

(b) [Reserved]

[20 FR 1379, Mar. 8, 1955]

**§ 500.331 Merchandise.**

The term *merchandise* means all goods, wares and chattels of every description without limitation of any kind.

[24 FR 1984, Mar. 18, 1959]

**§ 500.332 Information and informational materials.**

(a) For purposes of this part, the term *informational materials* includes, without limitation:

(1) Publications, films, posters, phonograph records, photographs, microfilms, microfiche, tapes, compact disks, CD ROMs, artworks, and news wire feeds.

(2) To be considered informational materials, artworks must be classified under chapter subheading 9701, 9702, or 9703 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

(b) The terms *information* and *informational materials* with respect to U.S. exports do not include items:

(1) That would be controlled for export pursuant to section 5 of the Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 U.S.C. App. 2401-2420 (1979) (the "EAA"), or section 6 of the EAA to the extent that such controls promote the nonproliferation or antiterrorism policies of the United States, including "software" that is not "publicly available" as these terms are defined in 15 CFR parts 779 and 799.1 (1994); or

(2) With respect to which acts are prohibited by 18 U.S.C. chapter 37.

[60 FR 8934, Feb. 16, 1995]

**Subpart D—Interpretations**

**§ 500.401 Reference to amended sections.**

Reference to any section of this chapter or to any regulation, ruling, order, instruction, direction or license issued pursuant to this chapter shall be deemed to refer to the same as currently amended unless otherwise so specified.

**§ 500.402 Effect of amendment of sections of this chapter or of other orders, etc.**

Any amendment, modification, or revocation of any section of this chapter or of any order, regulation, ruling, instruction, or license issued by or under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to section 3(a) or 5(b) of the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended, shall not unless otherwise specifically provided be deemed to affect any act done or omitted to be done, or any suit or proceeding had or commenced in any civil or criminal case, prior to such amendment, modification, or revocation, and all penalties, forfeitures, and liabilities under any such section, order, regulation, ruling, instruction or license shall continue and may be enforced as if such amendment, modification, or revocation had not been made.

**§ 500.403 Termination and acquisition of the interest of a designated national.**

(a) Except as provided in § 500.525, whenever a transaction licensed or authorized by or pursuant to this chapter results in the transfer of property (including any property interest) away from a designated national, such property shall no longer be deemed to be property in which a designated national has or has had an interest unless there exists in such property an interest of a designated national, the transfer of which has not been effected pursuant to license or other authorization.

(b) Unless otherwise specifically provided in a license or authorization contained in or issued pursuant to this chapter, if property (including any property interest) is transferred to a designated national such property shall be deemed to be property in which there exists the interest of a designated national.

**§ 500.404 Transactions between principal and agent.**

A transaction between any person within the United States and any principal, agent, home office, branch, or correspondent, outside the United States of such person is a transaction prohibited by § 500.201 to the same extent as if the parties to the transaction

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were in no way affiliated or associated with each other.

### **§ 500.405 Exportation of securities, etc. to designated foreign countries.**

Section 500.201 prohibits the exportation of securities, currency, checks, drafts and promissory notes to designated foreign countries.

### **§ 500.406 Drafts under irrevocable letters of credit; documentary drafts.**

Section 500.201 prohibits the presentation, acceptance or payment of:

(a) Drafts or other orders for payment drawn under irrevocable letters of credit issued in favor or on behalf of any designated national;

(b) Drafts or other orders for payment, in which any designated national has on or since the "effective date" had any interest, drawn under any irrevocable letter of credit; and

(c) Documentary drafts in which any designated national has on or since the "effective date" had any interest.

### **§ 500.407 Administration of blocked estates of decedents.**

Section 500.201 prohibits all transactions incident to the administration of the blocked estate of a decedent, including the appointment and qualification of personal representatives, the collection and liquidation of assets, the payment of claims, and distribution to beneficiaries. Attention is directed to § 500.523 which authorizes certain transactions in connection with the administration of blocked estates of decedents and § 500.568 which authorizes the unblocking by specific license of estate assets to certain heirs under certain circumstances.

[15 FR 9040, Dec. 19, 1950, as amended at 54 FR 5231, Feb. 2, 1989]

### **§ 500.408 Access to certain safe deposit boxes prohibited.**

Section 500.201 prohibits access to any safe deposit box within the United States in the custody of any designated national or containing any property in which any designated national has any interest or which there is reasonable cause to believe contains property in which any such designated national has any interest. Attention is directed to § 500.517 which authorizes access to

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such safe deposit boxes under certain conditions.

### **§ 500.409 Certain payments to designated foreign countries and nationals through third countries.**

Section 500.201 prohibits any request or authorization made by or on behalf of a bank or other person within the United States to a bank or other person outside of the United States as a result of which request or authorization such latter bank or person makes a payment or transfer of credit either directly or indirectly to a designated national.

[18 FR 2080, Apr. 14, 1953]

### **§ 500.410 Currency, coins, and postage and other stamps.**

Currency, coins, and postage and other stamps issued by North Korea, North Viet-Nam, Cambodia, or South Viet-Nam are merchandise of North Korean, North Vietnamese, Cambodian, or South Vietnamese origin subject to § 500.204(a)(1).

[41 FR 16554, Apr. 20, 1976]

### **§ 500.411 Dealings abroad in commodities subject to the Regulations.**

Section 500.204 prohibits the unlicensed importation into the United States of commodities of North Korean, North Vietnamese, Cambodian, or South Vietnamese origin. It also prohibits, unless licensed, persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States from purchasing, transporting or otherwise dealing with such commodities which are outside the United States.

[41 FR 16554, Apr. 20, 1976]

### **§ 500.412 Process vs. manufacture.**

A commodity subject to § 500.204 remains subject howsoever it has been processed. It should not be assumed that a commodity which has undergone operations other than those listed in § 500.204(a)(1), has become a manufactured form of the commodity rather than a processed form thereof. In case of question, a ruling should be requested from the Office of Foreign Assets Control. Requests for rulings in the form of license applications or otherwise should include adequate technical detail. It should be noted that it