

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.

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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

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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).

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL**Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations**

31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 62**Authorizing the Wind Down of Transactions Involving Holdingovaya Kompaniya Metalloinvest AO, Megafon PAO, Limited Liability Company USM Telecom, or Akkermann Cement Ca Limited Liability Company**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of any transaction involving Holdingovaya Kompaniya Metalloinvest AO (Metalloinvest), Megafon PAO (Megafon), Limited Liability Company USM Telecom (USM Telecom), Akkermann Cement Ca Limited Liability Company (Akkermann), or any entity in which Metalloinvest, Megafon, USM Telecom, or Akkermann owns, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 11, 2023, provided that any payment to a blocked person must be made into a blocked account in accordance with the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR).

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 2 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions*;

(2) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 4 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Transactions Involving the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation*; or

(3) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the RuHSR, including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

Andrea M. Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: April 12, 2023.

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31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 63**Authorizing Transactions Related to Debt or Equity of, or Derivative Contracts Involving, Holdingovaya Kompaniya Metalloinvest AO**

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the divestment or transfer, or the facilitation of the divestment or transfer, of debt or equity of Holdingovaya Kompaniya Metalloinvest AO (Metalloinvest), or any entity in which Metalloinvest owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest purchased prior to April 12, 2023 ("covered debt or equity"), to a non-U.S. person are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 11, 2023.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by E.O. 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to facilitating, clearing, and settling trades of covered debt or equity that were placed prior to 4:00 p.m. eastern daylight time, April 12, 2023 are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 11, 2023.

(c) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by E.O. 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of derivative contracts entered into prior to 4:00 p.m. eastern daylight time, April 12, 2023 that (i) include a blocked person described in paragraph (a) of this general license as a counterparty or (ii) are linked to covered debt or equity are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 11, 2023, provided that any payments to a blocked person are made into a blocked account in accordance with the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR).

(d) Paragraph (a) of this general license does not authorize:

(1) U.S. persons to sell, or to facilitate the sale of, covered debt or equity to, directly or indirectly, any person whose property and interests in property are blocked; or

(2) U.S. persons to purchase or invest in, or to facilitate the purchase of or investment in, directly or indirectly, covered debt or equity, other than purchases of or investments in covered

debt or equity ordinarily incident and necessary to the divestment or transfer of covered debt or equity as described in paragraph (a) of this general license.

(e) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 2 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions*;

(2) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 4 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Transactions Involving the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation*; or

(3) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the RuHSR, including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

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Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: April 12, 2023.

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GENERAL LICENSE NO. 64**Authorizing Certain Transactions Involving Kommersant**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 involving Joint-Stock Company Kommersant, or any entity in which Joint-Stock Company Kommersant owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the operations of the newspaper *Kommersant* are authorized.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 2 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Correspondent or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions*;

(2) Any transactions prohibited by Directive 4 under E.O. 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Transactions Involving the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation*; or

(3) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

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Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: April 12, 2023.

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31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 65

Authorizing Transactions Related to Telecommunications and Certain Internet-Based Communications Involving Megafon PAO or Digital Invest Limited Liability Company

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR) that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the receipt or transmission of telecommunications involving Megafon PAO (Megafon) or Digital Invest Limited Liability Company (Digital Invest), or any entity in which Megafon or Digital Invest owns, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest (collectively, “Covered Entities”), and involving Tajikistan or Uzbekistan, are authorized.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, the exportation or reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States or by U.S. persons, wherever located, to the Covered Entities of services, software, hardware, or technology incident to the exchange of communications over the internet, such as instant messaging, videoconferencing, chat and email, social networking, sharing of photos, movies, and documents, web browsing, blogging, web hosting, and domain name registration services, that is prohibited by the RuHSR, is authorized.

(c) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The opening or maintaining of a correspondent account or payable-through account for or on behalf of any entity subject to Directive 2 under Executive Order (E.O.) 14024, *Prohibitions Related to Correspondent*

or Payable-Through Accounts and Processing of Transactions Involving Certain Foreign Financial Institutions;

(2) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation;

(3) Any transactions prohibited by E.O. 14066 or E.O. 14068; or

(4) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the RuHSR, including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

Note to General License No. 65. Nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with any other Federal laws or requirements of other Federal agencies, including export, reexport, and transfer (in-country) licensing requirements maintained by the Department of Commerce’s Bureau of Industry and Security under the Export Administration Regulations, 15 CFR parts 730–774.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2023–0156]

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Safety Zone; Gulf of Mexico, Marathon, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for certain waters in the Gulf of Mexico offshore Marathon, Florida. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on these navigable waters of Marathon, FL, during the 2023 Race World Offshore 7 Mile Grand Prix. This rule prohibits persons and vessels from being in the safety zone unless authorized by the Captain of the Port Key West or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective each day from 10 a.m. through 4:30 p.m. on April 29, 2023 and April 30, 2023.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being

available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2023–0156 in the search box and click “Search.” Next, in the Document Type column, select “Supporting & Related Material.”

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email LTjg Hailye Wilson, Sector Key West Waterways Management Division, U.S. Coast Guard; telephone 305–292–8768, email Hailye.M.Wilson@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

CFR Code of Federal Regulations
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
§ Section
U.S.C. United States Code

II. Background Information and Regulatory History

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This provision authorizes an agency to issue a rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment when the agency for good cause finds that those procedures are “impracticable, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest.” Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because the event organizer for the RWO Grand Prix did not provide the Coast Guard with all of the necessary information until March 16, 2023. The Coast Guard lacks sufficient time to provide for a comment period and then consider those comments before issuing the rule since this rule is needed by April 28, 2023. It would be contrary to the public interest since immediate action is necessary to protect the safety of the public, and vessels transiting the waters of the Gulf of Mexico.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. Delaying the effective date of this rule would be impracticable because immediate action is needed to respond to the potential safety hazards associated with the high-speed boat race.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034. The Captain of the Port Sector Key West (COTP) has determined that potential