§ 515.578 Exportation of certain services incident to Internet-based communications.

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this section, the exportation from the United States or by persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction to persons in Cuba of services incident to the exchange of personal communications over the Internet, such as instant messaging, chat and email, social networking, sharing of photos and movies, web browsing, and blogging, is authorized, provided that such services are publicly available at no cost to the user.

(b) This section does not authorize:

(1) The direct or indirect exportation of services with knowledge or reason to know that such services are intended for a prohibited official of the Government of Cuba, as defined in §515.337 of this part, or a prohibited member of the Cuban Communist Party, as defined in §515.338 of this part.

(2) The direct or indirect exportation of Internet connectivity services or telecommunications facilities (such as satellite links or dedicated lines).

NOTE TO §515.578(b)(2): For general licenses related to the provision of telecommunications services between the United States and Cuba and contracts for telecommunications services provided to particular individuals in Cuba, see §§515.542(b) and 515.542(c), respectively, of this part. For a general license and a statement of specific licensing policy related to the establishment of telecommunications facilities linking the United States or third countries and Cuba, see §515.542(d) of this part.

(3) The direct or indirect exportation of web-hosting services that are for purposes other than personal communications (e.g., web-hosting services for commercial endeavors) or of domain name registration services.

(4) The direct or indirect exportation of any items to Cuba.

NOTE TO §515.578(b)(4): For the rules related to transactions ordinarily incident to the exportation or reexportation of items, including software, to Cuba, see §§515.533 and 515.539 of this part.

(c) Specific licenses may be issued on a case-by-case basis for the exportation of certain services incident to Internet-based communications.
of other services incident to the sharing of information over the Internet.

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Subpart F—Reports

§ 515.601 Records and reports.

For provisions relating to records and reports, see subpart C of part 501 of this chapter.

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Subpart G—Penalties

SOURCE: 63 FR 10331, Mar. 3, 1998, unless otherwise noted.

§ 515.701 Penalties.

For provisions relating to penalties, see part 501, subpart D, of this chapter.

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Subpart H—Procedures

§ 515.801 Procedures.

For license application procedures and procedures relating to amendments, modifications, or revocations of licenses; administrative decisions; rulemaking; and requests for documents pursuant to the Freedom of Information and Privacy Acts (5 U.S.C. 552 and 552a), see part 501, subpart E, of this chapter.


§ 515.802 Delegation by the Secretary of the Treasury.

Any action under § 515.201 which the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized to take pursuant to Proclamation 3447 or the Trading With the Enemy Act may be taken by the Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, or by any other person to whom the Secretary of the Treasury has delegated authority so to act.


§ 515.803 Customs procedures; merchandise specified in § 515.204.

(a) With respect to merchandise specified in § 515.204 (including nickel-bearing materials presumptively subject thereto) whether or not such merchandise has been imported into the United States, collectors of customs shall not accept or allow any:

1. Entry for consumption (including any appraisement entry, any entry of goods imported in the mails, regardless of value, and any other informal entries);

2. Entry for immediate exportation;

3. Entry for transportation and exportation;

4. Withdrawal from warehouse;

5. Transfer or withdrawal from a foreign-trade zone; or

6. Manipulation or manufacture in a warehouse or in a foreign-trade zone, unless either:

(i) The merchandise was imported prior to 12:01 a.m., February 7, 1962, or

(ii) A specific license pursuant to this part is presented, or

(iii) Instructions from the Office of Foreign Assets Control, authorizing the transaction are received, or

(iv) The original of an appropriate certificate of origin as defined in § 515.536(d) is presented.

(b) Whenever a specific license is presented to a collector of customs in accordance with this section, one additional legible copy of the entry, withdrawal or other appropriate document with respect to the merchandise involved shall be filed with the collector of customs at the port where the transaction is to take place. Each copy of any such entry, withdrawal or other appropriate document, including the additional copy, shall bear plainly on its face the number of the license pursuant to which it is filed. The original copy of the specific license shall be presented to the collector in respect of each such transaction and shall bear a notation in ink by the licensee or person presenting the license showing the description, quantity and value of the merchandise to be entered, withdrawn or otherwise dealt with. This notation should be so placed and so written that there will exist no possibility of confusing it with anything placed on the license at the time of its issuance. If the license in fact authorizes the entry, withdrawal or other transaction with regard to the merchandise the collector, or other authorized customs employee, shall verify the notation by