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Since the Regulations involve a foreign affairs function, the provisions of Executive Order 12866 and the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553), requiring notice of proposed rulemaking, opportunity for public participation, and delay in effective date, are inapplicable. Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this rule, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) does not apply.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, and under the authority of (1) 3 U.S.C. 301; 50 U.S.C. 1601-1651 and 1701-1706; E.O. 12978, 60 FR 54579, 3 CFR, 1995 Comp., p. 415, with respect to the SDNTs, and (2) 3 U.S.C. 301; 22 U.S.C. 287c; 50 U.S.C. 1601-1651, 1701-1706; Pub. L. 101-410, 104 Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); Pub. L. 101-513, 104 Stat. 2047-2055 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note); Pub. L. 104-132, 110 Stat. 1214, 1254 (18 U.S.C. 2332d); E.O. 12722, 55 FR 31803, 3 CFR, 1990 Comp., p. 294; E.O. 12724, 55 FR 33089, 3 CFR, 1990 Comp., p. 297; E.O. 12817, 57 FR 48433, 3 CFR, 1992 Comp., p. 317, with respect to the SDNs of Iraq, appendices A and B to 31 CFR chapter V are amended as set forth below:

1. Appendices A and B to 31 CFR chapter V are amended by adding the following names inserted in alphabetical order (1) in appendix A, section I, and (2) under the heading "Colombia" in appendix B:

- AVILA MIRANDA, Jorge A., Calle 52N No. 2D-29, Cali, Colombia; c/o CAUCALITO LTDA., Cali, Colombia; (Cedula No. 12534286 (Colombia)) (individual) [SDNT]
- BARRENEQUE GOMEZ, Jairo, (a.k.a. BARRENECHE GOMEZ, Jairo), c/o CAUCALITO LTDA., Cali, Colombia; (Cedula No. 70112547 (Colombia)) (individual) [SDNT]
- CAMACHO RIOS, Jaime, c/o CONSTRUCCIONES ASTRO S.A., Cali, Colombia; (Cedula No. 14950781 (Colombia)) (individual) [SDNT]
- CAUCALITO LTDA., (f.k.a. GANADERA LTDA.), (f.k.a. GANADERIA), Apartado Aereo 10077, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 4 No. 12-41 of. 1403, Edificio Seguros Bolivar, Cali, Colombia; NIT # 800029160-9 [SDNT]

- CONSTRUCCIONES ASTRO S.A., (f.k.a. SOCIEDAD CONSTRUCTORA LA CASCADA S.A.), (f.k.a. CONSTRUCTORA CASCADA), Apartado Aereo 10077, Cali, Colombia; Calle 1A 62A-120, Cali, Colombia; Calle 1A 62A-120 B2 108, Cali, Colombia; Calle 1A 62A-120 2305, Cali, Colombia; Calle 1A 62A-120 2418, Cali, Colombia; Calle 1A 62A-120 4114, Cali, Colombia; Calle 1A 62A-120 6245, Cali, Colombia; Calle 13 3-22 piso 12 y piso 14, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 4 No. 12-41 of. 1401, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 4 No. 12-41 of. 1402, Edificio Seguros Bolivar, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 4 No. 12-41 of. 1403, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 64 1C-63, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 64 1B-83, Cali, Colombia; NIT # 890307311-4 [SDNT]
- CRIADERO DE POLLOS EL ROSAL S.A., (f.k.a. INDUSTRIA AVICOLA PALMASECA S.A.), Carrera 61 No. 11-58, Cali, Colombia; Carretera Central via Aeropuerto Palmaseca, Colombia; NIT # 800146749-7 [SDNT]
- GONZALEZ, Maria Lorena, c/o INVERSIONES Y CONSTRUCCIONES ATLAS LTDA., Cali, Colombia; (Cedula No. 31992548 (Colombia)) (individual) [SDNT]
- INVERSIONES Y CONSTRUCCIONES ATLAS LTDA., (f.k.a. INVERSIONES MOMPAX LTDA.), (f.k.a. MOMPAX LTDA.), Calle 10 No. 4-47 piso 19, Cali, Colombia; NIT # 800102408-1 [SDNT]
- JIMENEZ, Isabel Cristina, c/o INVERSIONES Y CONSTRUCCIONES ATLAS LTDA., Cali, Colombia; (Cedula No. 66852533 (Colombia)) (individual) [SDNT]
- MIRALUNA LTDA. Y CIA. S. EN C.S., (f.k.a. INVERSIONES EL PASO LTDA.), (f.k.a. INVERSIONES NEGOAGRICOLA S.A.), Carrera 4 No. 12-41 of. 1403, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 4 No. 12-41 of. 1501, Cali, Colombia; NIT # 890937860-9 [SDNT]
- NEGOCIOS LOS SAUCES LTDA., (f.k.a. SAMARIA LTDA.), Apartado Aereo 10077, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 4 No. 4-21 of. 1501, Edificio Seguros Bolivar, Cali, Colombia; NIT # 890328835-1 [SDNT]
- NEGOCIOS LOS SAUCES LTDA. Y CIA. S.C.S., (f.k.a. INMOBILIARIA SAMARIA LTDA.), Calle 13 No. 3-32 piso 13, Cali, Colombia; Calle 13A No. 64-50 F102, Cali, Colombia; Calle 18 No. 106-96 of. 201/202, Cali, Colombia; Carrera 4 No. 12-41 of. 1501, Edificio Seguros Bolivar, Cali, Colombia; NIT # 890937859-0 [SDNT]
- OCAMPO, Carlos, c/o CONSTRUCCIONES ASTRO S.A., Cali, Colombia; (Cedula No. 6401478 (Colombia)) (individual) [SDNT]
- RODAS, Luis Alberto, c/o CONSTRUCCIONES ASTRO S.A., Cali, Colombia; (Cedula No. 16630332 (Colombia)) (individual) [SDNT]

2. Appendices A and B to 31 CFR chapter V are amended by (1) removing the entries in the names "OSORIO PINEDA, Jorge Ivan," and "ZABALETA SANDOVAL, Nestor," from appendix A, section I; and (2) under the heading

"Colombia" in appendix B, removing the entries in the names "OSORIO PINEDA, Jorge Ivan," and "ZABALETA SANDOVAL, Nestor."

3. Appendices A and B to 31 CFR chapter V are amended by:

(a) In appendix A, section I: (1) removing from the entry in the name "NAMAN, Saalim or Sam" the address "600 Grant Street, 42nd Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A."; and (2) removing the entry in the name "TIGRIS TRADING, INC., 600 Grant Street, 42nd Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219, U.S.A. [IRAQ]"; and

(b) Under the heading "United States of America" in appendix B: (1) removing from the entry in the name "NAMAN, Saalim or Sam" the address "600 Grant Street, 42nd Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, U.S.A."; and (2) removing the entry in the name "TIGRIS TRADING, INC., 600 Grant Street, 42nd Floor, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219, U.S.A. [IRAQ]".

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R. Richard Newcomb,

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James E. Johnson,

Assistant Secretary (Enforcement).

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 560

Iranian Transactions Regulations: Performance on Awards; Certain Legal Services

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Final rule; amendments.

SUMMARY: The Office of Foreign Assets Control of the U.S. Department of the Treasury is amending the Iranian Transactions Regulations to authorize by general license the payment of awards against Iran issued by the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in The Hague, and implementation (other than certain exports and reexports) and payment of awards and settlements to which the United States Government is a party. This final rule also authorizes by general license the provision of certain legal services to the Government of Iran and persons in Iran.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 30, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Regarding the issuance of licenses,

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Background

In Executive Order 12957 of March 15, 1995 (60 FR 14615, March 17, 1995), President Clinton declared a national emergency with respect to the actions and policies of the Government of Iran and imposed sanctions against Iran supplementing those imposed in 1987, invoking the authority, *inter alia*, of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701-06 ("IEEPA"). The President substantially supplemented and amended those sanctions in Executive Order 12959 of May 6, 1995 (60 FR 24757, May 9, 1995). The Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") amended the Iranian Transactions Regulations in September

1995 (the "Regulations") (60 FR 47061, September 11, 1995), to implement these orders.

In further implementation of Executive Orders 12957 and 12959, OFAC is promulgating amendments to the Regulations in subpart E. Section 560.510(d)(1) and (d)(2) are revised to generally license all payments of awards against Iran issued by the Iran-U.S. Claims Tribunal in The Hague, irrespective of the source of funds for payment, and to generally license implementation (except exports or reexports that are subject to export license application requirements of Federal agencies other than OFAC) as well as payment of awards or settlements in cases to which the United States Government is a party.

Section 560.525(a)(3) is revised to generally license the provision of legal services to initiate and conduct U.S. court and other domestic legal proceedings on behalf of persons in Iran or the Government of Iran notwithstanding the prohibition on exportation of services to Iran.

Because the Regulations involve a foreign affairs function, Executive Order 12866 and the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) requiring notice of proposed rulemaking, opportunity for public participation, and delay in effective date, are inapplicable. Because no notice of proposed rulemaking is required for this rule, the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612) does not apply. The amendment in this final rule does not impose a paperwork burden.

List of Subjects in 31 CFR Part 560

Administrative practice and procedure, Agricultural commodities, Banks, banking, Exports, Foreign trade, Imports, Information, Investments, Iran, Loans, Penalties, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Services, Specially designated nationals, Terrorism, Transportation.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, 31 CFR part 560 is revised as follows:

PART 560—IRANIAN TRANSACTIONS REGULATIONS

1. The authority citation is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 3 U.S.C. 301; 22 U.S.C. 2349aa-9; 50 U.S.C. 1601-1651, 1701-1706; Pub. L. 101-410, 104 Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); Pub. L. 104-132, 100 Stat. 1214, 1254 (18 U.S.C. 2332d); E.O. 12613, 52 FR 41940, 3 CFR, 1987 Comp., p. 256; E.O. 12957, 60 FR

14615, 3 CFR, 1995 Comp., p. 332; E.O. 12959, 60 FR 24757, 3 CFR, 1995 Comp., p. 356.

Subpart E—Licenses, Authorizations and Statements of Licensing Policy

2. The introductory text of paragraph (d) and paragraphs (d)(1) and (d)(2) of § 560.510 are revised to read as follows:

§ 560.510 Transactions related to the resolution of disputes between the United States or United States nationals and the Government of Iran.

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(d) The following are authorized:
(1) All transactions related to payment of awards of the Iran-United States Claims Tribunal in The Hague against Iran.

(2) All transactions necessary to the payment and implementation of awards (other than exports or reexports subject to export license application requirements of other agencies of the United States Government) in a legal proceeding to which the United States Government is a party, or to payments pursuant to settlement agreements entered into by the United States Government in such a legal proceeding.

3. Paragraphs (a)(3) and (a)(5)(i) of § 560.525 are revised to read as follows:

§ 560.525 Exportation of certain legal services.

(a) The provision of the following legal services to the Government of Iran or to a person in Iran, and receipt of payment of professional fees and reimbursement of incurred expenses, are authorized:

- (1) * * *
- (2) * * *
- (3) Initiation and conduct of domestic United States legal, arbitration, or administrative proceedings on behalf of the Government of Iran or a person in Iran;
- (4) * * *
- (5) * * *

(i) To resolve disputes between the Government of Iran or an Iranian national and the United States or a United States national;

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