

consideration of the public interest.⁶⁸ Further, DOE will consider extending an export commencement deadline only for such time as DOE deems necessary for the authorization holder to commence exports, based on the extenuating circumstances identified in the application.

If an authorization holder reaches the end of the seven-year export commencement period set forth in its non-FTA authorization, and cannot make such a demonstration, the non-FTA authorization will expire on the deadline set forth in the order.⁶⁹ DOE will consider any new export application under NGA section 3(a) without prejudice, which would be evaluated pursuant to the policies and analytical tools in use at the time of the new application.

C. Policy Objectives

Over time, this policy should reduce the authorization overhang, as authorizations expire on their commencement deadline (unless an authorization holder makes the demonstration set forth above and DOE determines there is good cause to grant the commencement extension). As a result, the total volume of exports approved under DOE's non-FTA orders should become more aligned with the export capacity under construction or operating using U.S.-sourced LNG. This, in turn, will allow DOE to better assess whether any new non-FTA applications are in the public interest; provide more certainty to the U.S. and global LNG export markets; and ensure that DOE is making decisions utilizing the latest market information and analytical tools available. It should also encourage authorization holders to develop their export facilities in a timely manner, without excessive delays. Based on its analysis of the U.S. natural gas export market, and as discussed herein, DOE believes these changes are in the public interest.

D. Applicability of Policy Statement

In order to provide industry and the public with fair notice of the change in DOE policy described herein, this Policy Statement will apply to all existing and

future long-term non-FTA authorizations, except for those authorizations for which an application requesting an export commencement extension was filed prior to issuance of this Policy Statement on April 21, 2023. DOE will review and act on those applications filed before April 21, 2023, at the appropriate time, using the case-by-case factual review undertaken by DOE prior to issuance of this Policy Statement.

Specifically, concurrently with this Policy Statement, DOE is issuing final orders on commencement extension applications filed by Lake Charles LNG Export Company, LLC; Lake Charles Exports, LLC; and Port Arthur LNG, LLC in their respective dockets. Because these applications were filed in 2022, DOE is not taking action on these applications under this Policy Statement, but rather under DOE's prior practice based on the record in each commencement extension proceeding.⁷⁰

Likewise, because the commencement extension applications filed recently by Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd. and Magnolia LNG, LLC (on February 2, 2023, and March 20, 2023, respectively) were filed before issuance of this Policy Statement, they will not be reviewed under this Policy Statement. At the appropriate time after the public comment period for each of these applications is complete, DOE will issue an order taking action on each application under DOE's prior practice based on the record in each commencement extension proceeding.⁷¹

IV. Administrative Benefits

In this Policy Statement, DOE is not proposing any new requirements for applicants or authorization holders under 10 CFR part 590. Rather, DOE's intent is to provide greater transparency to authorization holders and participants in the U.S. natural gas export market, and to minimize administrative burdens.

V. Approval of the Office of the Secretary

The Secretary of Energy has approved publication of this policy statement.

Signing Authority

This document of the Department of Energy was signed on April 21, 2023, by Brad Crabtree, Assistant Secretary, Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management, pursuant to delegated authority from the Secretary of Energy. That document with the original signature and date is maintained by DOE. For administrative purposes only, and in compliance with requirements of the Office of the Federal Register, the undersigned DOE Federal Register Liaison Officer has been authorized to sign and submit the document in electronic format for publication, as an official document of the Department of Energy. This administrative process in no way alters the legal effect of this document upon publication in the **Federal Register**.

Signed in Washington, DC, on April 21, 2023.

Treena V. Garrett,

Federal Register Liaison Officer, U.S. Department of Energy.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 542

Publication of Syrian Sanctions Regulations Web General License 22

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of web general license.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing one general license (GL) issued pursuant to the Syrian Sanctions Regulations: GL 22, which was previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: GL 22 was issued on May 12, 2022. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202-622-4855; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: www.treas.gov/ofac.

⁶⁸ See, e.g., *Cameron LNG, LLC*, DOE/FE Order No. 3846-A, at 6 (evaluating extension application under NGA section 3(a) to determine whether there is good cause shown for extending the commencement deadline, and whether such extension would alter DOE's public interest determination in granting the original non-FTA export authorization).

⁶⁹ Because this Policy Statement does not apply to FTA export authorizations issued under NGA section 3(c) (see *supra* note 4), any related FTA authorization would not be affected by the expiration of a non-FTA authorization.

⁷⁰ See *supra* at I.L.C.2.

⁷¹ See *supra* notes 46-47; see also *Pieridae Energy (USA) Ltd.*, Request for Extension for Long-Term Authorization to Export Liquefied Natural Gas, 88 FR 18530 (Mar. 29, 2023) (establishing 30-day public comment period for Pieridae's application requesting an extension to its commencement deadline); *Magnolia LNG, LLC*, Request for Limited Extension to Start Date of Term of Authorization, 88 FR 23020 (Apr. 14, 2023) (establishing 30-day public comment period for Magnolia's application requesting an extension to its commencement deadline).

Background

On May 12, 2022, OFAC issued GL 22 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Syrian Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 542. The GL was made available on OFAC's website (www.treas.gov/ofac) when it was issued. The text of the GL is provided below.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Syrian Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 542

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 22

Authorizing Activities in Certain Economic Sectors in Non-Regime Held Areas of Northeast and Northwest Syria

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, transactions prohibited by § 542.206 or 542.207 of the Syrian Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 542 (SySR), that are ordinarily incident and necessary to activities in the following economic sectors in the areas of northeast and northwest Syria described in the Annex to this general license are authorized:

- (1) agriculture;
- (2) information and telecommunications;
- (3) power grid infrastructure;
- (4) construction;
- (5) finance;
- (6) clean energy;
- (7) transportation and warehousing;
- (8) water and waste management;
- (9) health services;
- (10) education;
- (11) manufacturing; and
- (12) trade.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, the purchase of refined petroleum products of Syrian origin for use in Syria prohibited by § 542.209 of the SySR that is ordinarily incident and necessary to the activities described in paragraph (a) of this general license are authorized.

Note to paragraphs (a) and (b). The authorizations in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this general license include the processing or transfer of funds on behalf of third-country entities to or from Syria in support of the transactions authorized by paragraphs (a) and (b) of this general license. U.S. financial institutions and U.S. registered money transmitters may rely on the originator of a funds transfer with regard to compliance with paragraphs (a) or (b) of this general license, provided that the financial institution does not know or have reason to know that the funds transfer is not in compliance with paragraphs (a) or (b) of this general license.

(c) This general license does not authorize:

- (1) Any transactions involving any person, including the Government of

Syria, whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to the SySR or the Caesar Syria Civilian Protection Act of 2019; or

(2) The importation into the United States of petroleum or petroleum products of Syrian origin prohibited by § 542.208 of the SySR.

Note to General License 22. See § 542.510 of the SySR for a general license authorizing the exportation or reexportation of certain items and services to Syria.

Andrea M. Gacki,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control,
Dated: May 12, 2022.

Annex

The areas of northeast and northwest Syria in which activities are authorized by Syria General License 22, subject to conditions in paragraph (c) of this general license, including the exclusion of transactions involving the Government of Syria, are:

- (a) Halab (Aleppo) Governorate
 - (1) Manbij District, excluding the following subdistricts:
 - (i) Khafsah subdistrict
 - (ii) Maskanah subdistrict
 - (2) Al Bab District, excluding the following subdistricts:
 - (i) Tadif subdistrict
 - (ii) Dayr Hafir subdistrict
 - (iii) Rasm Harmal al Imam subdistrict
 - (iv) Kuwayris Sharqi subdistrict
- (3) Ayn Al Arab District
- (4) I'zaz District, excluding the following subdistricts:
 - (i) Tall Rif'at subdistrict
 - (ii) Nubl subdistrict
- (5) Jarabulus District
- (b) Ar Raqqa Governorate
 - (1) Markaz ar Raqqa District, excluding the following subdistricts:
 - (i) Ma'dan subdistrict
 - (2) Tall Abyad District
 - (3) Ath Thawrah District, excluding the following subdistricts:
 - (i) Al Mansurah subdistrict
 - (c) Dayr az Zawr Governorate
 - (1) Markaz Dayr az Zawr District, excluding areas west of the Euphrates in the following subdistricts:
 - (i) Markaz Dayr az Zawr subdistrict
 - (ii) At Tibni subdistrict
 - (iii) Muhasan subdistrict
 - (iv) Khusham subdistrict
 - (2) Al Mayadin District, excluding areas west of the Euphrates in the following subdistricts:
 - (i) Markaz al Mayadin subdistrict
 - (ii) Asharah subdistrict
 - (3) Albu Kamal District, excluding areas west of the Euphrates in the following subdistricts:
 - (i) Markaz Albu Kamal subdistrict
 - (ii) Al Jala subdistrict
 - (d) Al Hasakah Governorate
 - (1) Markaz al Hasakah District

- (2) Al Malikiyah District
- (3) Al Qamishli District
- (4) Ra's al Ayn District

Andrea M. Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 587

Publication of Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations Web General Licenses 62, 63, 64, and 65

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of web general licenses.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing four general licenses (GLs) issued pursuant to the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations: GLs 62, 63, 64, and 65, each of which was previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: GL 62, GL 63, GL 64, and GL 65 were issued on April 12, 2023. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for additional relevant dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: OFAC: Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, 202-622-4855; or Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: www.treas.gov/ofac.

Background

On April 12, 2023, OFAC issued GLs 62, 63, 64, and 65 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587. GLs 62 and 63 have an expiration date of July 11, 2023. Each GL was made available on OFAC's website (www.treas.gov/ofac) at the time of publication. The text of these GLs is provided below.

Also on April 12, 2023, OFAC revoked GL 15, which was issued on March 3, 2022 (87 FR 55279).