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Venezuela Sanctions Regulations
31 CFR part 591

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 61A

**Authorizing the Supply of Certain Items and Services to Venezuela Related to
Telecommunications**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591 (the VSR), including those involving the Government of Venezuela, including but not limited to the Comisión Nacional de Telecomunicaciones (CONATEL) and the Compañía Anónima Nacional Telefónica de Venezuela (CANTV), that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the provision from the United States or by a U.S. person of goods, technology, software, or services for the installation, maintenance, refurbishment, repair, upgrade, operation, or support of telecommunications in Venezuela are authorized, provided that any contract for such transactions with the Government of Venezuela, including but not limited to CONATEL and CANTV, shall require that dispute resolution proceedings relating to the contract occur in the United States, the United Kingdom, France, or Singapore.

Note 1 to Paragraph (a). For purposes of this general license, telecommunications includes data, telephone, internet connectivity, radio, television, news wire feeds, and similar services, regardless of the medium of transmission, including transmission by satellite or through submarine cables.

Note 2 to Paragraph (a). Transactions authorized by paragraph (a) include: processing payments and arranging shipping, including air freight, logistics, warehousing, insurance, and delivery services; interconnection and roaming agreements; capacity or infrastructure leases; and the laying, maintenance, repair, refurbishment, upgrade, security, operation, or support of submarine cables and other telecommunications infrastructure or equipment; and the provision, licensing, renewal, maintenance, or support of related software, systems, and services.

Note 3 to Paragraph (a). See Venezuela General License No. 30B for an authorization for transactions ordinarily incident and necessary to operations or use of ports and airports in Venezuela.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Payment terms that are not commercially reasonable, involve debt swaps or payments in gold, or are denominated in digital currency, digital coin, or digital tokens issued by, for, or on behalf of the Government of Venezuela, including the petro;

(2) Any transaction involving a person located in or organized under the laws of the Russian Federation, the Islamic Republic of Iran, the Democratic People's Republic of Korea, the Republic of Cuba, the People's Republic of China, or any entity that is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by or in a joint venture with such persons;

(3) The unblocking of any property blocked pursuant to the VSR;

(4) Any transaction involving a blocked vessel; or

(5) The formation of new joint ventures or other entities in Venezuela to develop or invest in the telecommunications sector.

(c) Any person that exports, reexports, sells, resells, or supplies goods, technology, software, or services pursuant to this general license must provide a detailed report to Sanctions_inbox@state.gov that identifies, for each of these transactions:

(1) The parties involved;

(2) The goods, technology, software, or services involved, including quantities and values;

(3) The dates the transactions occurred; and

(4) Any taxes, fees, or other payments provided to the Government of Venezuela.

(d) Reports described in paragraph (c) are due ten days after the execution of the first of such transactions and every 90 days thereafter while such transactions are ongoing.

(e) Effective August 27, 2026, General License No. 61, dated August 21, 2026, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 61A.

Note to General License No. 61A. Nothing in this general license relieves any person from compliance with the requirements of other Federal agencies, including the Federal Communications Commission, the Committee for the Assessment of Foreign Participation in the U.S. Telecommunications Services Sector, and the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security.

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