will direct the financial institution to return the funds to the appropriate party.

(g) For purposes of this section, the term "financial institution" shall include a banking institution, depository institution or United States depository institution, domestic bank, financial institution or U.S. financial institution, as those terms are defined in the applicable part of this chapter.

[62 FR 45101, Aug. 25, 1997, as amended at 62 FR 52495, Oct. 8, 1997]

§ 501.807 Procedures governing removal of names from appendices A, B, and C to this chapter.

A person may seek administrative reconsideration of his, her or its designation or that of a vessel as blocked, or assert that the circumstances resulting in the designation no longer apply, and thus seek to have the designation rescinded pursuant to the following administrative procedures:

(a) A person blocked under the provisions of any part of this chapter, including a specially designated national, specially designated terrorist, or specially designated narcotics trafficker (collectively, "a blocked person"), or a person owning a majority interest in a blocked vessel may submit arguments or evidence that the person believes establishes that insufficient basis exists for the designation. The blocked person also may propose remedial steps on the person's part, such as corporate reorganization, resignation of persons from positions in a blocked entity, or similar steps, which the person believes would negate the basis for designation. A person owning

a majority interest in a blocked vessel may propose the sale of the vessel, with the proceeds to be placed into a blocked interest-bearing account after deducting the costs incurred while the vessel was blocked and the costs of the sale. This submission must be made in writing and addressed to the Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW.—Annex, Washington, DC 20220.

(b) The information submitted by the blocked person seeking unblocking or by a person seeking the unblocking of a vessel will be reviewed by the Office of Foreign Assets Control, which may request clarifying, corroborating, or other additional information.

(c) A blocked person seeking unblocking or a person seeking the unblocking of a vessel may request a meeting with the Office of Foreign Assets Control; however, such meetings are not required, and the office may, at its discretion, decline to conduct such meetings prior to completing a review pursuant to this section.

(d) After the Office of Foreign Assets Control has conducted a review of the request for reconsideration, it will provide a written decision to the blocked person or person seeking the unblocking of a vessel.

[64 FR 5614, Feb. 4, 1999]

§ 501.808 License application and other procedures applicable to economic sanctions programs.

Upon submission to the Office of Management and Budget of an amendment to the overall burden hours for the information collections imposed under this part, the license application and other procedures set forth in this subpart are applicable to economic sanctions programs for which implementation and administration have been delegated to the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Subpart F—Paperwork Reduction Act

SOURCE: 62 FR 45101, Aug. 25, 1997, unless otherwise noted. Redesignated at 68 FR 53642, Sept. 11, 2003.

ATTACHMENT 2

A. Hopkins, Joseph T. Jackson, Donald A. Lambrecht, William M. Liebert, Howard A. McCowan, William J. Mlejnek, John F. Naughton, Curtis J. Panther, Eric S. Ritter, Gary L. Robinson, Todd J. Schoeller, Chad W. Schumaker, Kevin J. Sears, David W. Slininger, Peter A. Storm, Robert J. Streets, Don A. Wisnosky, and Patrick D. Yasten from the ITDM standard in 49 CFR 391.41(b)(3), subject to the conditions listed under "Conditions and Requirements" above.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315 each exemption will be valid for two years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315. If the exemption is still effective at the end of the 2-year period, the person may apply to FMCSA for a renewal under procedures in effect at that time.

Issued on: May 15, 2009.

Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA-1999-5578; FMCSA-2000-8398; FMCSA-2002-13411; FMCSA-2004-17984; FMCSA-2004-19477; FMCSA-2005-20027; FMCSA-2006-26066; FMCSA-2006-25246; FMCSA-2007-27333]

Qualification of Drivers; Exemption Renewals; Vision

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final disposition.

SUMMARY: FMCSA previously announced its decision to renew the exemptions from the vision requirement in the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations for 22 individuals. FMCSA has statutory authority to exempt individuals from the vision requirement if the exemptions granted will not compromise safety. The Agency has concluded that granting these exemptions will provide a level of safety that will be equivalent to, or greater than, the level of safety maintained without the exemptions for these

commercial motor vehicle (CMV) drivers.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Mary D. Gunnels, Director, Medical Programs, (202) 366-4001, fmcsamedical@dot.gov, FMCSA, Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE., Room W64-224, Washington, DC 20590-0001. Office hours are from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Access

You may see all the comments online through the Federal Document Management System (FDMS) at <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Background

Under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, FMCSA may grant an exemption for a 2-year period if it finds "such exemption would likely achieve a level of safety that is equivalent to, or greater than, the level that would be achieved absent such exemption." The statute also allows the Agency to renew exemptions at the end of the 2-year period. The comment period ended on May 6, 2009.

Discussion of Comments

FMCSA received no comments in this proceeding.

Conclusion

The Agency has not received any adverse evidence on any of these drivers that indicates that safety is being compromised. Based upon its evaluation of the 22 renewal applications, FMCSA renews the Federal vision exemptions for Rex A. Botsford, Roger C. Carson, Robert A. Casson, Gregory L. Cooper, Kenneth D. Craig, Christopher A. Deadman, Jerald O. Edwards, David R. Gross, George Harris, Francisco J. Jimenez, Kenneth C. Keil, Paul R. Kerpsie, Melvin A. Kleman, Roosevelt Lawson, Emanuel N. Malone, Roberto E. Martinez, Richard W. Mullenix, George K. Sizemore, James A. Strickland, Clarence L. Swann, Jr., Kerry W. VanStory and Manuel A. Vargas.

In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315, each renewal exemption will be valid for 2 years unless revoked earlier by FMCSA. The exemption will be revoked if: (1) The person fails to comply with the terms and conditions of the exemption; (2) the exemption has resulted in a lower level of safety than was maintained before it was granted; or (3) continuation of the exemption would not be consistent with the goals and objectives of 49 U.S.C. 31136 and 31315.

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Larry W. Minor,

Associate Administrator for Policy and Program Development.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Release of Waybill Data

The Surface Transportation Board has received a request from Mitsui Rail Capital, LLC (WB992-2-05/18/09), for permission to use certain data from the Board's Carload Waybill Samples. A copy of this request may be obtained from the Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration.

The waybill sample contains confidential railroad and shipper data; therefore, if any parties object to these requests, they should file their objections with the Director of the Board's Office of Economics, Environmental Analysis, and Administration within 14 calendar days of the date of this notice. The rules for release of waybill data are codified at 49 CFR 1244.9.

Contact: Scott Decker, (202) 245-0330.

Kulunie L. Cannon,

Clearance Clerk.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Reporting, Procedures, and Penalties Regulations

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") within the Department of the Treasury is soliciting comments concerning OFAC's

information collection requirements contained within OFAC's Reporting, Procedures and Penalties Regulations set forth at 31 CFR part 501.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 21, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to "Paperwork Reduction Act" care of the Policy Division, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Annex—4th Floor, Washington, DC 20220.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information about the filings or procedures should be directed to the Policy Division, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Department of the Treasury, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Annex—4th Floor, Washington, DC 20220.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Reporting, Procedures and Penalties Regulations.

OMB Number: 1505-0164.

Agency Form Number: TD-F-90-22.50.

Abstract: The collections of information are contained in sections 501.601 through 501.605, 501.801, and 501.803 through 501.807 and pertain to the operation of various economic sanctions programs administered by OFAC under 31 CFR Chapter V. Section 501.601 relates to the maintenance of records, and section 501.602 relates to OFAC demands for information relative to any transaction or property subject to the provisions of 31 CFR Chapter V. Section 501.603 imposes reporting requirements pertaining to blocked assets and retained funds transfers. This information is required by OFAC to monitor compliance with regulatory requirements, to support diplomatic negotiations concerning the targets of sanctions, and to support settlement negotiations addressing U.S. claims. Section 501.604 requires the filing of reports for compliance purposes by U.S. financial institutions where a funds transfer is not required to be blocked but is rejected because the underlying transaction is otherwise prohibited. Section 501.605 requires reporting of information pertaining to litigation, arbitration, and other binding alternative dispute resolution proceedings in the United States to prevent the intentional or inadvertent transfer through such proceedings of blocked property or retained funds. Sections 501.801 and 501.803 through 501.805 relate to license requests; the amendment, modification or revocation of licenses; rulemaking; and document requests. Section 501.806 sets forth the

procedures to be followed by a person seeking to have funds released at a financial institution if the person believes that the funds were blocked due to mistaken identity. Section 501.807 sets forth the procedures to be followed by persons seeking administrative reconsideration of their designation or the designation of a vessel as blocked, or who wish to assert that the circumstances resulting in the designation are no longer applicable.

The likely respondents and recordkeepers affected by the information collections contained in part 501 are financial institutions, business organizations, individuals, and legal representatives. The estimated total annual reporting and/or recordkeeping burden is approximately 26,250 hours. The estimated annual burden per respondent/record keeper varies from 30 minutes to 10 hours, depending on individual circumstances, with an estimated average of 1.25 hours. The estimated number of respondents and/or record keepers is 21,000. The estimated annual frequency of responses: 1-12.

Current Actions: There are no changes being made to the notice at this time.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Financial institutions, business organizations, individuals, and legal representatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 21,000.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 1.25 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 26,250.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained for five years.

Request for Comments

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information has practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be

collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: May 18, 2009.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

[REG-131478-02]

Proposed Collection; Comment Request for Regulation Project

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). Currently, the IRS is soliciting comments concerning an existing NPRM and Temporary, REG-131478-02 Guidance Under Section 1502; Suspension of Losses on Certain Stock Disposition.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before July 21, 2009 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to R. Joseph Durbala, Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of regulations should be directed to Carolyn N. Brown, at (202) 622-6688, or at Internal Revenue Service, room 6129, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20224, or through the Internet, at Carolyn.N.Brown@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Title: Guidance Under Section 1502; Suspension of Losses on Certain Stock Disposition.

OMB Number: 1545-1828.

Regulation Project Number: REG-131478-02 (NPRM).