

# DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY WASHINGTON, D.C.

#### OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

## Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR part 594

### **GENERAL LICENSE NO. 23**

## Authorizing Transactions Related to Telecommunications Mail, and Certain Internet-Based Communications Involving Ansarallah

- (a) (1) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 594 (GTSR), involving Ansarallah, or any entity in which Ansarallah owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, with respect to the receipt or transmission of telecommunications to, from, or in Yemen are authorized.
  - (2) This paragraph does not authorize:
  - (i) The provision, sale, or lease of telecommunications equipment or technology; or
- (ii) The provision, sale, or lease of capacity on telecommunications transmissions facilities (such as satellite or terrestrial network activity).

**Note to paragraph (a).** See 31 CFR § 594.508 of the GTSR for a general license authorizing transactions related to telecommunications.

- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this general license, the exportation, reexportation, or provision, directly or indirectly, from the United States or by U.S. persons, wherever located, to Yemen, of services, software, hardware, or technology incident to the exchange of communications over the internet, such as instant messaging, chat and email, social networking, sharing of photos and movies, web browsing, blogging, social media platforms, collaboration platforms, video conferencing, e-gaming, e-learning platforms, automated translation, web maps, and user authentication services, as well as cloud-based services in support of the foregoing, and domain name registration services, involving Ansarallah, or any entity in which Ansarallah owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, that is prohibited by the GTSR, is authorized, provided the exportation, reexportation, or provision is not to a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the GTSR.
- (c) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this general license, all transactions of common carriers incident to the receipt or transmission of mail and packages between the United States and Yemen, or within Yemen, involving Ansarallah, or any entity in which Ansarallah owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, that are prohibited by the GTSR are

authorized, provided that the importation or exportation of such mail and packages is not to or from any person blocked pursuant to the GTSR.

**Note to paragraph (c).** See 31 CFR § 594.509 of the GTSR for a general license authorizing transactions related to mail.

- (d) This general license does not authorize:
- (1) Financial transfers to any blocked person described in paragraph (a) of this general license, other than for the purpose of effecting the payment of taxes, fees, or import duties, or the purchase or receipt of permits, licenses, or public utility services; or
- (2) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the GTSR, including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the GTSR other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.
  - (e) This general license shall take effect on February 16, 2024.

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