DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Foreign Assets Control
Publication of General License Related to the Syria Sanctions Program

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice, publication of general license.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) is publishing General License No. 11A issued under the Syria sanctions program on June 12, 2013. General License No. 11A authorizes certain services in support of nongovernmental organizations’ activities in Syria.

DATES: Effective Date: June 12, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC’s Web site (www.treasury.gov/ofac). Certain general information pertaining to OFAC’s sanctions programs also is available via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, tel.: 202–622–0077.

Background

On June 12, 2013, OFAC issued General License No. 11A authorizing certain services in support of nongovernmental organizations’ activities in Syria, including the activities formerly licensed by General License No. 11, dated September 26, 2011, and also activities to support the preservation and protection of cultural heritage sites in Syria. General License No. 11A replaces and supersedes in its entirety General License No. 11, dated September 26, 2011.

At the time of its issuance on June 12, 2013, OFAC made General License No. 11A available on its Web site. With this notice, OFAC is publishing General License No. 11A in the Federal Register.

General License No. 11A
Authorizing Certain Services in Support of Nongovernmental Organizations’ Activities in Syria

(a) General License No. 11, dated September 26, 2011, is replaced and supersedes in its entirety by this General License No. 11A.

(b) Nongovernmental organizations are authorized to export or reexport services to Syria that would otherwise be prohibited by section 2 of Executive Order 13582 of August 17, 2011 (“E.O. 13582”), in support of the following non-for-profit activities:

(1) Activities to support humanitarian projects to meet basic human needs in Syria, including, but not limited to, drought relief, assistance to refugees, internally displaced persons, and conflict victims, food and medicine distribution, and the provision of health services;

(2) Activities to support democracy building in Syria, including, but not limited to, combating illiteracy, increasing access to education, and assisting education reform projects;

(3) Activities to support education in Syria, including, but not limited to, directly benefiting the Syrian people, including, but not limited to, preventing infectious disease and promoting maternal/child health, sustainable agriculture, and clean water assistance;

(5) Activities to support the preservation and protection of cultural heritage sites in Syria, including, but not limited to, museums, historic buildings, and archaeological sites.

(c) U.S. depository institutions, U.S. registered brokers or dealers in securities, and U.S. registered money transmitters are authorized to process transfers of funds on behalf of U.S. or third-country non-governmental organizations to or from Syria in support of the activities authorized by paragraph (b), provided that, except as authorized by paragraph (e), the transfer is not by, to, or through the Government of Syria or any other person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, Executive Order 13400 of February 13, 2008, Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011, Executive Order 13573 of May 18, 2011, E.O. 13582, or Executive Order 13606 of April 22, 2012, or with a
person sanctioned pursuant to Executive Order 13608 of May 1, 2012 (collectively, the “Orders”).
(d) U.S. persons engaging in transactions pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) or processing transfers of funds to or from Syria in support of activities authorized by paragraph (b)(5) are required to file quarterly reports no later than 30 days following the end of the calendar quarter with the Office of Foreign Assets Control. The reports should include complete information on all activities and transactions undertaken pursuant to paragraph (b)(5) and paragraph (c) in support of the activities authorized by paragraph (b)(5) that took place during the reporting period, including the parties involved, the value of the transactions, the services provided, and the dates of the transactions. The reports should be directed to the Office of Foreign Assets Control, Licensing Division, U.S. Treasury Department, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW-Annex, Washington, DC 20220.
(e) Nongovernmental organizations are authorized to engage in transactions with the Government of Syria that are necessary for the activities authorized by paragraph (b)(5) of this general license, including, but not limited to, payment of taxes, fees, and import duties to, and purchase or receipt of permits, licenses, or public utility services from, the Government of Syria.
(f) Except as authorized in paragraph (e), this general license does not authorize the exportation or reexportation of services to, charitable donations to or for the benefit of, or any other transactions involving, the Government of Syria or any other person blocked pursuant to the Orders. Specific licenses may be issued on a case-by-case basis for these purposes.

Note To General License No. 11A: For guidance regarding exports or reexports to Syria, see General License No. 4A. “Exports or Reexports to Syria of Items Licensed or Otherwise Authorized by the Department of Commerce Authorized; Exports or Reexports of Certain Services Authorized.”

Dated: June 18, 2013.
Adrian J. Szubin,
Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.
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U.S.-CHINA ECONOMIC AND SECURITY REVIEW COMMISSION

Notice of Open Public Hearing


ACTION: Notice of open public hearing—June 27, 2013, Washington, DC.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following hearing of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.

Name: William A. Reinsch, Chairman of the U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission. The Commission is mandated by Congress to investigate, assess, and report to Congress annually on “the national security implications of the economic relationship between the United States and the People’s Republic of China.”

Pursuant to this mandate, the Commission will hold a public hearing in Washington, DC on June 27, 2013, “Macau and Hong Kong.”

Background: This is the seventh public hearing the Commission will hold during its 2013 report cycle to collect input from academic, industry, and government experts on national security implications of the U.S.-China bilateral trade and economic relationship with China. The hearing will examine two of China’s special administrative regions, Macau and Hong Kong. The Commission will focus on money laundering and financial fraud related to casino gambling in Macau and issues related to democracy, press freedom, and human rights in Hong Kong.

The hearing will be co-chaired by Commissioners William A. Reinsch and Dennis C. Shea. Any interested party may file a written statement by June 27, 2013, by mailing to the contact below. A portion of each panel will include a question and answer period between the Commissioners and the witnesses.

Location, Date and Time: Dirksen Senate Office Building, Room 608. Thursday, June 27, 2013, 9:00 a.m.–2:45 p.m. Eastern Time. A detailed agenda for the hearing is posted to the Commission’s Web site at www.uscc.gov. Also, please check our Web site for possible changes to the hearing schedule. Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Any member of the public seeking further information concerning the hearing should contact Reed Eckhold, 444 North Capitol Street NW., Suite 602, Washington, DC 20001; phone: 202–624–1496, or via email at reckhold@uscc.gov. Reservations are not required to attend the hearing.


Dated: June 20, 2013.
Michael Danis,
Executive Director, U.S.-China Economic and Security Review Commission.
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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

[OMB Control No. 2900–NEW]

Proposed Information Collection (Knee and Lower Leg Disability Benefits Questionnaire) Activity: Comment Request

AGENCY: Veterans Benefits Administration, Department of Veterans Affairs.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Veterans Benefits Administration (VBA) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) of 1995, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the Federal Register concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed new collection, and allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on information needed to adjudicate the claim for VA disability benefits related to a claimant’s diagnosis of knee and lower leg conditions.

DATES: Written comments and recommendations on the proposed collection of information should be received on or before August 26, 2013.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments on the collection of information through Federal Docket Management System (FDMS) at www.Regulations.gov or to Nancy J. Kessinger, Veterans Benefits Administration (20M35), Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20420 or email nancy.kessinger@va.gov. Please refer to “OMB Control No. 2900–NEW (Knee and Lower Leg Conditions Disability Benefits Questionnaire)” in any correspondence. During the comment period, comments may be viewed online through the FDMS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nancy J. Kessinger at (202) 632–8924 or Fax (202) 632–8925.