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effective date and of the absence of any interest of North Korea, North Viet-Nam, Cambodia, or South Viet-Nam in the goods at all times on or since that date. Since the type of documents which would constitute satisfactory proof varies depending upon the facts of the particular case, it is not possible to state in advance the type of documents required. However, it has been found that affidavits, statements, invoices, and other documents prepared by manufacturers, processors, sellers or shippers cannot be relied on and are therefore not by themselves accepted by the Office of Foreign Assets Control as satisfactory proof of origin. Independent corroborating documentary evidence, such as insurance documents, bills of lading, etc., may be accepted as satisfactory proof.

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§ 500.550 Transactions related to information and informational materials.

(a) All financial and other transactions directly incident to the importation or exportation of information or informational materials as defined in § 500.332 of this part are authorized.

(b) Transactions relating to the dissemination of information or informational materials are authorized, including remittance of royalties paid for information or informational materials that are reproduced, translated, subtitled, or dubbed. This section does not authorize the remittance of royalties or other payments relating to works not yet in being, or for marketing and business consulting services, or artistic or other substantive alteration or enhancements to information or informational materials, as provided in § 500.206(c).

[54 FR 5232, Feb. 2, 1989, as amended at 60 FR 8934, Feb. 16, 1995]

§ 500.551 Reimports.

Specific licenses are issued for reimportation of merchandise subject to § 500.204 on proof of the export of the identical merchandise from the United States. Persons planning to export any such merchandise for exhibition, repair, or for any other purpose should first ascertain that reimportation will

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be authorized. Generally, reimportation is authorized only if Customs Form 4455 was completed at the time of export.

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§ 500.552 Research samples.

Specific licenses are issued for importation of commodities subject to § 500.204 for bona fide research purposes in sample quantities only.

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§ 500.553 Prior contractual commitments not a basis for licensing.

Specific licenses are not issued on the basis that an unlicensed firm commitment or payment has been made in connection with a transaction prohibited by § 500.204. Contractual commitments to engage in transactions subject to the prohibitions in § 500.204 should not be made, unless the contract specifies that the transaction is authorized by a general license or that it is subject to the issuance of a specific Foreign Assets Control license.

[40 FR 7650, Feb. 21, 1975]

§ 500.554 Gifts of North Korean, North Vietnamese, Cambodian, or South Vietnamese origin.

(a) Except as stated in paragraph (b) of this section and in § 500.550, specific licenses are not issued for the importation of North Korean, North Vietnamese, Cambodian, or South Vietnamese origin goods sent as gifts to persons in the United States or acquired abroad as gifts by persons entering the United States. However, licenses are issued, upon request, for the return of such goods to the donors in countries other than North Korea, North Viet-Nam, Cambodia, or South Viet-Nam.

(b) Specific licenses are issued for the importation directly from North Korea, North Viet-Nam, Cambodia, or South Viet-Nam:

(1) Of goods which are claimed by the importer to have been sent as a bona fide gift and

(2) Of goods which are claimed to have been acquired in North Korea, North Viet-Nam, Cambodia, or South Viet-Nam as a bona fide gift, subject to the conditions that:

(i) The goods are of small value, and
 (ii) There is no reason to believe that there is, or has been since the applicable effective date, any direct or indirect financial or commercial benefit to North Korea, North Viet-Nam, Cambodia, or South Viet-Nam or nationals thereof from the importation.

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§ 500.556 Joint bank accounts.

Specific licenses are issued unblocking a portion of or all of a blocked joint bank account where a non-blocked applicant claims beneficial ownership, as follows:

(a) *Joint bank account, without survivorship provisions.* Specific licenses are issued unblocking only that amount with respect to which the applicant is able to prove beneficial ownership by documentary evidence independent of his assertions of interest.

(b) *Joint bank account, with survivorship provision.* Specific licenses are issued unblocking an amount equivalent to that portion of the total amount to which the applicant would be entitled if the total were divided evenly among the persons in whose names the account is held (e.g. 50 percent where there are two names; 33⅓ percent where there are three names). Such licenses are issued on the basis of applicant's assertions of beneficial ownership interest without the requirement of independent evidence.

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§ 500.557 Proceeds of insurance policies.

(a) Specific licenses are issued authorizing payment of the proceeds of blocked life insurance policies issued on the life of a North Korean, North Vietnamese, Cambodian, or South Vietnamese national, who died in one of those countries after the applicable effective date to certain beneficiaries licensed as unblocked nationals pursuant to § 500.505, as follows:

(1) The applicant is a permanent resident of the United States or the authorized trade territory and is not a specially designated national; and

(2) No interest on the part of a designated national not licensed as an unblocked national exists in that por-

tion of the funds to which the applicant is entitled.

(b) Applications for specific licenses under this section must include all of the following information:

(1) Proof of permanent residence in the United States or the authorized trade territory, to be established by the submission of documentation issued by relevant government authorities that must include at least two of the following documents:

- (i) Passport;
 - (ii) Voter registration card;
 - (iii) Permanent resident alien card;
- or
- (iv) National identity card.

Other documents tending to show residency, such as income tax returns, may also be submitted in support of government documentation, but will not suffice in and of themselves; and

(2) Proof of entitlement under the insurance policy to be established by a copy of the policy and an affidavit from an appropriate officer of a recognized insurance company acknowledging the legitimacy of the beneficiary's claim and the amount of the payment.

(c) Any document provided pursuant to this section that is not written in the English language must be accompanied by a translation into English, as well as a certification by the translator that he is not an interested party to the proceeding, is qualified to make the translation, and has made an accurate translation of the document in question.

[54 FR 5232, Feb. 2, 1989]

§ 500.558 Accounts of blocked partnerships.

Specific licenses are issued unblocking partnerships established under the laws of North Korea, North Viet-Nam, Cambodia, or South Viet-Nam, as follows:

(a) Where all of the general partners and limited partners, if any, have emigrated from North Korea, North Viet-Nam, Cambodia, or South Viet-Nam and have established residence in the United States or in a country in the authorized trade territory, specific licenses are issued unblocking the assets of the partnership after deducting the total debt due creditors wherever located.