§ 537.201(a), nor may their holder cooperate in or facilitate the pledging or other attempted use as collateral of blocked funds or other assets.

§ 537.209 Expenses of maintaining blocked property; liquidation of blocked account.

(a) Except as otherwise authorized, and notwithstanding the existence of any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by any international agreement or contract entered into or any license or permit granted before 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 29, 2003, all expenses incident to the maintenance of physical property blocked pursuant to §537.201(a) shall be the responsibility of the owners or operators of such property, which expenses shall not be met from blocked funds.

(b) Property blocked pursuant to §537.201(a) may, in the discretion of the Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, be sold or liquidated and the net proceeds placed in a blocked interest-bearing account in the name of the owner of the property.

§ 537.210 Exempt transactions.

(a) Personal communications. The prohibitions contained in this part, other than those set forth in §537.203, do not apply to any postal, telegraphic, telephonic, or other personal communication that does not involve the transfer of anything of value.

(b) Information or informational materials. (1) The prohibitions contained in this part, other than those set forth in §537.203, do not apply to the importation from any country, or the exportation to any country, whether commercial or otherwise, of information or informational materials, regardless of format or medium of transmission.

(c) Pre-1997 contracts. The prohibitions contained in this part, other than those set forth in §537.203, do not apply to any activity undertaken pursuant to an agreement, or pursuant to the exercise of rights under such an agreement, that was entered into by a U.S. person with the Government of Burma or a non-governmental entity in Burma prior to 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time on May 21, 1997.

(d) Travel exemption. The prohibitions contained in this part, other than the prohibition against the importation into the United States of products of
Burma set forth in §537.203, do not apply to transactions ordinarily incident to travel to or from any country, including exportation or importation of accompanied baggage (other than importation of baggage that comes within the prohibition set forth in §537.203) for personal use, maintenance within any country, including payment of living expenses and acquisition of goods or services for personal use, and arrangement or facilitation of such travel, including nonscheduled air, sea, or land voyages.

Note to §537.211: See the authorizations relating to the importation of certain personal and household effects set forth in §§537.511 and 537.514.

Subpart C—General Definitions

§ 537.301 Blocked account; blocked property.

The terms blocked account and blocked property shall mean any account or property subject to the prohibitions in §537.201 held in the name of a person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to §537.201(a), or in which such person has an interest, and with respect to which payments, transfers, exportations, withdrawals, or other dealings may not be made or effected except pursuant to an authorization or license from the Office of Foreign Assets Control expressly authorizing such action.

§ 537.302 Economic development of resources located in Burma.

(a) The term economic development of resources located in Burma means activities pursuant to a contract the subject of which includes responsibility for the development or exploitation of resources located in Burma, including making or attempting to make those resources accessible or available for exploitation or economic use. The term shall not be construed to include not-for-profit educational, health, or other humanitarian programs or activities.

(b) Examples: The economic development of resources located in Burma includes a contract conferring rights to explore for, develop, extract, or refine petroleum, natural gas, or minerals in the ground in Burma; or a contract to assume control of a mining operation in Burma, acquire a forest or agricultural area for commercial use of the timber or other crops, or acquire land for the construction and operation of a hotel or factory.

§ 537.303 Effective date.

The term effective date refers to the effective date of the applicable prohibitions and directives contained in this part as follows:

(a) With respect to prohibited transfers or other dealings in blocked property or interests in property of persons listed in the Annex to Executive Order 13310 of July 28, 2003 (68 FR 44853, July 30, 2003), 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 29, 2003;

(b) With respect to prohibited transfers or other dealings in blocked property or interests in property of persons designated pursuant to §537.201(a)(2), the earlier of the date on which either actual notice or constructive notice is received of such person's designation;

(c) With respect to the exportation or reexportation of financial services to Burma prohibited by §537.202, 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, July 29, 2003;

(d) With respect to the importation into the United States of products of Burma prohibited by §537.203, 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, August 28, 2003;

(e) With respect to new investment prohibited by §537.204, 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, May 21, 1997.

§ 537.304 Entity.

The term entity means a partnership, association, trust, joint venture, corporation, group, subgroup, or other organization.

§ 537.305 Exportation or reexportation of financial services to Burma.

The term exportation or reexportation of financial services to Burma means:

(a) The transfer of funds, directly or indirectly, from the United States or by a U.S. person, wherever located, to Burma; or

(b) The provision, directly or indirectly, to persons in Burma of insurance services, investment or brokerage services (including but not limited to brokering or trading services regarding securities, debt, commodities, options or foreign exchange), banking services, money remittance services; loans,