OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL REPORT OF LICENSING ACTIVITIES PURSUANT TO THE TRADE SANCTIONS REFORM AND EXPORT ENHANCEMENT ACT OF 2000

October - December 2012

This report is submitted pursuant to Section 906(b) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 ("TSRA") and covers activities undertaken by the Treasury Department's Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") under Section 906(a)(1) of the TSRA from October through December 2012. Under the procedures established in its TSRA-related regulations, OFAC processes license applications requesting authorization to export agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical devices to Iran and Sudan under the licensing regime set forth in Section 906 of the TSRA.

From October 1 through December 31, 2012, OFAC's Licensing Division received a total of 330 applications pursuant to Section 906(a)(1) of the TSRA. During this period, OFAC issued a total of 442 licensing determinations,¹ of which 184 were for cases received in this quarter. OFAC issued 223 licenses, 115 license amendments, 35 "return-without-action" letters, and 13 denial letters in this quarter. Of the total licenses issued, 189 involved products for Iran and 34 for Sudan. For more details, see Charts 1-3 and Graph 1.

On October 22, 2012, OFAC reissued 31 C.F.R. Part 560, renaming this part the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations, which include general licenses that authorize the exportation or reexportation of most food items, medicines, and basic medical supplies to Iran, thereby removing the requirement to apply for a specific license for such exports and reexports while continuing to meet the requirements of Section 906(a)(1) of the TSRA. Certain specified food items and medicines, as well as exports to certain persons, requiring a greater level of scrutiny are excluded from the general licenses. These transactions, as well as the exportation or reexportation of items to Iran that do not fall within the parameters of the general licenses, continue to require specific licenses. In addition, as previously reported for the period from October 1 through December 31, 2011, a general license authorizes the exportation or reexportation of food to Sudan. A total of 6 cases were closed pursuant to these Iran and Sudan general licenses in this quarter.

	Agricultural Commodities	Medicine	Medical Devices	TOTAL
License Applications	48	29	253	330
Licenses Issued	19	22	182	223
License Amendments Issued	10	5	100	115
Applications Denied	2	3	8	13

CHART 1 Number of License Applications and Licenses Issued by Product

¹A "licensing determination" is any action that OFAC takes on a license application. It may take the form of a license, a license amendment, a "return-without-action" letter, a general information letter, an interpretative letter, a denial letter, or a close-out determination.

CHART 2 Number of License Applications and Licenses Issued by Country

	Iran	Sudan	TOTAL
License Applications	299	31	330
Licenses Issued	189	34	223
License Amendments Issued	106	9	115
Applications Denied	13	0	13

CHART 3

Number of License Applications and Licenses Issued by Country and Product							
	Agricultural Commodities	Medicine	Medical Devices	TOTAL			
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IRAN License Applications	42	20	237	299			
Licenses Issued	11	16	162	189			
License Amendments Issued	8	2	96	106			
SUDAN							
License Applications	6	9	16	31			
Licenses Issued	8	6	20	34			
License Amendments Issued	2	3	4	9			

GRAPH 1

Average Processing Time for Issuing Licensing Determinations (Business Days)

