

**OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL
IRANIAN TRANSACTIONS AND SANCTIONS REGULATIONS
(31 C.F.R. PART 560)
STATEMENT OF LICENSING PROCEDURE ON
SUPPORT OF HUMAN RIGHTS-, HUMANITARIAN-, AND DEMOCRACY RELATED
ACTIVITIES WITH RESPECT TO IRAN**

(a) POLICY.—This Statement of Licensing Policy establishes a favorable licensing regime through which the Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”), in consultation with the Department of State, will expedite license applications submitted by the following categories of U.S. persons to engage in certain human rights, humanitarian, and democracy-related activities with respect to Iran:

- (1) entities receiving funds from the Department of State to engage in the proposed activity;
- (2) the Broadcasting Board of Governors, an independent, autonomous entity responsible for all US government and government sponsored, non-military, international broadcasting; and
- (3) other appropriate agencies of the United States Government.

(b) PROCEDURES.—Requests for authorization under this policy should be submitted to OFAC in conformance with the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 560 (the “ITSR”), and section 501.801 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (the “Reporting, Procedures and Penalties Regulations”). Applicants shall fully disclose the parties to the transactions as well as describe the activities to be undertaken. License applications involving the exportation or reexportation of goods, technology, or software to Iran shall include a copy of an official Commodity Classification issued by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, as part of the license application. As stated in section 501.801, no particular form is required to apply for a license to engage in any transactions prohibited by the ITSR.

Any requests for authorization under subsection (a) should clearly indicate on the first page of the application that the request is being made pursuant to the 2012 Statement of Licensing Policy on Support of Human Rights-, Humanitarian-, and Democracy Related Activities With Respect to Iran.

(c) FOREIGN POLICY REVIEW.—The Department of State will complete a foreign policy review of a request for authorization under subsection (a) not later than 30 days after the request is referred to the Department of State by OFAC.

(d) LICENSE DETERMINATIONS.—License determinations for **complete** (see Note 1 below) requests for authorization under this policy will be made not later than 90 days after receipt by OFAC, with the following exceptions:

(1) Any requests involving the exportation or reexportation to Iran of goods, technology, or software listed on the Commerce Control List maintained pursuant to part 774 of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, shall be processed in a manner consistent with the Iran-Iraq Arms Non-Proliferation Act of 1992 (title XVI of Public Law 102–484) and other applicable provisions of law.

(2) Any other requests presenting unusual or extraordinary circumstances.

Note 1: If OFAC determines that an application submitted pursuant to this Statement of Licensing Policy is not complete, or falls within one of the exceptions listed in section (d)(1) and (2) hereof, OFAC will notify the applicant in writing within 30 days of the date a case is opened by OFAC.

Note 2: U.S. persons will not be able to take most laptops, personal computers, cell phones, personal digital assistants, and similar items with them to Iran, even on a temporary basis, under a license issued under this policy unless the exportation of any such items to Iran is specifically authorized in the license in a manner consistent with the Iran-Iraq Arms Nonproliferation Act of 1992 and other relevant applicable provisions of law.

Note 3: See § 560.516 of the ITSR for a general license authorizing United States depository institutions or United States registered brokers or dealers in securities to process transfers of funds if the transfer arises from, and is ordinarily incident and necessary to give effect to, an underlying transaction authorized by a specific license issued pursuant to the ITSR.