OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations

31 CFR part 587

GENERAL LICENSE 13B

Authorizing Certain Administrative Transactions Prohibited by Directive 4 Under Executive Order 14024

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, U.S. persons, or entities owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a U.S. person, are authorized to pay taxes, fees, or import duties, and purchase or receive permits, licenses, registrations, or certifications, to the extent such transactions are prohibited by Directive 4 under Executive Order (E.O.) 14024, Prohibitions Related to Transactions Involving the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, and the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation, provided such transactions are ordinarily incident and necessary to the day-to-day operations in the Russian Federation of such U.S. persons or entities, through 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time, December 7,
- (b) This general license does not authorize:
- (1) Any debit to an account on the books of a U.S. financial institution of the Central Bank of the Russian Federation, the National Wealth Fund of the Russian Federation, or the Ministry of Finance of the Russian Federation; or
- (2) 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.
- (c) Effective September 8, 2022, General License No. 13A, dated May 25, 2022, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 13B.

Andrea M. Gacki, Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control Dated: September 8, 2022

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 587

Publication of Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations Determinations

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Publication of determinations.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing one sectoral determination issued pursuant to an April 15, 2021 Executive order, as well as a category of services determination issued pursuant to an April 6, 2022 Executive order. Each determination was previously issued on OFAC's website.

DATES: The Determination Pursuant to Section (1)(a)(i) of Executive Order 14024 was issued on September 15, 2022. The Determination Pursuant to Section 1(a)(ii) of Executive Order 14071 was issued on September 15, 2022 and takes effect on October 15, 2022.

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.

Background

On April 15, 2021, the President, invoking the authority of, inter alia, the **International Emergency Economic** Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.) (IEEPA), issued Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 (86 FR 20249, April 19, 2022). Among other prohibitions, section 1(a) of E.O. 14024 blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that come within the United States, or that are or come within the possession or control of any U.S. person of, any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State: (i) to operate or have operated in the technology sector or the defense and related materiel sector of the Russian Federation economy, or any other sector of the Russian Federation economy as may be determined by the

Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State.

On April 6, 2022, the President, invoking the authority of, inter alia, IEEPA, issued E.O. 14071 of April 6, 2022, "Prohibiting New Investment in and Certain Services to the Russian Federation in Response to Continued Russian Federation Aggression" (87 FR 20999, April 8, 2022). Among other prohibitions, section 1(a)(ii) of E.O. 14071 prohibits the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States, or by a United States person, wherever located, of any category of services as may be determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, to any person located in the Russian Federation.

On September 15, 2022, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Department of State, issued a sectoral determination pursuant to E.O. 14024. This determination took effect upon publication on OFAC's website, which occurred on September 15, 2022. Also on September 15, 2022, pursuant to delegated authority, the Director of OFAC, in consultation with the Department of State, issued a category of services determination pursuant to E.O. 14071. This determination takes effect at 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on October 15, 2022.

The texts of the September 15, 2022 sectoral determination pursuant to E.O. 14024, and the September 15, 2022 category of services determination pursuant to E.O. 14071, are below.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Determination Pursuant to Section 1(a)(i) of Executive Order 14024

Section 1(a) of Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 of April 15, 2021 ("Blocking Property With Respect To Specified Harmful Foreign Activities of the Government of the Russian Federation") imposes economic sanctions on any person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State, or the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, to operate or have operated in such sectors of the Russian Federation economy as may be determined, pursuant to section 1(a)(i) of E.O. 14024, by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State.

To further address the unusual and extraordinary threat to the national security, foreign policy, and economy of the United States described in E.O. 14024, and in consultation with the

Department of State and pursuant to 31 CFR 587.802, I hereby determine that section 1(a)(i) shall apply to the quantum computing sector of the Russian Federation economy. Any person that the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary of the Treasury's designee, in consultation with the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State's designee, or the Secretary of State or the Secretary of State's designee, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury or the Secretary of the Treasury's designee, subsequently determines operates or has operated in this sector shall be subject to sanctions pursuant to section 1(a)(i).

This determination shall take effect upon publication by the Office of Foreign Assets Control on the Department of the Treasury's website.

Andrea M. Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Determination Pursuant to Section 1(a)(ii) of Executive Order 14071

Prohibitions Related to Certain Quantum Computing Services

Pursuant to sections 1(a)(ii), 1(b), and 5 of Executive Order (E.O.) 14071 of April 6, 2022 ("Prohibiting New Investment in and Certain Services to the Russian Federation in Response to Continued Russian Federation Aggression") and 31 CFR 587.802, the Director of the Office of Foreign Assets Control, in consultation with the Department of State, hereby determines that the prohibitions in section 1(a)(ii) of E.O. 14071 shall apply to quantum computing services. As a result, the following activities are prohibited, except to the extent provided by law, or unless licensed or otherwise authorized by the Office of Foreign Assets Control:

the exportation, reexportation, sale, or supply, directly or indirectly, from the United States, or by a United States person, wherever located, of quantum computing services to any person located in the Russian Federation.

This determination excludes the following:

(1) any service to an entity located in the Russian Federation that is owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a United States person;

(2) any service in connection with the wind down or divestiture of an entity located in the Russian Federation that is not owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by a Russian person.

This determination shall take effect beginning at 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on October 15, 2022.

Andrea M. Gacki,

Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control September 15, 2022

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 591

Publication of Venezuela Sanctions Regulations Web General License 3 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 general licenses (GLs) issued in the Venezuela Sanctions Regulations program: GLs 3, 3A, 3B, 3C, 3D, 3E, 3F, and 3G, each of which was previously issued on OFAC's website and is now expired, as well as GL 3H, which was also previously issued on OFAC's website.

DATES: General License 3H was issued on May 12, 2020. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** of this document 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 August 25, 2017, OFAC issued GL 3 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by Executive Order 13808 of August 24, 2017, "Imposing Additional Sanctions With Respect to the Situation in Venezuela" (82 FR 41155, August 29, 2017). At the time of issuance, OFAC made GL 3 available on its website (www.treas.gov/ofac). Subsequently, OFAC issued eight further iterations of GL 3, which extended the duration and modified the scope of the authorization: on January 28, 2019, OFAC issued GL 3A which

superseded GL 3; on February 1, 2019, OFAC issued GL 3B, which superseded GL 3A; on February 11, 2019, OFAC issued GL 3C, which superseded GL 3B; on March 8, 2019, OFAC issued GL 3D, which superseded GL 3C; on April 17, 2019, OFAC issued GL 3E, which superseded GL 3D; on August 5, 2019, OFAC issued GL 3F, which superseded GL 3E; on October 1, 2019, OFAC issued GL 3G, which superseded GL 3F; and on May 12, 2020, OFAC issued GL 3H, which superseded GL 3G. Each GL was made available on OFAC's website when it was issued. On November 22, 2019, OFAC incorporated the prohibitions of Executive Order 13808, as well as of any other Executive orders issued pursuant to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, into the Venezuelan Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 591. The text of these GLs is provided below.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Executive Order of August 24, 2017

Imposing Additional Sanctions With Respect to the Situation in Venezuela

GENERAL LICENSE 3

Authorizing Transactions Related to, Provision of Financing for, and Other Dealings in Certain Bonds

- (a) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions related to, the provision of financing for, and other dealings in bonds specified in the Annex to this general license that would be prohibited by Subsection l(a)(iii) of Executive Order of August 24, 2017, "Imposing Additional Sanctions with Respect to the Situation in Venezuela," are authorized.
- (b) Except as provided in paragraph (c) of this general license, all transactions related to, the provision of financing for, and other dealings in bonds that were issued both (i) prior to the effective date of Executive Order of August 24, 2017, and (ii) by U.S. person entities owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Government of Venezuela, are authorized.
- (c) This general license does not authorize any transaction that is otherwise prohibited by Executive Order of August 24, 2017, Executive Order 13692 of March 8, 2015, or any part of 31 CFR chapter V.

Andrea Gacki, Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control

Dated: August 25, 2017