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Venezuela Sanctions Regulations
31 CFR part 591

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 54C

**Authorizing the Supply of Certain Items and Services for Coal or
Minerals Operations in Venezuela**

(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 Carbones del Zulia S.A. (Carbozulia), CVG Compania General de Minería de Venezuela CA (Minerven), or any entity in which Minerven owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest (collectively, “Minerven Entities”), 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 exploration, development, mining, extraction, processing, refining, or production of coal or minerals, including gold, in Venezuela are authorized, provided that:

(1) Any contract for such transactions with the Government of Venezuela, including Carbozulia, Minerven, or Minerven Entities shall require that dispute resolution proceedings relating to the contract occur in the United States, the United Kingdom, France, or Singapore; and

(2) Any monetary payment to a blocked person, excluding payments for local taxes, permits, or fees, is made into the Foreign Government Deposit Funds, as specified in Executive Order 14373 of January 9, 2026, or any other account as instructed by the U.S. Department of the Treasury.

Note 1 to Paragraph (a). Transactions authorized by paragraph (a) include processing of payments, arranging shipping and logistics services, including chartering vessels, obtaining marine insurance and protection and indemnity (P&I) coverage, and arranging port and terminal services, including with port authorities or terminal operators that are part of the Government of Venezuela. Paragraph (a) also authorizes transactions for the maintenance of coal or minerals operations, including gold operations, in Venezuela, including the refurbishment or repair of items used for coal or minerals exploration, development, mining, extraction, processing, refining, or production activities.

Note 2 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 explore, develop, mine, extract, process, refine, or produce coal or minerals, including gold.

(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 and ofac_intake@doj.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 September 2, 2026, General License No. 54B, dated August 27, 2026, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 54C.

Note to General License No. 54C. 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.

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