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(a) To the extent that such activities are not exempt from this part, and subject to the restrictions set forth in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this section, U.S. persons are authorized to engage in all transactions otherwise prohibited by § 537.201 or § 537.202 that are necessary and ordinarily incident to the publishing and marketing of manuscripts, books, journals, and newspapers in paper or electronic format (collectively, “written publications”). This section does not apply if the parties to the transactions described in this paragraph include the State Peace and Development Council of Burma or the Union Solidarity and Development Association of Burma; any successor entity to any of the foregoing entities; or any person, other than personnel of academic and research institutions, acting or purporting to act directly or indirectly on behalf of the foregoing entities with respect to the transactions described in this paragraph. Pursuant to this section, transactions incident to the following activities are authorized, provided they do not involve any importations prohibited by
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§ 537.203 that are not authorized by an- other section of this part 537, and fur- ther provided that U.S. persons ensure that they are not engaging, without separate authorization, in the activi- ties identified in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this section:

(1) Commissioning and making advance payments for identifiable written publications not yet in existence, to the extent consistent with industry practice;

(2) Collaborating on the creation and enhancement of written publications;

(3)(i) Augmenting written publica- tions through the addition of items such as photographs, artwork, trans- lation, explanatory text, and, for a written publication in electronic for- mat, the addition of embedded software necessary for reading, browsing, navi- gating, or searching the written publi- cation;

(ii) Exporting embedded software necessary for reading, browsing, navi- gating, or searching a written publica- tion in electronic format, provided that, to the extent a license is required under the Export Administration Regu- lations, 15 CFR parts 730 through 774 (the “EAR”), the exportation is li- censed or otherwise authorized by the Department of Commerce under the provisions of the EAR;

(4) Substantive editing of written publications;

(5) Payment of royalties for written publications;

(6) Creating or undertaking a mar- keting campaign to promote a written publication; and

(7) Other transactions necessary and ordinarily incident to the publishing and marketing of written publications as described in this paragraph (a).

(b) This section does not authorize transactions constituting the exportation or reexportation of written publications as described paragraph (a) of this section. For example, this section does not authorize U.S. persons to transfer funds to Burma relating to the following:

(1) The provision or receipt of indi- vidualized or customized services (in- cluding, but not limited to, accounting, legal, design, or consulting services), other than those necessary and ordi- narily incident to the publishing and marketing of written publications, even though such individualized or cus- tomized services are delivered through the use of information and informa- tional materials;

(2) The creation or undertaking of a marketing campaign for any person with respect to any service or product other than a written publication, or the creation or undertaking of a mar- keting campaign of any kind for the benefit of the State Peace and Develop- ment Council of Burma or the Union Solidarity and Development Associa- tion of Burma; or

(3) The operation of a publishing house, sales outlet, or other office in Burma.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (b): The importation of information or informational materials, as defined in §537.308, that are products of Burma is authorized by the general license set forth in §537.515. The exportation to Burma of information or informational ma- terials, as defined in §537.308, whether commercial or otherwise, regardless of format or medium of transmission is exempt from the prohibitions and regulations of this part. See §537.210(b).

(c) This section does not authorize U.S. persons to engage in transactions constituting the exportation or reexportation of financial services to Burma that relate to the services of publishing houses or translators in Burma unless such activity is pri- marily for the dissemination of written publications in Burma.

(d) This section does not authorize:

(1) The importation into the United States of any article that is a product of Burma.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (d)(1): The importation of information or informational materials, as defined in §537.308, that are products of Burma is authorized by the general license set forth in §537.515.

(2) Transactions constituting the ex- portation or reexportation of financial services from the United States or by U.S. persons to Burma that relate to the development, production, design, or marketing of technology specifically controlled by the International Traffic in Arms Regulations, 22 CFR parts 120
through 130 (the "ITAR"), the EAR, or the Department of Energy Regulations set forth at 10 CFR part 810.

(3) Transactions constituting the exportation or reexportation of financial services from the United States or by U.S. persons to Burma that relate to the exportation of information or technology subject to the authorization requirements of 10 CFR part 810, or Restricted Data as defined in section 11y. of the Atomic Energy Act of 1954, as amended, or of other information, data, or technology the release of which is controlled under the Atomic Energy Act and regulations therein;

(4) Transactions constituting the exportation or reexportation of financial services from the United States or by U.S. persons to Burma that relate to the exportation of any item (including information) subject to the EAR where a U.S. person knows or has reason to know that the item will be used, directly or indirectly, with respect to certain nuclear, missile, chemical, or biological weapons or nuclear-mari-time end-uses as set forth in part 744 of the EAR. In addition, U.S. persons are precluded from exporting any item subject to the EAR to certain restricted end-users, as set forth in part 744 of the EAR, as well as certain persons whose export privileges have been denied pursuant to parts 764 or 766 of the EAR, without authorization from the Department of Commerce; or

(5) Transactions constituting the exportation or reexportation of financial services from the United States or by U.S. persons to Burma that relate to the exportation of information subject to licensing requirements under the ITAR or exchanges of information that are subject to regulation by other government agencies.

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§ 537.527 Importation into the United States of Burmese-origin animals and specimens.

Specific licenses may be issued on a case-by-case basis authorizing the importation into the United States of animals and specimens of Burmese origin, in sample quantities only, for bona fide scientific research and analysis purposes.

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Subpart F—Reports

§ 537.601 Records and reports.

For provisions relating to required records and reports, see part 501, subpart C, of this chapter. Recordkeeping and reporting requirements imposed by part 501 of this chapter with respect to the prohibitions contained in this part are considered requirements arising pursuant to this part.

Subpart G—Penalties

§ 537.701 Penalties.

(a) Attention is directed to section 206 of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (the "Act") (50 U.S.C. 1705), which is applicable to violations of the provisions of any license, ruling, regulation, order, direction, or instruction issued by or pursuant to the direction or authorization of the Secretary of the Treasury pursuant to this part or otherwise under the Act.

(1) A civil penalty not to exceed the amount set forth in Section 206 of the Act may be imposed on any person who violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of any license, order, regulation, or prohibition issued under the Act.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (a)(1) OF § 537.701: As of June 10, 2008, the Act provides for a maximum civil penalty not to exceed the greater of $250,000 or an amount that is twice the amount of the transaction that is the basis of the violation with respect to which the penalty is imposed.

(2) A person who willfully commits, willfully attempts to commit, or willfully conspires to commit, or aids or abets in the commission of a violation of any license, order, regulation, or prohibition shall, upon conviction, be fined not more than $1,000,000, or if a natural person, may be imprisoned for not more than 20 years, or both.

(b) Adjustments to penalty amounts.