

**OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL****Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR Part 587****GENERAL LICENSE NO. 44****Authorizing the Export or Reexport of Certain Accounting Services to U.S. Individuals Located in the Russian Federation**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions ordinarily incident and necessary to the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States, or by a United States person, wherever located, of tax preparation or filing services to any individual who is a United States person located in the Russian Federation, which are prohibited by section 1(a)(ii) of Executive Order 14071, are authorized.

(b) This general license does not authorize any transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the RuHSR, unless separately authorized.

Andrea M. Gacki,

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control*

Dated: July 14, 2022

**Andrea M. Gacki,**

*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 Licenses 40 and 40A**

**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 two general licenses (GLs) issued in the Venezuela Sanctions program: GL 40, which was previously made available on OFAC's website and is now expired, and GL 40A, which was also previously made available on OFAC's website and expires on July 12, 2023.

**DATES:** GL 40 was issued on July 12, 2021. GL 40A was issued on July 7, 2022. 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 Sanctions

Compliance & Evaluation, 202–622–2490.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Electronic Availability**

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: [www.treas.gov/ofac](http://www.treas.gov/ofac).

**Background**

On July 12, 2021, OFAC issued GL 40 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591. GL 40 had an expiration date of July 8, 2022. On July 7, 2022, OFAC issued GL 40A, which replaced and superseded GL 40 and has an expiration date of July 12, 2023. GLs 40 and 40A were each made available on OFAC's website ([www.treas.gov/ofac](http://www.treas.gov/ofac)) at the time of publication. The text of GLs 40 and 40A is provided below.

**OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL****Venezuela Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR part 591****GENERAL LICENSE NO. 40****Authorizing Certain Transactions Involving the Exportation or Reexportation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas to Venezuela**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities related to the exportation or reexportation, directly or indirectly, of liquefied petroleum gas to Venezuela, involving the Government of Venezuela, Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA), or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, that are prohibited by 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), are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 8, 2022.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any payment-in-kind of petroleum or petroleum products; or

(2) Any transactions or activities otherwise prohibited by the VSR, prohibited by any other part of 31 CFR chapter V, or involving any blocked persons other than PdVSA, any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, or any Government of Venezuela person that is blocked solely pursuant to E.O. 13884.

*Note to General License No. 40:* Nothing in this general license relieves any persons from compliance with the requirements of other Federal agencies, including the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security.

Andrea Gacki,

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control*

Dated: July 12, 2021

**OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL****Venezuela Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR Part 591****GENERAL LICENSE NO. 40A****Authorizing Certain Transactions Involving the Exportation or Reexportation of Liquefied Petroleum Gas to Venezuela**

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities related to the exportation or reexportation, directly or indirectly, of liquefied petroleum gas to Venezuela, involving the Government of Venezuela, Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA), or any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, that are prohibited by 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), are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 12, 2023.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any payment-in-kind of petroleum or petroleum products; or

(2) Any transactions or activities otherwise prohibited by the VSR, prohibited by any other part of 31 CFR chapter V, or involving any blocked persons other than PdVSA, any entity in which PdVSA owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, or any Government of Venezuela person that is blocked solely pursuant to E.O. 13884.

(c) Effective July 7, 2022, General License No. 40, dated July 12, 2021, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 40A.

*Note to General License No. 40A:* Nothing in this general license relieves any persons from compliance with the requirements of other Federal agencies, including the Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security.

Andrea Gacki,

*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 Licenses 8I and 8J**

**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 two general licenses (GLs) issued in the Venezuela Sanctions program: GL 8I, which was previously made available on OFAC's website and is now expired, and GL 8J, which was also previously made available on OFAC's website and expires on December 1, 2022.

**DATES:** GL 8I was issued on November 24, 2021. GL 8J was issued on May 27, 2022. 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 Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, 202–622–2490.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Electronic Availability**

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available on OFAC's website: [www.treas.gov/ofac](http://www.treas.gov/ofac).

**Background**

On November 24, 2021, OFAC issued GL 8I to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591. GL 8I had an expiration date of June 1, 2022. On May 27, 2022, OFAC issued GL 8J, replacing and superseding GL 8I, to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591. GL 8J expires on December 1, 2022. At the time of issuance, GLs 8I and 8J each were made available on OFAC's website ([www.treas.gov/ofac](http://www.treas.gov/ofac)). The text of GLs 8I and 8J is provided below.

**OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL**

**Venezuela Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR Part 591**

**GENERAL LICENSE NO. 8I**

**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 1, 2022, 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 daylight time, June 1, 2022, 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 24, 2021, General License No. 8H, dated June 1, 2021, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 8I.

Bradley T. Smith,

*Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control*

Dated: November 24, 2021

**OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL**

**Venezuela Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR Part 591**

**GENERAL LICENSE NO. 8J**

**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, 2022, 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, 2022, 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 May 27, 2022, General License No. 8I, dated November 24, 2021, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 8J.

Andrea M. Gacki,

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control*

Dated: May 27, 2022

**Andrea M. Gacki,**

*Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

### 38 CFR Part 38

RIN 2900-AR43

### Requesting Disinterment of an Eligible Decedent From a National Cemetery

**AGENCY:** Department of Veterans Affairs.

**ACTION:** Final rule.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) is amending its regulations

governing disinterment of eligible decedents interred in VA national cemeteries to clarify that, if the individual who initiated the interment does not consent to a disinterment or is not alive to provide consent, or all living immediate family members are not in agreement, anyone seeking disinterment of an eligible decedent must obtain an order from a court or State instrumentality of competent jurisdiction to direct the disinterment.

**DATES:** This rule is effective September 16, 2022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Alan Amelinckx, Management and Program Analyst, National Cemetery Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20420. Telephone: 202-461-5658 (this is not a toll-free number).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On February 9, 2022, VA published in the **Federal Register** (87 FR 7402) a proposed rule revising its regulation to clarify that disinterment from a national cemetery will be approved only when a court order or State instrumentality of competent jurisdiction directs the disinterment, or when all living immediate family members of the decedent, and the individual who initiated the interment (whether or not the individual is a member of the immediate family), give their written consent. The public comment period ended on April 11, 2022. VA received one comment that generally supported the rule but expressed concern about costs associated for claimants requesting disinterment. The commenter restated VA's Paperwork Reduction Act burden analysis and advised VA to include those costs on VA Form 40-4970, Request for Disinterment, to avoid negative outcomes for families who would incur those costs. We clarify that the burden analysis is required to justify the collection of information and inform the public of the time and cost of the public's time in providing the information. Those "costs" are not transferred to individuals seeking to request disinterment through the submission of VA Form 40-4970. The revision to the form, which is currently approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) under OMB control number 2900-0365, will not result in any increase or decrease in respondents, respondent burden hours, or respondent burden costs. Therefore, VA makes no changes based on the comment.

### Executive Orders 12866 and 13563

Executive Orders 12866 and 13563 direct agencies to assess the costs and

benefits of available regulatory alternatives and, when regulation is necessary, to select regulatory approaches that maximize net benefits (including potential economic, environmental, public health and safety effects, and other advantages; distributive impacts; and equity). Executive Order 13563 (Improving Regulation and Regulatory Review) emphasizes the importance of quantifying both costs and benefits, reducing costs, harmonizing rules, and promoting flexibility. The Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs has determined that this rule is not a significant regulatory action under Executive Order 12866. The Regulatory Impact Analysis associated with this rulemaking can be found as a supporting document at [www.regulations.gov](http://www.regulations.gov).

### Regulatory Flexibility Act

The Secretary hereby certifies that this final rule will have no significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities as they are defined in the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601-612). This certification is justified because most disinterment requests are submitted by families. Although a local court or State instrumentality may be involved if all living family members do not consent to a contemplated disinterment request, or the individual who initiated the interment does not consent to the disinterment or is not alive to provide consent, processing and adjudicating a request for disinterment as directed by a court order or State instrumentality would likely be rare and would be conducted as part of that entity's routine operations. VA cannot estimate the number of entities that may be affected by this final rule given that each disinterment case is based on the unique needs of families. Therefore, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 605(b), the initial and final regulatory flexibility analysis requirements of 5 U.S.C. 603 and 604 do not apply.

### Unfunded Mandates

The Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 requires, at 2 U.S.C. 1532, that agencies prepare an assessment of anticipated costs and benefits before issuing any rule that may result in an expenditure by State, local, and tribal governments, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million or more (adjusted annually for inflation) in any one year. This final rule will have no such effect on State, local, and tribal governments, or on the private sector.