

National Environmental Policy Act

This rule does not constitute a major Federal action significantly affecting the quality of the human environment. We are not required to provide a detailed statement under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (NEPA) because this rule qualifies for a categorical exclusion under the U.S. Department of the Interior Departmental Manual, part 516, section 13.5(B)(29).

National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act

Section 12(d) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (15 U.S.C. 3701 *et seq.*) directs OSMRE to use voluntary consensus standards in its regulatory activities unless to do so would be inconsistent with applicable law or otherwise impractical. OMB Circular A-119 at p. 14. This action is not subject to the requirements of section 12(d) of the NTTAA because application of those requirements would be inconsistent with SMCRA.

Paperwork Reduction Act

This rule does not include requests and requirements of an individual, partnership, or corporation to obtain information and report it to a Federal agency. As this rule does not contain information collection requirements, a submission to the Office of Management and Budget under the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*) is not required.

Regulatory Flexibility Act

This rule will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities under the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*). The State submittal, which is the subject of this rule, is based upon corresponding Federal regulations for which an economic analysis was prepared, and certification made that such regulations would not have a significant economic effect upon a substantial number of small entities. In making the determination as to whether this rule would have a significant economic impact, the Department relied upon the data and assumptions for the corresponding Federal regulations.

Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act

This rule is not a major rule under 5 U.S.C. 804(2), the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Fairness Act. This rule: (a) Does not have an annual effect on the economy of \$100 million; (b) will not cause a major increase in costs or prices for consumers, individual industries, Federal, State, or local government agencies, or geographic regions; and (c) does not have significant adverse effects on competition, employment, investment, productivity, innovation, or the ability of U.S.-based enterprises to compete with foreign-based enterprises. This determination is based on an analysis of the corresponding Federal regulations, which were determined not to constitute a major rule.

Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

This rule does not impose an unfunded mandate on State, local, or Tribal governments, or the private sector of more than \$100 million per year. The rule does not have a significant or unique effect on State, local, or Tribal governments or the private sector. This determination is based on an analysis of the corresponding Federal regulations, which were determined not to impose an unfunded mandate. Therefore, a statement containing the information required by the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act (2 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) is not required.

List of Subjects in 30 CFR Part 950

Intergovernmental relations, Surface mining, Underground mining.

David Berry,

Regional Director, Interior Unified Regions 5, 7-11.

For the reasons set out in the preamble, 30 CFR part 950 is amended as set forth below:

PART 950—WYOMING

■ 1. The authority citation for part 950 continues to read as follows:

Authority: 30 U.S.C. 1201 *et seq.*

■ 2. Section 950.35 is amended in the table by adding an entry in chronological order by “Date of final publication” to read as follows:

§ 950.35 Approval of Wyoming abandoned mine land reclamation plan amendments.

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Original amendment submission date	Date of final publication	Citation/description
July 21, 2020	October 26, 2021	Repeal and replace Certified AML Plan. Response to 884 letter and State initiative streamlining of Plan to be consistent with changes to federal program and extends limited liability protection for certain coal and noncoal reclamation projects.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 591

Publication of Venezuela Web General License 8 and Subsequent Iterations

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 nine Venezuela web general licenses (GLs) in the **Federal Register**: GL 8, GL 8A, GL 8B, GL 8C, GL 8D, GL 8E, GL 8F, and GL 8G, each of which is now expired and was previously issued on OFAC’s website, as well as GL 8H, which was also previously issued on OFAC’s website and expires on December 1, 2021.

DATES: GL 8H was issued on June 1, 2021 and expires on December 1, 2021. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** of this rule 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 Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: www.treasury.gov/ofac.

Background

On March 8, 2015, the President, invoking the authority of, *inter alia*, the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701–1706), issued Executive Order (E.O.) 13692, “Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela” (80 FR 12747, March 11, 2015). In E.O. 13692, the President found that the situation in Venezuela, including the Government of Venezuela's erosion of human rights guarantees, persecution of political opponents, curtailment of press freedoms, use of violence and human rights violations and abuses in response to antigovernment protests, and arbitrary arrest and detention of antigovernment protestors, as well as the exacerbating presence of significant public corruption, constitutes an unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security and foreign policy of the United States, and declared a national emergency to deal with that threat.

The President issued six additional E.O.s pursuant to the national emergency declared in E.O. 13692: E.O. 13808 of August 24, 2017, “Imposing Additional Sanctions With Respect to the Situation in Venezuela” (82 FR 41155, August 29, 2017); E.O. 13827 of March 19, 2018, “Taking Additional Steps to Address the Situation in Venezuela” (83 FR 12469, March 21, 2018); E.O. 13835 of May 21, 2018, “Prohibiting Certain Additional Transactions With Respect to Venezuela” (83 FR 24001, May 24, 2018) (E.O. 13835); E.O. 13850 of November 1, 2018, “Blocking Property of Additional Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela” (83 FR 55243, November 2, 2018); E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, “Taking Additional Steps To Address the National Emergency With Respect to Venezuela” (84 FR 509, January 30, 2019); and E.O. 13884 of August 5, 2019, “Blocking Property of the Government of Venezuela” (84 FR 38843, August 7, 2019).

OFAC, in consultation with the Department of State, issued GL 8 on January 28, 2019, pursuant to E.O. 13850, as amended, to authorize certain entities and their subsidiaries to engage in transactions and activities ordinarily incident and necessary to operations in Venezuela involving *Petróleos de*

Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA) or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, that were otherwise prohibited by E.O. 13850, through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 27, 2019. Subsequently, OFAC issued eight further iterations of GL 8, which extended the period and modified the scope of the authorization.

On June 6, 2019, OFAC issued GL 8A, which replaced and superseded GL 8; on July 26, 2019, OFAC issued GL 8B, which replaced and superseded GL 8A; on August 5, 2019, OFAC issued GL 8C, which replaced and superseded GL 8B; on October 21, 2019, OFAC issued GL 8D, which replaced and superseded GL 8C; on January 17, 2020, OFAC issued GL 8E, which replaced and superseded GL 8D; on April 21, 2020, OFAC issued GL 8F, which replaced and superseded GL 8E; on November 17, 2020, OFAC issued GL 8G, which replaced and superseded GL 8F; and on June 1, 2021, OFAC issued GL 8H, which replaced and superseded GL 8G. GL 8H expires on December 1, 2021. The texts of the following nine Venezuela GLs are provided below: GLs 8, 8A, 8B, 8C, 8D, 8E, 8F, 8G, and 8H.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Executive Order 13850 of November 1, 2018

Blocking Property of Additional Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela

General License No. 8

Authorizing Transactions Involving *Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA)* Prohibited by Executive Order 13850 for Certain Entities Operating in Venezuela

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities ordinarily incident and necessary to operations in Venezuela involving PdVSA or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest prohibited by Executive Order 13850 are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 27, 2019 for the following entities and their subsidiaries:

- Chevron Corporation
- Halliburton
- Schlumberger Limited
- Baker Hughes, a GE Company
- Weatherford International, Public Limited Company

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any exportation or reexportation of diluents from the United States to Venezuela; or

(2) Any transaction that is otherwise prohibited under Executive Order 13850 of November 1, 2018, Executive Order 13835 of May 21, 2018, Executive Order 13827 of March 19, 2018, Executive Order 13808 of August 24, 2017, Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, or any part of 31 CFR chapter V, or any transactions or dealings with any blocked person other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license.

Andrea Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: January 28, 2019.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Executive Order 13850 of November 1, 2018

Blocking Property of Additional Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela

General License No. 8A

Authorizing Transactions Involving *Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA)* Prohibited by Executive Order 13850 for Certain Entities Operating in Venezuela

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities ordinarily incident and necessary to operations in Venezuela involving PdVSA or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13850, as amended by E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 27, 2019 for the following entities and their subsidiaries:

- Chevron Corporation
- Halliburton
- Schlumberger Limited
- Baker Hughes, a GE Company
- Weatherford International, Public Limited Company

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions or dealings related to the exportation or reexportation of diluents, directly or indirectly, to Venezuela; or

(2) Any transaction that is otherwise prohibited by E.O. 13850, E.O. 13835 of May 21, 2018, E.O. 13827 of March 19, 2018, E.O. 13808 of August 24, 2017, E.O. 13692 of March 8, 2015, or any part of 31 CFR chapter V, or any transactions or dealings with any blocked person other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license.

(c) Effective June 6, 2019, General License No. 8, dated January 28, 2019, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License 8A.

Andrea Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: June 6, 2019.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Executive Order 13850 of November 1, 2018

Blocking Property of Additional Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela

General License No. 8B

Authorizing Transactions Involving Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA) Necessary for Maintenance of Operations for Certain Entities in Venezuela

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities ordinarily incident and necessary to the maintenance of operations, contracts, or other agreements in Venezuela involving PdVSA or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13850, as amended by E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, and that were in effect prior to July 26, 2019, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, October 25, 2019 for the following entities and their subsidiaries:

- Chevron Corporation
- Halliburton
- Schlumberger Limited
- Baker Hughes, a GE Company
- Weatherford International, Public Limited Company

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions or dealings related to the exportation or reexportation of diluents, directly or indirectly, to Venezuela; or

(2) Any transaction that is otherwise prohibited by E.O. 13850, E.O. 13835 of May 21, 2018, E.O. 13827 of March 19, 2018, E.O. 13808 of August 24, 2017, E.O. 13692 of March 8, 2015, or any part of 31 CFR chapter V, or any transactions or dealings with any blocked person other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license.

(c) Effective July 26, 2019, General License No. 8A, dated June 6, 2019, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License 8B.

Andrea Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: July 26, 2019.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Executive Order 13850 of November 1, 2018

Blocking Property of Additional Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela

Executive Order of August 5, 2019

Blocking Property of the Government of Venezuela

General License NO. 8C

Authorizing Transactions Involving Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA) Necessary for Maintenance of Operations for Certain Entities in Venezuela

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities ordinarily incident and necessary to the maintenance of operations, contracts, or other agreements in Venezuela involving PdVSA or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13850, as amended by E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, or E.O. of August 5, 2019, and that were in effect prior to July 26, 2019, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, October 25, 2019 for the following entities and their subsidiaries:

- Chevron Corporation
- Halliburton
- Schlumberger Limited
- Baker Hughes, a GE Company
- Weatherford International, Public Limited Company

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions or dealings related to the exportation or reexportation of diluents, directly or indirectly, to Venezuela; or

(2) Any transaction that is otherwise prohibited by E.O. of August 5, 2019, or E.O. 13850, E.O. 13835 of May 21, 2018, E.O. 13827 of March 19, 2018, E.O. 13808 of August 24, 2017, or E.O. 13692 of March 8, 2015, or any part of 31 CFR chapter V, or any transactions or dealings with any blocked person other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license.

(c) Effective August 5, 2019, General License No. 8B, dated July 26, 2019, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License 8C.

Andrea Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: August 5, 2019.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Executive Order 13850 of November 1, 2018

Blocking Property of Additional Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela

Executive Order 13884 of August 5, 2019

Blocking Property of the Government of Venezuela

General License No. 8D

Authorizing Transactions Involving Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA) Necessary for Maintenance of Operations for Certain Entities in Venezuela

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities ordinarily incident and necessary to the maintenance of operations, contracts, or other agreements in Venezuela involving PdVSA or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13850, as amended by E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, or E.O. 13884, and that were in effect prior to July 26, 2019, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, January 22, 2020 for the following entities and their subsidiaries:

- Chevron Corporation
- Halliburton
- Schlumberger Limited
- Baker Hughes, a GE Company
- Weatherford International, Public Limited Company

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions or dealings related to the exportation or reexportation of diluents, directly or indirectly, to Venezuela; or

(2) Any transaction that is otherwise prohibited by E.O. 13884, or E.O. 13850, E.O. 13835 of May 21, 2018, E.O. 13827 of March 19, 2018, E.O. 13808 of August 24, 2017, or E.O. 13692 of March 8, 2015, each as amended by E.O. 13857, or any part of 31 CFR chapter V, or any transactions or dealings with any blocked person other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license.

(c) Effective October 21, 2019, General License No. 8C, dated August 5, 2019, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License 8D.

Andrea Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: October 21, 2019.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL**Executive Order 13850 of November 1, 2018****Blocking Property of Additional Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela****Executive Order 13884 of August 5, 2019****Blocking Property of the Government of Venezuela****General License No. 8E****Authorizing Transactions Involving Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA) Necessary for Maintenance of Operations for Certain Entities in Venezuela**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities ordinarily incident and necessary to the maintenance of operations, contracts, or other agreements in Venezuela involving PdVSA or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13850, as amended by E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, or E.O. 13884, and that were in effect prior to July 26, 2019, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, April 22, 2020 for the following entities and their subsidiaries:

- Chevron Corporation
- Halliburton
- Schlumberger Limited
- Baker Hughes, a GE Company
- Weatherford International, Public Limited Company

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions or dealings related to the exportation or reexportation of diluents, directly or indirectly, to Venezuela; or

(2) Any transaction that is otherwise prohibited by E.O. 13884, or E.O. 13850, E.O. 13835 of May 21, 2018, E.O. 13827 of March 19, 2018, E.O. 13808 of August 24, 2017, or E.O. 13692 of March 8, 2015, each as amended by E.O. 13857, or any part of 31 CFR chapter V, or any transactions or dealings with any blocked person other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license.

(c) Effective January 17, 2020, General License No. 8D, dated October 21, 2019, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 8E.

Andrea Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: January 17, 2019.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL**Venezuela Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR Part 591****General License No. 8F****Authorizing Transactions Involving Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA) Necessary for the Limited Maintenance of Essential Operations in Venezuela or the Wind Down of Operations in Venezuela for Certain Entities**

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this general license, all transactions and activities prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13850 of November 1, 2018, as amended by E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, or E.O. 13884 of August 5, 2019, each as incorporated into the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591 (the VSR), that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the limited maintenance of essential operations, contracts, or other agreements, that: (i) Are for safety or the preservation of assets in Venezuela; (ii) involve PdVSA or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest; and (iii) were in effect prior to July 26, 2019, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, December 1, 2020, for the following entities and their subsidiaries (collectively, the “Covered Entities”):

- Chevron Corporation
- Halliburton
- Schlumberger Limited
- Baker Hughes, a GE Company
- Weatherford International, Public Limited Company

Note to paragraph (a): Transactions and activities necessary for safety or the preservation of assets in Venezuela that are authorized by paragraph (a) of this general license include: Transactions and activities necessary to ensure the safety of personnel, or the integrity of operations and assets in Venezuela; participation in shareholder and board of directors meetings; making payments on third-party invoices for transactions and activities authorized by paragraph (a) of this general license, or incurred prior to April 21, 2020, provided such activity was authorized at the time it occurred; payment of local taxes and purchase of utility services in Venezuela; and payment of salaries for employees and contractors in Venezuela.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this general license, all transactions and activities prohibited by E.O. 13850, as amended, or E.O. 13884, each as incorporated into the VSR, that are ordinarily incident and necessary to

the wind down of operations, contracts, or other agreements in Venezuela involving PdVSA or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, and that were in effect prior to July 26, 2019, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, December 1, 2020, for the Covered Entities.

(c) Paragraph (a) of this general license does not authorize:

(1) The drilling, lifting, or processing of, purchase or sale of, or transport or shipping of any Venezuelan-origin petroleum or petroleum products;

(2) The provision or receipt of insurance or reinsurance with respect to the transactions and activities described in paragraph (c)(1) of this general license;

(3) The design, construction, installation, repair, or improvement of any wells or other facilities or infrastructure in Venezuela or the purchasing or provision of any goods or services, except as required for safety;

(4) Contracting for additional personnel or services, except as required for safety; or

(5) The payment of any dividend, including in kind, to PdVSA, or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest.

(d) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions or dealings related to the exportation or reexportation of diluents, directly or indirectly, to Venezuela;

(2) Any loans to, accrual of additional debt by, or subsidization of PdVSA, or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, including in kind, prohibited by E.O. 13808 of August 24, 2017, as amended by E.O. 13857, and incorporated into the VSR; or

(3) Any transactions or activities otherwise prohibited by the VSR, or any other part of 31 CFR chapter V, or any transactions or activities with any blocked person other than the blocked persons identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this general license.

(e) Effective April 21, 2020, General License No. 8E, dated January 17, 2020, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 8F.

Andrea Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: April 21, 2020.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL**Venezuela Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR Part 591****General License No. 8G****Authorizing Transactions Involving Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA) Necessary for the Limited Maintenance of Essential Operations in Venezuela or the Wind Down of Operations in Venezuela for Certain Entities**

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this general license, all transactions and activities prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13850 of November 1, 2018, as amended by E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, or E.O. 13884 of August 5, 2019, each as incorporated into the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591 (the VSR), that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the limited maintenance of essential operations, contracts, or other agreements, that: (i) Are for safety or the preservation of assets in Venezuela; (ii) involve PdVSA or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest; and (iii) were in effect prior to July 26, 2019, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, June 3, 2021, for the following entities and their subsidiaries (collectively, the “Covered Entities”):

- Chevron Corporation
- Halliburton
- Schlumberger Limited
- Baker Hughes, a GE Company
- Weatherford International, Public Limited Company

Note to paragraph (a): Transactions and activities necessary for safety or the preservation of assets in Venezuela that are authorized by paragraph (a) of this general license include: Transactions and activities necessary to ensure the safety of personnel, or the integrity of operations and assets in Venezuela; participation in shareholder and board of directors meetings; making payments on third-party invoices for transactions and activities authorized by paragraph (a) of this general license, or incurred prior to April 21, 2020, provided such activity was authorized at the time it occurred; payment of local taxes and purchase of utility services in Venezuela; and payment of salaries for employees and contractors in Venezuela.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this general license, all transactions and activities prohibited by E.O. 13850, as amended, or E.O. 13884, each as incorporated into the VSR, that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of operations, contracts, or other agreements in Venezuela

involving PdVSA or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, and that were in effect prior to July 26, 2019, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, June 3, 2021, for the Covered Entities.

(c) Paragraph (a) of this general license does not authorize:

- (1) The drilling, lifting, or processing of, purchase or sale of, or transport or shipping of any Venezuelan-origin petroleum or petroleum products;
- (2) The provision or receipt of insurance or reinsurance with respect to the transactions and activities described in paragraph (c)(1) of this general license;
- (3) The design, construction, installation, repair, or improvement of any wells or other facilities or infrastructure in Venezuela or the purchasing or provision of any goods or services, except as required for safety;
- (4) Contracting for additional personnel or services, except as required for safety; or
- (5) The payment of any dividend, including in kind, to PdVSA, or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest.

(d) This general license does not authorize:

- (1) Any transactions or dealings related to the exportation or reexportation of diluents, directly or indirectly, to Venezuela;
- (2) Any loans to, accrual of additional debt by, or subsidization of PdVSA, or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, including in kind, prohibited by E.O. 13808 of August 24, 2017, as amended by E.O. 13857, and incorporated into the VSR; or
- (3) Any transactions or activities otherwise prohibited by the VSR, or any other part of 31 CFR chapter V, or any transactions or activities with any blocked person other than the blocked persons identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this general license.

(e) Effective November 17, 2020, General License No. 8F, dated April 21, 2020, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 8G.

Andrea Gacki,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
Dated: November 17, 2020.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL**Venezuela Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR Part 591****General License No. 8H****Authorizing Transactions Involving Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA) Necessary for the Limited Maintenance of Essential Operations in Venezuela or the Wind Down of Operations in Venezuela for Certain Entities**

(a) Except as provided in paragraphs (c) and (d) of this general license, all transactions and activities prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13850 of November 1, 2018, as amended by E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, or E.O. 13884 of August 5, 2019, each as incorporated into the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591 (the VSR), that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the limited maintenance of essential operations, contracts, or other agreements, that: (i) Are for safety or the preservation of assets in Venezuela; (ii) involve PdVSA or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest; and (iii) were in effect prior to July 26, 2019, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, December 1, 2021, for the following entities and their subsidiaries (collectively, the “Covered Entities”):

- Chevron Corporation
- Halliburton
- Schlumberger Limited
- Baker Hughes Holdings LLC
- Weatherford International, Public Limited Company

Note to paragraph (a): Transactions and activities necessary for safety or the preservation of assets in Venezuela that are authorized by paragraph (a) of this general license include: Transactions and activities necessary to ensure the safety of personnel, or the integrity of operations and assets in Venezuela; participation in shareholder and board of directors meetings; making payments on third-party invoices for transactions and activities authorized by paragraph (a) of this general license, or incurred prior to April 21, 2020, provided such activity was authorized at the time it occurred; payment of local taxes and purchase of utility services in Venezuela; and payment of salaries for employees and contractors in Venezuela.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (d) of this general license, all transactions and activities prohibited by E.O. 13850, as amended, or E.O. 13884, each as incorporated into the VSR, that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of operations, contracts, or other agreements in Venezuela

involving PdVSA or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, and that were in effect prior to July 26, 2019, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, December 1, 2021, for the Covered Entities.

(c) Paragraph (a) of this general license does not authorize:

(1) The drilling, lifting, or processing of, purchase or sale of, or transport or shipping of any Venezuelan-origin petroleum or petroleum products;

(2) The provision or receipt of insurance or reinsurance with respect to the transactions and activities described in paragraph (c)(1) of this general license;

(3) The design, construction, installation, repair, or improvement of any wells or other facilities or infrastructure in Venezuela or the purchasing or provision of any goods or services, except as required for safety;

(4) Contracting for additional personnel or services, except as required for safety; or

(5) The payment of any dividend, including in kind, to PdVSA, or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest.

(d) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions or dealings related to the exportation or reexportation of diluents, directly or indirectly, to Venezuela;

(2) Any loans to, accrual of additional debt by, or subsidization of PdVSA, or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, including in kind, prohibited by E.O. 13808 of August 24, 2017, as amended by E.O. 13857, and incorporated into the VSR; or

(3) Any transactions or activities otherwise prohibited by the VSR, or any other part of 31 CFR chapter V, or any transactions or activities with any blocked person other than the blocked persons identified in paragraphs (a) and (b) of this general license.

(e) Effective June 1, 2021, General License No. 8G, dated November 17, 2020, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 8H.

Bradley T. Smith,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

Dated: June 1, 2021.

Dated: October 21, 2021.

Bradley T. Smith,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 100

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Special Local Regulation; Swim Around Charleston, Charleston, SC

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DHS.

ACTION: Temporary final rule.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is establishing a temporary special local regulation on the waters of the Wando River, Cooper River, Charleston Harbor, and Ashley River in Charleston, SC. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life on navigable waters during the Swim Around Charleston. This rulemaking would restrict persons and vessels from entering certain waters of the Wando River, Cooper River, Charleston Harbor, and Ashley River, unless authorized by Sector Charleston Captain of the Port or a designated representative.

DATES: This rule is effective from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m., on October 31, 2021.

ADDRESSES: To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2021-0673 in the "SEARCH" box and click "SEARCH." Click on Open Docket Folder on the line associated with this rule.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions on this rule, call or email Lieutenant Commander Chad Ray, Sector Charleston Waterways Management Division, Coast Guard; telephone (843) 740-3184, email Chad.L.Ray@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

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

The Coast Guard is issuing this temporary rule without prior notice and opportunity to comment pursuant to authority under section 4(a) of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553(b)). This 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, unnecessary, or contrary to the public interest." Under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for not publishing a notice of proposed rulemaking (NPRM) with respect to this rule because it is impracticable. The event already has established dates in 33 CFR 100.704, Table to § 100.704, Line No. 9, and typically takes place one Saturday or Sunday during the last two weeks of September or the first two weeks of October. However, this year the event will take place on October 31, 2021. The Coast Guard must establish a temporary final rule for this year's event because a Notice of Enforcement cannot be used to enforce a rule this far outside the dates approved in the **Federal Register**. We must establish this special local regulation by October 31, 2021 in order to protect the public from the hazards associated with the Swim Around Charleston event.

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 contrary to the public interest because the potential safety hazards associated with the Swim Around Charleston taking place on October 31, 2021.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under authority in 46 U.S.C. 70041. The Captain of the Port Charleston (COTP) has determined that potential hazards associated with the Swim Around Charleston event presents a safety concern for anyone in the vicinity of the regulated area during the event. This rule is needed to protect participants, spectators, and the general public in the navigable waters within the regulated area during the Swim Around Charleston event.

IV. Discussion of the Rule

This rule establishes a special local regulation from 10:00 a.m. until 4:00 p.m., on October 31, 2021. The special local regulation will cover certain navigable waters on the Wando River, Cooper River, Charleston Harbor, and Ashley River in Charleston, South Carolina beginning at Remleys Point in Mt. Pleasant, proceeding across Charleston Harbor continuing up the Ashley River to its conclusion just before the Westmoreland Bridge, I-526. The duration of the special local regulation is intended to ensure the safety of participants, spectators, vessels and these navigable waters before, during, and after the scheduled event.