

DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Office of Foreign Assets Control****31 CFR Part 525****Publication of Burma Sanctions Regulations Web General License 5**

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of a 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 Burma Sanctions Regulations: GL 5, which was previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: GL 5 was issued on June 21, 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 Compliance, 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Electronic Availability**

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Background

On June 21, 2023, OFAC issued GL 5 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Burma Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 525. The GL was made available on OFAC's website (<https://ofac.treasury.gov>) when it was issued. The GL has an expiration date of August 5, 2023. The text of the GL is provided below:

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL**Burma Sanctions Regulations**

31 CFR part 525

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 5**Authorizing the Wind Down of Transactions Involving Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank or Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by Executive Order 14014 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of transactions involving Myanmar Investment and Commercial Bank (MICB), Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank (MFTB), or any entity in which MICB or MFTB 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, August 5, 2023, provided that

any payment to a blocked person must be made into a blocked account in accordance with the Burma Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 525 (BuSR).

(b) This general license does not authorize any transactions otherwise prohibited by the BuSR, including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the BuSR 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: June 21, 2023.

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Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**Office of Foreign Assets Control****31 CFR Parts 542, 560, 591 and 594****Publication of Covid-Related Web General Licenses Related to Syria Sanctions Regulations, Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations, Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, and Venezuela Sanctions Regulations.**

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 three web general licenses (GLs) issued in the Syria Sanctions Regulations, Iran Transactions and Sanctions Regulations and Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, and Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, respectively: Syria GL 21B, Iran GL N-2, and Venezuela GL 39B, each of which was previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: Syria GL 21B, Iran GL N-2, and Venezuela GL 39B were issued on June 14, 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 Compliance, 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Electronic Availability**

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: <https://ofac.treasury.gov>.

Background

On June 14, 2023, OFAC issued Syria GL 21B, Iran GL N-2, and Venezuela GL 39B to extend the authorization for certain transactions otherwise prohibited by, respectively: the Syria Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 542; the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 560, and the Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 594; and the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591. At the time of issuance, OFAC made all three GLs, each of which has an expiration date of June 14, 2024, available on its website (<https://ofac.treasury.gov>). The texts of the three GLs are provided below:

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL**Syrian Sanctions Regulations**

31 CFR part 542

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 21B**Authorizing Certain Activities To Respond to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)**

(a) *Authorizing certain COVID-19-related transactions prohibited by the Syrian Sanctions Regulations.* Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, the following transactions and activities that are prohibited by the Syrian Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 542 (SySR), are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, June 14, 2024:

(1) *Exportation of services related to COVID-19.* All transactions and activities related to the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, of services to Syria that are related to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of COVID-19 (including research or clinical studies relating to COVID-19); and

(2) *COVID-19-related transactions involving certain blocked persons.* All transactions and activities involving the Government of Syria, Polymedics LLC, Letia Company, or any entity in which Polymedics LLC or Letia Company owns, whether individually or in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, that are related to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of COVID-19 (including research or clinical studies relating to COVID-19), provided that any exportation or reexportation of items to Syria must be licensed or otherwise authorized by the Department of Commerce.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The exportation or reexportation of any goods, technology, or services to military, intelligence, or law enforcement purchasers or importers;

(2) The unblocking of any property blocked pursuant to any part of 31 CFR chapter V; or

(3) Any transactions or activities otherwise prohibited by the SySR, or prohibited by any other part of 31 CFR chapter V, statute, or Executive order, or involving any blocked person other than the blocked persons identified in paragraph (a) of this general license.

(c) Effective June 14, 2023, General License 21A, dated June 10, 2022, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License 21B.

Note 1 to General License 21B. Nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with the requirements of other Federal agencies, including the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security or the Department of State's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls.

Andrea M. Gacki,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: June 14, 2023

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR part 560

Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR part 594

GENERAL LICENSE N-2

Authorizing Certain Activities To Respond to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

(a) *Authorizing certain COVID-19-related transactions prohibited by the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations.* Except as provided in paragraphs (d) and (e) of this general license, the following transactions and activities that are prohibited by the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 560 (ITSR), are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, June 14, 2024:

(1) *Exportation of goods or technology.* All transactions and activities related to the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, of goods or technology for use in connection with the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of COVID-19 (including research or clinical studies related to COVID-19) to Iran or the Government of Iran, or to persons in third countries purchasing specifically for resale to Iran or the Government of Iran;

(2) *Importation of or dealings in certain COVID-19-related goods.* All transactions and activities related to the importation into the United States of, or dealings in or related to, goods that previously were exported or reexported to Iran or the Government of Iran pursuant to this general license and that are broken, defective, or non-operational, or are connected to product recalls, adverse events, or other safety concerns, or for routine maintenance or the permanent return of such items to the United States or a third country; and

(3) *Exportation or importation of services.* All transactions and activities related to the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, of services to Iran or the Government of Iran, or the importation into the United States of, or dealings in or related to, Iranian-origin services, in each case that are related to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of COVID-19 (including research or clinical studies relating to COVID-19).

(b) *Authorizing certain transactions involving the Central Bank of Iran (CBI) or the National Iranian Oil Company (NIOC).*

Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this general license, all transactions and activities described in paragraph (a) of this general license involving CBI, NIOC, or any entity in which NIOC owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, that are prohibited by the ITSR or the Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 594 (GTSR) are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, June 14, 2024.

(c) *Authorizing certain financial transactions.* Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this general license, the processing of funds transfers or trade finance transactions that are ordinarily incident and necessary to give effect to the transactions and activities authorized in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this general license that are prohibited by the ITSR or the GTSR are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, June 14, 2024.

(d) Any exportation or reexportation of goods or technology pursuant to paragraph (a) of this general license is subject to the following conditions:

(1) Any goods or technology exported or reexported must:

(i) Be designated as EAR99 under the Export Administration Regulations, 15 CFR parts 730 through 774 (EAR); or

(ii) In the case of goods or technology that are not subject to the EAR, not be listed on any multilateral export control regime; and

(2) All exports or reexports made pursuant to this general license must be concluded prior to the expiration date of this general license.

(e) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The exportation or reexportation of goods or technology to CBI, NIOC, or any entity in which NIOC owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest;

(2) The exportation or reexportation of any goods, technology, or services to military, intelligence, or law enforcement purchasers or importers;

(3) The exportation or reexportation of any goods, technology, or services used to facilitate the development or production of a chemical or biological weapon or weapon of mass destruction;

(4) The unblocking of any property blocked pursuant to any part of 31 CFR chapter V; or

(5) Any transactions or activities otherwise prohibited by the ITSR or the GTSR, or prohibited by any other part of 31 CFR chapter V, involving any person blocked pursuant to the GTSR except as identified in paragraph (b) of this general license.

(f) Effective June 14, 2023, General License N-1, dated June 10, 2022, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License N-2.

Note 1 to General License N-2. The export or reexport to Iran of certain food, medicine, medical devices, and agricultural commodities, as well as certain related transactions such as payments and brokering, are broadly authorized under sections 560.530, 560.532, and 560.533 of the ITSR, subject to certain conditions. In addition, transactions or activities authorized under those provisions that involve CBI, NIOC, or any entity in which NIOC owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, are also authorized pursuant to Counter

Terrorism- and Iran-related General License No. 8A. Those authorizations remain in effect, including with respect to exports or reexports of food, medicine, medical devices, and agricultural commodities intended to respond to COVID-19 that satisfy the applicable criteria of those authorizations.

Note 2 to General License N-2. Nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with the requirements of other Federal agencies, including the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security or the Department of State's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls.

Andrea M. Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: June 14, 2023.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Venezuela Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR part 591

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 39B

Authorizing Certain Activities To Respond to the Coronavirus Disease 2019 (COVID-19)

(a) *Authorizing certain COVID-19-related transactions involving the Government of Venezuela.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions and activities involving the Government of Venezuela that are related to the prevention, diagnosis, or treatment of COVID-19 (including research or clinical studies relating to COVID-19), that are prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13808 of August 27, 2017, as amended by E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, or E.O. 13884 of August 5, 2019, each as incorporated into the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591 (the VSR), are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, June 14, 2024.

(b) *Authorizing certain COVID-19-related transactions involving certain banks.* Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions and activities described in paragraph (a) of this general license involving Banco Central de Venezuela (BCV), Banco de Venezuela, S.A. Banco Universal (Banco de Venezuela), Banco Bicentenario del Pueblo, de la Clase Obrera, Mujer y Comunas, Banco Universal C.A. (Banco Bicentenario del Pueblo), or any entity in which BCV, Banco de Venezuela, or Banco Bicentenario del Pueblo owns, whether individually or in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, that are prohibited by E.O. 13850 of November 1, 2018, as amended by E.O. 13857, each as incorporated into the VSR, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, June 14, 2024.

(c) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The exportation or reexportation of any goods, technology, or services to military, intelligence, or law enforcement purchasers or importers;

(2) Any transactions or activities involving Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA), Banco de Desarrollo Económico y Social de Venezuela (BANDES), or Banco Bandes Uruguay S.A. (Bandes Uruguay), or any entity in which PdVSA, BANDES, or Bandes Uruguay owns, whether individually or in the aggregate, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest;

(3) The unblocking of any property blocked pursuant to any part of 31 CFR chapter V; or

(4) Any transactions or activities otherwise prohibited by the VSR, or prohibited by any other part of 31 CFR chapter V, statute, or E.O., or involving any blocked persons other than Government of Venezuela persons blocked solely pursuant to E.O. 13884 or the blocked persons identified in paragraph (b) of this general license.

(d) Effective June 14, 2023, General License 39A, dated June 10, 2022, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License 39B.

Note 1 to General License 39B. Nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with the requirements of other Federal agencies, including the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security or the Department of State's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls.

Andrea M. Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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Andrea M. Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket No. USCG-2023-0502]

Safety Zone; Hemingway Paddleboard Race, Key West, FL

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Notification of enforcement of regulation.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard will enforce a safety zone for the Hemingway Paddleboard Race, Key West, Florida to provide for the safety of life on the navigable waterways during this event. This action is necessary to ensure the safety of event participants and spectators. During the enforcement period, no person or vessel may enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the regulated area without approval from the Captain of the Port Key West or a designated representative.

DATES: The regulations in 33 CFR 165.786 will be enforced for the location identified in Item 7.1 of the Table to § 165.786, from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. on July 22, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this notification of enforcement, call or email Hailye Wilson, Sector Key West Waterways Management Department, Coast Guard; telephone 305-292-8768; email: hailye.m.wilson@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Coast Guard will enforce the safety zone in 33 CFR 165.786, Table to § 165.786, Item 7.1, for the Annual Hemingway Paddleboard Race in Key West, Florida from 5:30 until 7:30 p.m. on July 22, 2023. This action is being taken to provide for the safety of life on navigable waterways during this event. The regulation for recurring marine events within Sector Key West Captain of the Port (COTP) zone, Table to § 165.786, Item 7.1, specifies the location of the regulated area for the Hemingway Sunset Run and Paddleboard Race event. During the enforcement period, no person or vessel may enter, transit through, anchor in, or remain within the established regulated areas without approval from the Captain of the Port Key West or designated representative. The Coast Guard may be assisted by other Federal, State, or local law enforcement agencies in enforcing this regulation.

The Coast Guard will provide notice of the regulated area by Local Notice to Mariners and Broadcast Notice to Mariners. If the Captain of the Port Key West determines that the regulated area need not be enforced for the full duration stated in this publication, he or she may use a Broadcast Notice to Mariners to grant general permission to enter the regulated area.

Jason D. Ingram,

Captain, U.S. Coast Guard, Captain of the Port Key West.

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

38 CFR Part 21

RIN 2900-AQ11

VA Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Nomenclature Change for Position Title—Revision

AGENCY: Department of Veterans Affairs.
ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule adopts, without change, an interim final rule published in the **Federal Register** on November 17, 2017, which affirmed a May 2, 2016, final rule amending Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) regulations to reflect a nomenclature change in the title of certain personnel hired by VA's Veteran Readiness and Employment (VR&E) Service, previously known as Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment Service. The preamble to the interim final rule corrected

inaccuracies in the preamble to the 2016 final rule and provided additional explanation of the basis for the rule.

DATES: This rule is effective July 18, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Allison Bernheimer, Senior Policy Analyst, Veteran Readiness and Employment Service (28), Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420, (202) 461-9600. (This is not a toll-free telephone number.)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On May 2, 2016, VA published a final rule (referred to as “May 2016 final rule” or “final rule”) in the **Federal Register** at 81 FR 26130, amending its regulations to reflect a nomenclature change in the title of certain personnel hired by VA's VR&E Program. On November 17, 2017, VA published an interim final rule (referred to as “November 2017 interim final rule” or “interim final rule”) in the **Federal Register** at 82 FR 54295 affirming the May 2016 final rule. In the preamble to the November 2017 interim final rule, VA corrected some inaccurate statements and citations in the preamble of the May 2016 final rule and provided additional explanation of the basis for the rule. Although the interim final rule was effective upon publication, VA provided a 30-day comment period, which ended on December 18, 2017.

VA received a multitude of comments, including comments on the May 2016 final rule, from one individual. The one commenter had challenged promulgation of both the May 2016 final rule and the November 2017 interim final rule under 38 U.S.C. 502 as arbitrary, capricious, an abuse of discretion, and otherwise contrary to law, in the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit (Federal Circuit), and also claimed there was not good cause for dispensing with a notice-and-comment period and a delayed effective date. The Federal Circuit found that promulgating the rule was not arbitrary, capricious, or a violation of law, and that VA had good cause to expedite implementation of the rule. *Conyers v. Sec'y of Veterans Affairs*, 750 Fed. Appx. 993 (Fed. Cir. 2018).

First, the commenter indicates three “distinct factors” to oppose promulgation of the interim final rule. The first factor addresses the differences between the duties and responsibilities of the two positions of counseling psychologist (CP) and vocational rehabilitation counselor (VRC). The commenter states, “it is indisputable that there are several critical distinctions in the unique training