

persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

DATES: See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for effective date(s).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

OFAC: Andrea Gacki, Director, tel.: 202-622-2490; Associate Director for Global Targeting, tel.: 202-622-2420; Assistant Director for Licensing, tel.: 202-622-2480; Assistant Director for Regulatory Affairs, tel.: 202-622-4855; or the Assistant Director for Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, tel.: 202-622-2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons List and additional information concerning OFAC sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website (<https://www.treasury.gov/ofac>).

Notice of OFAC Action

On August 23, 2021, OFAC determined that the property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the following person are blocked under the relevant sanctions authority listed below.

Individual

1. WOLDEYOHANNES, Filipos (a.k.a. WELDEYOHANES, Philipos; a.k.a. WELDEYOHANNES, Filipos; a.k.a. WELDEYOHANNES, Phillipos; a.k.a. WELDEYOHANNES, Philipos; a.k.a. WOLDEYOHANES, Filipos; a.k.a. WOLDEYOHANES, Phillipos; a.k.a. WOLDEYOHANNES, Philipos), Shire, Tigray, Ethiopia; Eritrea; DOB 1955; POB Ts'elot, Asmara, Eritrea; nationality Eritrea; Gender Male (individual) [GLOMAG].

Designated pursuant to section 1(a)(ii)(C)(1) of Executive Order 13818 of December 20, 2017, "Blocking the Property of Persons Involved in Serious Human Rights Abuse or Corruption," 82 FR 60839, 3 CFR, 2018 Comp., p. 399, (E.O. 13818) for being a foreign person who is or has been a leader or official of an entity, including any government entity, that has engaged in, or whose members have engaged in, serious human rights abuse relating to the leader's or official's tenure.

Dated: August 23, 2021.

Bradley T. Smith,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Office of Foreign Assets Control

[Docket Number OFAC-2021-0003]

Effectiveness of Licensing Procedures for Exportation of Agricultural Commodities, Medicine, and Medical Devices to Sudan and Iran; Comment Request

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is soliciting comments on the effectiveness of OFAC's licensing procedures for the exportation of agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical devices to Sudan and Iran for the time period between October 1, 2016, to September 30, 2018. Pursuant to the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000, OFAC is required to submit a biennial report to the Congress on the operation of licensing procedures for such exports.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before October 1, 2021, to be assured of consideration for the report.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov. Follow the instructions for submitting comments.

Email: OFACreport@treasury.gov with Attn: Request for Comments (TSRA).

Instructions: All submissions received must include the agency name and refer to Docket number OFAC-2021-0003. All comments, including attachments and other supporting materials, will become part of the public record and subject to public disclosure. Sensitive personal information, such as account numbers or Social Security numbers, should not be included. Comments generally will not be edited to remove any identifying or contact information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information about these licensing procedures should be directed to the Assistant Director for Licensing, 202-622-2480. Additional information about these licensing procedures is also available at www.treasury.gov/tsra.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The current procedures used by OFAC pursuant to the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (Title IX of Pub. L. 106-387, 22 U.S.C. 7201 *et seq.*) (the "Act") for authorizing the export and reexport of agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical

devices to Iran are set forth in 31 CFR 560.530, 560.532, and 560.533. Between October 22, 2012, and December 23, 2016, OFAC issued a series of general licenses and published amendments to the Iranian Transactions and Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 560, to expand the scope of these authorizations and to issue new or expanded authorizations, including authorizations related to training, replacement parts, software, and services for the operation, maintenance, and repair of medical devices, and items that are broken or connected to product recalls or other safety concerns to Iran. See 31 CFR 560.530(a)(2) through (6). Accordingly, specific licenses are no longer required for these exports and related activities.

Effective October 12, 2017, sections 1 and 2 of Executive Order (E.O.) 13067 of November 3, 1997, "Blocking Sudanese Government Property and Prohibiting Transactions With Sudan" (62 FR 59989, November 5, 1997), and E.O. 13412 of October 13, 2006, "Blocking Property of and Prohibiting Transactions With the Government of Sudan" (71 FR 61369, October 17, 2006), were revoked, pursuant to E.O. 13761 of January 13, 2017, "Recognizing Positive Actions by the Government of Sudan and Providing for the Revocation of Certain Sudan-Related Sanctions" (82 FR 5331, January 18, 2017), as amended by E.O. 13804 of July 11, 2017, "Allowing Additional Time for Recognizing Positive Actions by the Government of Sudan and Amending Executive Order 13761" (82 FR 32611, July 14, 2017). As a result of the revocation of these sanctions provisions, U.S. persons are no longer prohibited from engaging in transactions that were previously prohibited under these provisions, and the Sudanese Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 538, were revoked (83 FR 30539, June 29, 2018). However, pursuant to the Act, an OFAC license was required for exports and reexports to the Government of Sudan or any other entity in Sudan of agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical devices prior to the Secretary of State's December 14, 2020, rescission of the designation of Sudan as a State Sponsor of Terrorism (85 FR 82565, December 18, 2020).

Under the provisions of section 906(c) of the Act, OFAC must submit a biennial report to the Congress on the operation, during the preceding two-year period, of the licensing procedures required by section 906 of the Act for the export of agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical devices to Sudan and Iran. This report is to include:

(1) The number and types of licenses applied for;

(2) The number and types of licenses approved;

(3) The average amount of time elapsed from the date of filing of a license application until the date of its approval;

(4) The extent to which the licensing procedures were effectively implemented; and

(5) A description of comments received from interested parties about the extent to which the licensing procedures were effective, after holding a public 30-day comment period.

This document solicits comments from interested parties regarding the effectiveness of OFAC's licensing procedures for the export of agricultural commodities, medicine, and medical devices to Sudan and Iran for the time period between October 1, 2016 and September 30, 2018. Interested parties submitting comments are asked to be as specific as possible. In the interest of accuracy and completeness, OFAC requires written comments. All comments received on or before October 1, 2021, will be considered by OFAC in developing the report to the Congress. Consideration of comments received after the end of the comment period cannot be assured.

All comments made will be a matter of public record. OFAC therefore will neither accept nor consider comments accompanied by a request that part or all of the comments be treated confidentially because of their business proprietary nature or for any other reason. Copies of past biennial reports may be obtained from OFAC's website: <https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/126/tsra.pdf>.

Dated: August 27, 2021.

Bradley T. Smith,

Acting Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Requesting Comments on Form 8849

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or

continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning Form 8849, Claim for Refund of Excise Taxes.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 1, 2021 to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Kinna Brewington, Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224. You must reference the information collection's title, form number, reporting or record-keeping requirement number, and OMB number in your comment.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the form and instructions should be directed to Jon Callahan, (737) 800-7639, at Internal Revenue Service, Room 6526, 1111 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20224, or through the internet at jon.r.callahan@irs.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The IRS is currently seeking comments concerning the following information collection tools, reporting, and record-keeping requirements:

Title: Claim for Refund of Excise Taxes.

OMB Number: 1545-1420.

Form Number: Form 8849 and Schedules 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, and 8.

Abstract: IRC sections 6402, 6404, 6511 and sections 301.6402-2, 301.6404-1, and 301.6404-3 of the regulations allow for refunds of taxes (except income taxes) or refund, abatement, or credit of interest, penalties, and additions to tax in the event of errors or certain actions by IRS. Taxpayers use Form 8849 to claim refunds of excise taxes.

Current Actions: There is no change to the existing collection.

Type of Review: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, and not-for-profit institutions, farms, and Federal, state, local or tribal governments.

Estimated Number of Responses: 111,147.

Estimated Time per Respondent: 8 hours, 31 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 946,827.

The following paragraph applies to all of the collections of information covered by this notice:

An agency may not conduct or sponsor, and a person is not required to respond to, a collection of information

unless the collection of information displays a valid OMB control number. Books or records relating to a collection of information must be retained as long as their contents may become material in the administration of any internal revenue law. Generally, tax returns and tax return information are confidential, as required by 26 U.S.C. 6103.

Request for Comments: Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will become a matter of public record. Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology; and (e) estimates of capital or start-up costs and costs of operation, maintenance, and purchase of services to provide information.

Approved: August 26, 2021.

Chakinna B. Clemons,

Supervisory Tax Analyst.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY

Internal Revenue Service

Proposed Collection; Requesting Comments for Regulation Project.

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS), Treasury.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Internal Revenue Service, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995. The IRS is soliciting comments concerning information collection requirements related to the guidance regarding the qualified severance of a trust for generation-skipping transfer (GST) tax purposes.

DATES: Written comments should be received on or before November 1, 2021 to be assured of consideration.