

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 86

Authorizing Limited Safety and Environmental Transactions Involving Certain Persons or Vessels Blocked on January 18, 2024

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to one of the following activities involving the blocked persons described in paragraph (b) are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, April 17, 2024, 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 (RuHSR):

(1) The safe docking and anchoring in port of any vessels in which any person or entity listed in paragraph (b) of this general license has a property interest (“blocked vessels”);

(2) The preservation of the health or safety of the crew of any of the blocked vessels; or

(3) Emergency repairs of any of the blocked vessels or environmental mitigation or protection activities relating to any of the blocked vessels.

(b) The authorization in paragraph (a) of this general license applies to Hennesea Holdings Limited (Hennesea) and any entity in which Hennesea owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest.

(c) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The entry into any new commercial contracts involving the property or interests in property of any blocked persons, including the blocked persons described in paragraph (b) of this general license, except as authorized by paragraph (a);

(2) The offloading of any cargo onboard any of the blocked vessels, including the offloading of crude oil or petroleum products of Russian Federation origin, except for the offloading of cargo that is ordinarily incident and necessary to address vessel emergencies authorized pursuant to paragraph (a) of this general license;

(3) Any transactions related to the sale of crude oil or petroleum products of Russian Federation origin;

(4) 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*;

(5) 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

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

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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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 Part 591

Publication of Venezuela Sanctions Regulations Web General License 5N

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 Venezuela Sanctions Regulations: GL 5N, which was previously made available on OFAC’s website.

DATES: GL 5N was issued on January 16, 2024. 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 January 16, 2024, OFAC issued GL 5N to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Venezuela

Sanctions Regulations (VSR), 31 CFR part 591. The GL was made available on OFAC’s website (<https://ofac.treasury.gov>) when it was issued. GL 5N supersedes GL 5M, which was issued on October 18, 2023. The text of GL 5N is provided below.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Venezuela Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 591

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 5N

Authorizing Certain Transactions Related to the Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. 2020 8.5 Percent Bond on or After April 16, 2024

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, on or after April 16, 2024, all transactions related to, the provision of financing for, and other dealings in the Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. 2020 8.5 Percent Bond that would be prohibited by subsection l(a)(iii) of Executive Order (E.O.) 13835 of May 21, 2018, as amended by E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, and incorporated into the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591 (the VSR), are authorized.

(b) This general license does not authorize any transactions or activities otherwise prohibited by the VSR, or any other part of 31 CFR chapter V.

(c) Effective January 16, 2024, General License No. 5M, dated October 18, 2023, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 5N.

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: January 16, 2024.

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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 Part 594

Publication of Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations Web General Licenses 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27

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 six general licenses (GLs) issued pursuant to the Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations: GLs 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, and 27, each of which was previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: GL 22 was issued on January 17, 2024. 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 January 17, 2024, OFAC issued GLs 22, 23, 24, 25, and 26 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 594 (GTSR). Each GL was made available on OFAC's website (<https://ofac.treasury.gov>) when it was issued. GL 27 was issued on January 22, 2024, and has an expiration date of March 22, 2024. The text of these GLs is provided below.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 594

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 22

Transactions Related to the Provision of Agricultural Commodities, Medicine, Medical Devices, Replacement Parts and Components, or Software Updates Involving Ansarallah

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) 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, that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the provision (including sale) of agricultural commodities, medicine, medical devices, replacement parts and components for medical devices, or software updates for medical devices to Yemen, or to persons in third countries purchasing specifically for provision to Yemen, are authorized.

(b) For the purposes of this general license, agricultural commodities,

medicine, and medical devices are defined as follows:

(1) *Agricultural commodities.* Agricultural commodities are products that:

(i) Fall within the term "agricultural commodity" as defined in section 102 of the Agricultural Trade Act of 1978 (7 U.S.C. 5602); and

(ii) Are intended for ultimate use in Yemen as:

(A) Food for humans (including raw, processed, and packaged foods; live animals; vitamins and minerals; food additives or supplements; and bottled drinking water) or animals (including animal feeds);

(B) Seeds for food crops;

(C) Fertilizers or organic fertilizers; or

(D) Reproductive materials (such as live animals, fertilized eggs, embryos, and semen) for the production of food animals.

(2) *Medicine.* Medicine is an item that falls within the definition of the term "drug" in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

(3) *Medical devices.* A medical device is an item that falls within the definition of "device" in section 201 of the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act (21 U.S.C. 321).

(c) 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.

Note to paragraph (c)(2). See 31 CFR 594.521 of the GTSR for a general license authorizing transactions related to the provision of agricultural commodities, medicine, medical devices, replacement parts and components, or software updates for personal, non-commercial use.

Note to General License No. 22. Nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with any other Federal laws or requirements of other Federal agencies.

(d) This general license shall take effect on February 16, 2024.

Bradley T. Smith,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: January 17, 2024.

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.

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: January 17, 2024.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 594

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 24

Authorizing Noncommercial, Personal Remittances Involving Ansarallah

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) 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, that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the transfer of noncommercial, personal remittances to or from an individual in Yemen, are authorized, provided the individual is not a person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to the GTSR.

Note to paragraph (a). Noncommercial, personal remittances do not include charitable donations of funds to or for the benefit of an entity or funds transfers for use in supporting or operating a business, including a family-owned business.

(b) Transferring institutions may rely on the originator of a funds transfer with regard to compliance with paragraph (a) of this general license, provided that the

transferring institution does not know or have reason to know that the funds transfer is not in compliance with paragraph (a).

(c) 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, unless separately authorized.

(d) This general license shall take effect on February 16, 2024.

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: January 17, 2024.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 594

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 25

Authorizing Transactions Related to Refined Petroleum Products in Yemen Involving Ansarallah

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) 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, that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the provision (including sale) of refined petroleum products for personal, commercial, or humanitarian use in Yemen are authorized.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any commercial resale, transfer, exportation, or reexportation of refined petroleum products from Yemen;

(2) Financial transfers to any blocked person described in paragraph (a), 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

(3) 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.

(c) This general license shall take effect on February 16, 2024.

Bradley T. Smith,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: January 17, 2024.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 594

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 26

Authorizing Certain Transactions Necessary to Port and Airport Operations Involving Ansarallah

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) 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, that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the operation of, or import or export of goods or transit of passengers through, ports and airports in Yemen are authorized.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Financial transfers to any blocked person described in paragraph (a), 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;

(2) Transactions involving imports or exports of arms or related materiel; or

(3) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the GTSR, unless separately authorized.

Note to General License No. 26. Nothing in this general license relieves any exporter from compliance with the requirements of other Federal agencies, including the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security.

(c) This general license shall take effect on February 16, 2024.

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: January 17, 2024.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Global Terrorism Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR Part 594

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 27

Authorizing Civil Aviation Safety and Wind Down Transactions Involving Fly Baghdad

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the Global

Terrorism Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 594 (GTSR), that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the provision, exportation, or reexportation of goods, technology, or services to ensure the safety of civil aviation involving Fly Baghdad are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, March 22, 2024, provided that the goods, technology, or services that are provided, exported, or reexported are for use on aircraft operated solely for civil aviation purposes.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the GTSR that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of any transaction involving Fly Baghdad are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, March 22, 2024, provided that any payment to Fly Baghdad must be made into a blocked account in accordance with the GTSR.

(c) This general license does not authorize any transactions otherwise prohibited by the GTSR, including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the GTSR other than Fly Baghdad, unless separately authorized.

Note to General License 27. 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.

Bradley T. Smith,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: January 22, 2024.

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Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 165

[Docket Number USCG–2024–0136]

RIN 1625–AA00

Safety Zone, Installation Area for Offshore Wind Power Transmission Export Cables, Atlantic Ocean, Virginia Beach, Virginia

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary safety zone for navigable waters within 550-yards of a near shore construction site near the State Military Reservation, in Virginia Beach, Virginia. The safety zone will protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment from potential hazards created by subsurface construction. Operations are planned to bore tunnels to carry electric transmission lines below the Atlantic Ocean. When the M/V RAM XII or the M/V RAM XV are present, entry of vessels or persons into this zone is prohibited unless specifically authorized by the Captain of the Port, Sector Virginia or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from March 1, 2024 through December 31, 2024.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG–2024–0136 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 about this rule, call or email LCDR Ashley Holm, Chief, Waterways Management Division U.S. Coast Guard; 757–617–7986, Ashley.E.Holm@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

COTP Captain of the Port, Sector Virginia
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

On February 6, 2024, the Virginia Electric and Power Company, doing business as Dominion Energy, notified the Coast Guard that they plan to begin tunneling work east of the State Military Reservation in Virginia Beach, Virginia in the first week of March 2024, specifically in waters within one half mile of the shoreline. The work involves the use of dynamic positioning for tunnel placement, excavation equipment, divers in shallow water, and the coordination of approximately seven vessels.

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule under authority in 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B). This statutory 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. The Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because publishing notice, and receiving, considering and responding to comments between now and March 1, 2024, when the safety zone must be in effect, is impracticable.

Also, 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 there are less than 30 days remaining before March 1, when the safety zone must be in place to serve its purpose.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Captain of the Port, Sector Virginia (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with the construction of subsurface tunnels will create a safety concern that necessitates prohibiting vessels approaching the subsea tunneling site. This rule is needed to protect personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in the navigable waters within the safety zone while the tunneling operations are conducted. The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70034.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a safety zone from March 1, 2024, until December 31, 2024, during which Dominion Energy will be tunneling to lay electric transmission lines below the Atlantic Ocean. The safety zone will cover all navigable waters within 550 yards of the position 36°48'57.6" N 75°57'43.2" W, a distance selected to encompass all vessels and machinery being used by personnel to conduct tunneling operations. Consistent with its purpose of protecting personnel, vessels, and the marine environment in these navigable waters while the tunneling operations are conducted, the zone will only be subject to enforcement when such vessels are present. During subsurface construction operations, no vessel or person will be permitted to enter the safety zone without obtaining permission from the COTP or a designated representative.

V. Regulatory Analyses

We developed this rule after considering numerous statutes and Executive orders related to rulemaking. Below we summarize our analyses based on a number of these statutes and