

Company Limited and had knowledge that China Concord Petroleum Co., Limited and Kunlun Shipping Company Limited engaged in the activities referred to above; and that COSCO Shipping Tanker (Dalian) Co., Ltd. owned or controlled COSCO Shipping Tanker (Dalian) Seaman & Ship Management Co., Ltd. and had knowledge that COSCO Shipping Tanker (Dalian) Seaman & Ship Management Co., Ltd. engaged in the activities referred to above.

Pursuant to Section 5(a) of E.O. 13846, the Secretary of State selected the following sanctions to be imposed upon each of China Concord Petroleum Co., Limited, Kunlun Shipping Company Limited, Pegasus 88 Limited, COSCO Shipping Tanker (Dalian) Seaman & Ship Management Co., Ltd., Kunlun Holding Company Ltd., and COSCO Shipping Tanker (Dalian) Co., Ltd.:

- Prohibit any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and in which the entities have any interest;
- Prohibit any transfers of credit or payments between financial institutions or by, through, or to any financial institution, to the extent that such transfers or payments are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and involve any interest of the entities;
- Block all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person of the entities, and provide that such property and interests in property may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in;
- Prohibit any United States person from investing in or purchasing significant amounts of equity or debt instruments of the entities;
- Restrict or prohibit imports of goods, technology, or services, directly or indirectly, into the United States from the entities; and
- Impose on the principal executive officer or officers, or persons performing similar functions and with similar authorities, of the entities the sanctions described in sections 5(a)(ii)–5(a)(iv) and 5(a)(vi) of E.O. 13846, as selected by the Secretary of State.

Pursuant to Sections 4(e) and 5(a) of E.O. 13846, on September 25, 2019, the Secretary of State selected the following sanctions to be imposed upon Bin Xu, Director of China Concord Petroleum Co., Limited and Kunlun Holding Company Ltd.; Yi Li, Director of Kunlun Shipping Company Limited; Luqian Shen, Director of Pegasus 88 Limited;

Yu Hua Mao, Director of Kunlun Shipping Company Limited; and Yazhou Xu, Director of COSCO Shipping Tanker (Dalian) Co., Ltd.; each of whom was determined to be (i) a corporate officer or principal of the aforementioned entities and (ii) a principal executive officer of the aforementioned entities, or performing similar functions with similar authorities as a principal executive officer:

- Prohibit any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and in which Bin Xu, Yi Li, Luqian Shen, Yu Hua Mao, and Yazhou Xu have any interest;
- Prohibit any transfers of credit or payments between financial institutions or by, through, or to any financial institution, to the extent that such transfers or payments are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and involve any interest of Bin Xu, Yi Li, Luqian Shen, Yu Hua Mao, and Yazhou Xu;
- Block all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person of Bin Xu, Yi Li, Luqian Shen, Yu Hua Mao, and Yazhou Xu, and provide that such property and interests in property may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in; and
- Restrict or prohibit imports of goods, technology, or services, directly or indirectly, into the United States from Bin Xu, Yi Li, Luqian Shen, Yu Hua Mao, and Yazhou Xu.

Where the Secretary of State elects the sanction under Section 4(e) of E.O. 13846, the Secretary of State shall deny a visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall exclude from the United States, any alien that the Secretary of State determines is a corporate officer or principal of, or a shareholder with a controlling interest in, a sanctioned person subject to this action.

Subsequently, the Secretary of State determined on January 31, 2020 that the sanctions imposed with respect to the following persons on September 25, 2019 pursuant to Executive Order 13846 (noted above) were terminated as of January 31, 2020: COSCO Shipping Tanker (Dalian) Co. Ltd. and Yazhou Xu.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11210]

Notice of Department of State Sanctions Actions Pursuant to Executive Order 13846 of August 6, 2018, Reimposing Certain Sanctions With Respect to Iran

SUMMARY: The Secretary of State has imposed sanctions on 5 entities and 3 individuals pursuant to E.O. 13846, Reimposing Certain Sanctions with Respect to Iran.

DATES: The Secretary of State's determination and selection of certain sanctions to be imposed upon the 5 entities and 3 individuals identified in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section are effective on September 3, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Taylor Ruggles, Director, Office of Economic Sanctions Policy and Implementation, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, tel.: (202) 647 7677, email: RugglesTV@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 3(a) of E.O. 13846, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of Commerce, the Secretary of Homeland Security, and the United States Trade Representative, and with the President of the Export-Import Bank, the Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, and other agencies and officials as appropriate, is authorized to impose on a person any of the sanctions described in section 4 or 5 of E.O. 13846 upon determining that the person met any criteria set forth in sections 3(a)(i)–3(a)(vi) of E.O. 13846.

The Secretary of State has determined, pursuant to Section 3(a) (ii) of E.O. 13846, that Abadan Refining Company, Zhihang Ship Management (Shanghai) Co Ltd, New Far International Logistics LLC, Chemtrans Petrochemicals Trading LLC, and Sino Energy Shipping (Hong Kong) Ltd, have knowingly, on or after November 5, 2018, engaged in a significant transaction for the purchase, acquisition, sale, transport, or marketing of petroleum products from Iran.

Pursuant to Section 5(a) of E.O. 13846, the Secretary of State has selected the following sanctions to be imposed upon Abadan Refining Company, Zhihang Ship Management (Shanghai) Co Ltd, New Far International Logistics LLC, Chemtrans Petrochemicals Trading LLC, and Sino Energy Shipping (Hong Kong) Ltd:

- Prohibit any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to the

jurisdiction of the United States and in which the entities have any interest;

- Prohibit any transfers of credit or payments between financial institutions or by, through, or to any financial institution, to the extent that such transfers or payments are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and involve any interest of the entities;

- Block all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person of the entities, and provide that such property and interests in property may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in;

- Prohibit any United States person from investing in or purchasing significant amounts of equity or debt instruments of the entities;

- Restrict or prohibit imports of goods, technology, or services, directly or indirectly, into the United States from the entities; and

- Impose on the principal executive officer or officers, or persons performing similar functions and with similar authorities, of the entities the sanctions described in sections 5(a)(i)–5(a)(iv) and 5(a)(vi) of E.O. 13846, as selected by the Secretary of State.

Pursuant to Sections 5(a) of E.O. 13846, the Secretary of State has selected the following sanctions to be imposed upon Min Shi, director of New Far International Logistics LLC, Zouyou Lin, director of Sino Energy Shipping (Hong Kong) Ltd, and Alireza Amin, managing director of Abadan Refining Company, who have been determined to be (i) a corporate officer or principal of the aforementioned entities and (ii) a principal executive officer of the aforementioned entities, or perform similar functions with similar authorities as a principal executive officer:

- Prohibit any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and in which Min Shi, Zouyou Lin, and Alireza Amin have any interest;

- Prohibit any transfers of credit or payments between financial institutions or by, through, or to any financial institution, to the extent that such transfers or payments are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and involve any interest of Min Shi, Zouyou Lin, and Alireza Amin;

- Block all property and interests in property that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person of Min Shi,

Zouyou Lin, and Alireza Amin; and provide that such property and interests in property may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in; and

- Restrict or prohibit imports of goods, technology, or services, directly or indirectly, into the United States from Min Shi, Zouyou Lin, and Alireza Amin.

Additionally, pursuant to Section 4(e) of E.O. 13846, the Secretary of State shall deny a visa to, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall exclude from the United States, any alien that the Secretary of State determines is a corporate officer or principal of, or a shareholder with a controlling interest in, a sanctioned person subject to this action.

Peter D. Haas,

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket Number USTR–2020–0041]

Request for Comments and Notice of a Public Hearing Regarding the 2021 Special 301 Review

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Request for comments and notice of public hearing.

SUMMARY: Each year, the Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) conducts a review to identify countries that deny adequate and effective protection of intellectual property (IP) rights or deny fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on IP protection. Based on this review, the U.S. Trade Representative determines which, if any, of these countries to identify as Priority Foreign Countries. USTR requests written comments that identify acts, policies, or practices that may form the basis of a country's identification as a Priority Foreign Country or placement on the Priority Watch List or Watch List.

DATES:

January 28, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EST: Deadline for submission of written comments from the public.

February 11, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EST: Deadline for submission of written comments from foreign governments.

February 22, 2021: Deadline for the Special 301 Subcommittee of the Trade

Policy Staff Committee (Subcommittee) to pose questions on written comments.

March 5, 2021 at 11:59 p.m. EST: Deadline for submission of commenters' responses to questions from the Subcommittee.

On or about April 30, 2021: USTR will publish the 2021 Special 301 Report within 30 days of the publication of the National Trade Estimate Report.

ADDRESSES: USTR strongly encourages electronic submissions made through the Federal eRulemaking Portal: <https://www.regulations.gov> (*Regulations.gov*). Follow the submission instructions in section IV below. The docket number is USTR–2020–0041. For alternatives to on-line submissions, please contact USTR at Special301@ustr.eop.gov before transmitting a comment and in advance of the relevant deadline.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacob Ewerdt, Director for Innovation and Intellectual Property, at Special301@ustr.eop.gov, or (202) 395–4510. You can find information about the Special 301 Review at <https://www.ustr.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Section 182 of the Trade Act of 1974 (Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2242), commonly known as the Special 301 provisions, requires the U.S. Trade Representative to identify countries that deny adequate and effective IP protections or fair and equitable market access to U.S. persons who rely on IP protection. The Trade Act requires the U.S. Trade Representative to determine which, if any, of these countries to identify as Priority Foreign Countries. Acts, policies or practices that are the basis of a country's identification as a Priority Foreign Country can be subject to the procedures set out in sections 301–305 of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2411–2415).

In addition, USTR has created a Priority Watch List and Watch List to assist in pursuing the goals of the Special 301 provisions. Placement of a trading partner on the Priority Watch List or Watch List indicates that particular problems exist in that country with respect to IP protection, enforcement or market access for persons that rely on intellectual property protection. Trading partners placed on the Priority Watch List are the focus of increased bilateral attention concerning the problem areas.

USTR chairs the Subcommittee, which reviews information from many sources, and consults with and makes recommendations to the U.S. Trade Representative on issues arising under Special 301. Written submissions from