

§ 537.202

§ 537.202 Prohibited exportation or re-exportation of financial services to Burma.

Except as authorized, and notwithstanding any contracts entered into or any license or permit granted prior to July 29, 2003, the exportation or re-exportation of financial services to Burma, directly or indirectly, from the United States or by a U.S. person, wherever located, is prohibited.

§ 537.203 Prohibited importation of products of Burma.

Except as otherwise authorized, and notwithstanding any contracts entered into or any license or permit granted prior to August 28, 2003, the importation into the United States of any article that is a product of Burma is prohibited.

NOTE TO § 537.203: Section 3(b) of the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 provides that the prohibition contained in this section may be waived by the President for any or all articles that are a product of Burma if the President determines and notifies specified committees of Congress that to do so is in the national interest of the United States. Therefore, the Office of Foreign Assets Control will not issue licenses authorizing transactions prohibited under this section in the absence of such a waiver process. The President's waiver functions and authorities under section 3(b) have been delegated to the Secretary of State.

§ 537.204 Prohibited new investment in Burma.

Except as otherwise authorized, new investment, as defined in § 537.311, in Burma by U.S. persons is prohibited.

NOTE TO § 537.204: Section 570 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997 (*Public Law 104-208*) provides that the prohibition contained in this section may be waived, temporarily or permanently, by the President if he determines and certifies to Congress that the application of this sanction would be contrary to the national interests of the United States. Licenses are thus not available for purposes of authorizing transactions prohibited under this section in the absence of such a waiver determination and certification to Congress.

§ 537.205 Prohibited facilitation.

(a) Except as otherwise authorized, U.S. persons, wherever located, are prohibited from approving, financing, fa-

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ilitating, or guaranteeing a transaction by a person who is a foreign person where the transaction would be prohibited if performed by a U.S. person or within the United States.

(b) With respect to new investment in Burma, the prohibition against facilitation does not include the entry into, performance of, or financing of a contract to sell or purchase goods, services, or technology unless such contract includes any of the activities described in § 537.311(a)(2), (3) or (4).

NOTE TO § 537.205: This section's prohibitions include, but are not limited to, the approval, financing, facilitation, or guarantee of transactions prohibited by either section 570 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997 (Pub. L. 104-208), or the Burmese Freedom and Democracy Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108-61). The prohibitions of these two statutes may be waived by the President upon the making of certain determinations and notification to Congress. Therefore, the Office of Foreign Assets Control will not issue licenses authorizing the approval, financing, facilitation, or guarantee of the transactions prohibited by these statutes in the absence of such waivers.

§ 537.206 Evasions; attempts; conspiracies.

(a) Any transaction by a U.S. person or within the United States on or after the effective date that evades or avoids, has the purpose of evading or avoiding, or attempts to violate any of the prohibitions set forth in this part is prohibited.

(b) Any conspiracy formed to violate any of the prohibitions set forth in this part is prohibited.

NOTE TO § 537.206: See § 537.303 for a definition of the term *effective date*.

§ 537.207 Effect of transfers violating the provisions of this part.

(a) Any transfer after July 28, 2003, that is in violation of any provision of this part or of any regulation, order, directive, ruling, instruction, or license issued pursuant to this part, and that involves any property or interest in property blocked pursuant to § 537.201(a), is null and void and shall not be the basis for the assertion or recognition of any interest in or right,