

(b) This general license does not authorize any transactions or activities otherwise prohibited by E.O. 14014, or prohibited by any part of 31 CFR chapter V, statute, or other Executive order, or involving any blocked persons other than the blocked persons identified in paragraph (a) of this general license.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

31 CFR Part 569

Publication of Syria-Related Sanctions Regulations Web General Licenses 1, 2, and 3

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 three general licenses (GLs) issued pursuant to the Syria-Related Sanctions Regulations: GLs 1, 2, and 3, each of which were previously made available on OFAC's website.

DATES: GLs 1, 2, and 3 were issued on October 14, 2019. 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, 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

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

Background

On October 14, 2019, OFAC issued GLs 1, 2, and 3 to authorize certain transactions otherwise prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13894 of October 14, 2019 "Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Syria" (84 FR 55851, October 17, 2019). In 2020, E.O. 13894 was incorporated into

the Syria-Related Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 569 ("Regulations"). GLs 2 and 3 were revoked on November 5, 2019. Each GL was made available on OFAC's website (<https://ofac.treasury.gov>) when it was issued. In 2022, OFAC added GLs for the official business of the U.S. government and for official business of certain international organizations and entities at §§ 569.509 and 569 of the Regulations, respectively, which incorporate the authorizations previously in GLs 1 and 3. The text of these GLs is provided below.

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Executive Order of October 14, 2019—Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Syria

GENERAL LICENSE 1

Official Business of the United States Government

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities prohibited pursuant to Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Executive Order of October 14, 2019 that are for the conduct of the official business of the United States Government by employees, grantees, or contractors thereof are authorized.

(b) This general license does not authorize any transaction or activity that is prohibited by any other Executive Order or any part of 31 CFR chapter V.

Bradley T. Smith,
Deputy Director,
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Dated: October 14, 2019

OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Executive Order of October 14, 2019—Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Syria

GENERAL LICENSE 2

Authorizing Certain Activities Necessary to the Wind Down of Operations or Existing Contracts Involving the Ministry of National Defence or the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Government of Turkey

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) of October 14, 2019 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of operations, contracts, or other agreements involving the Ministry of National Defence or the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Government of Turkey, or any entity in which one or more of such ministries own, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, that were in effect prior to 12:01 eastern daylight time October 14, 2019, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern standard time November 13, 2019.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any debit to an account of a person blocked pursuant to E.O. of October 14, 2019

on the books of a U.S. financial institution; or

(2) Any transactions or activities otherwise prohibited by any other E.O. or any part of 31 CFR chapter V.

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OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Executive Order of October 14, 2019—Blocking Property and Suspending Entry of Certain Persons Contributing to the Situation in Syria

GENERAL LICENSE 3

Authorizing Official Activities of Certain International Organizations Involving the Ministry of National Defence or the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Government of Turkey

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions and activities prohibited pursuant to Sections 1, 2, and 3 of Executive Order (E.O.) of October 14, 2019 involving the Ministry of National Defence or the Ministry of Energy and Natural Resources of the Government of Turkey, or any entity in which one or more of such ministries own, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, that are for the official business of the United Nations, including its Programmes and Funds, and its Specialized Agencies and Related Organizations, including those entities listed below, are authorized:

- World Bank
- IMF (International Monetary Fund)
- FAO (UN Food and Agriculture Organization)
- OCHA (UN Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs)
- OHCHR (UN Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights)
- UN Habitat
- UNDP (UN Development Program)
- UNFPA (UN Population Fund)
- UNHCR (Office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees)
- UNICEF (UN Children's Fund)
- WFP (World Food Program)
- The World Health Organization (WHO), including the Pan-American Health Organization (PAHO)

Note to paragraph (a): For an organizational chart of the United Nations and its specialized agencies and related organizations, see the following page on the United Nations website: <http://www.unsceb.org/directory>.

(b) This general license does not authorize:

(1) The unblocking of any property blocked pursuant to E.O. of October 14, 2019 or any part of 31 CFR chapter V, except as authorized by paragraph (a); or

(2) Any transaction or dealing otherwise prohibited by E.O. of October 14, 2019, any other E.O., or any part of 31 CFR chapter V.

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DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY

Coast Guard

33 CFR Part 147

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Safety Zone; South Fork Wind Farm Project Area, Outer Continental Shelf, Lease OCS-A 0517, Offshore Rhode Island, Atlantic Ocean

AGENCY: Coast Guard, Department of Homeland Security (DHS).

ACTION: Temporary interim rule and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is extending the effective period for the 13 temporary 500-meter temporary safety zones around the construction of 12 wind turbine generators (WTGs) and one offshore substation (OSS) located in the South Fork Wind Farm (SFWF) project area within Federal waters on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), specifically, in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Renewable Energy Lease Area OCS-A 0517, approximately 16 nautical miles (NM) southeast of Block Island, Rhode Island, and 30 NM east of Montauk Point, New York. This rule extends the effective period of the existing safety zones for an additional five months. The safety zones will now end on May 31, 2024. This action is necessary to provide for the safety of life, property, and the environment during the anticipated construction of each facility's monopile type foundation and subsequent installation of the WTGs turbines and OSS platform. When enforced, only attending vessels and those vessels specifically authorized by the First Coast Guard District Commander or a designated representative are permitted to enter or remain in the safety zones.

DATES: This temporary interim rule is effective from January 1, 2024, through May 31, 2024. Comments and related material must be received by the Coast Guard on or before March 18, 2024.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by docket number USCG-2023-0073 using the Federal eRulemaking Portal at <https://www.regulations.gov>. See the "Public

Participation and Request for Comments" portion of the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further instructions on submitting comments. To view documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to <https://www.regulations.gov>, type USCG-2023-0073 in the search box and click "Search." Next, in the Document Type column, select "Supporting & Related Material."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: If you have questions about this rulemaking, call or email Mr. Craig Lapiejko, Waterways Management, at Coast Guard First District, telephone 617-603-8592, email craig.d.lapiejko@uscg.mil.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Table of Abbreviations

BOEM Bureau of Ocean Energy Management
CFR Code of Federal Regulations
DHS Department of Homeland Security
FR Federal Register
NPRM Notice of proposed rulemaking
OCS Outer Continental Shelf
OSS Offshore substation
NM Nautical mile
§ Section
SFWF South Fork Wind Farm
U.S.C. United States Code
WTG Wind turbine generator

II. Background, Purpose, and Legal Basis

On May 2, 2023, the Coast Guard published a temporary final rule (TFR) establishing 13 temporary 500-meter safety zones around the construction of 12 wind turbine generators (WTGs) and one offshore substation (OSS) located in the South Fork Wind Farm (SFWF) project area within Federal waters on the Outer Continental Shelf (OCS), specifically, in the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM) Renewable Energy Lease Area OCS-A 0517, approximately 16 nautical miles (NM) southeast of Block Island, Rhode Island, and 30 NM east of Montauk Point, New York (88 FR 27402).

The Coast Guard originally published a temporary rule to be effective, and enforceable, through December 31, 2023. We are now extending it to May 31, 2024, to provide more time for the completion of the installation of the wind turbine generator (WTG) structures. This rule extends the effective period of the safety zones for five months until May 31, 2024.

The First Coast Guard District Commander has determined that extension of the 13 safety zones through rulemaking is warranted to ensure the safety of life, property, and the

environment within a 500-meter radius of each of the 13 facilities during their construction.

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 extending the effective period for the safety zone because doing so would be impracticable and contrary to the public interest. The Coast Guard did not receive sufficient notice that the windfarm construction would not be completed until May 31, 2024, to allow time to publish an NPRM, reviewing public comment, and publishing a subsequent rule. Providing this prior public notice and opportunity to comment is contrary to the public's interest and impracticable because doing so could result in a lapse in the safety zone's enforceability, and safety concerns with vessels and persons transiting too close to the construction efforts. Immediate action is needed to protect persons and property from the potential dangers associated with the construction.

Under 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3), the Coast Guard finds that good cause exists for making this temporary interim rule effective less than 30 days after publication in the **Federal Register**. The current temporary final rule around the windfarm construction ends on December 31, 2023, but the construction will be ongoing after that date. Delaying the effective date of this temporary interim rule would be contrary to the public's interest and impracticable because action is needed starting January 1, 2024, to protect persons and vessels from the potential safety hazards associated with the ongoing windfarm construction.

We are soliciting comments on the extension of the enforcement period of this safety zone. If the Coast Guard determines that changes to the temporary interim rule are necessary, we will publish a temporary final rule or other appropriate document.

III. Legal Authority and Need for Rule

The Coast Guard is issuing this rule under the authority provided in 14 U.S.C. 544, 43 U.S.C. 1333, and Department of Homeland Security