

a person that violates, attempts to violate, conspires to violate, or causes a violation of a provision specified in paragraph (2) of this subsection, or an order or regulation prescribed under such a provision, to the same extent that such penalties apply to a person that commits an unlawful act described in section 1705(a) of title 50.

**(2) Provisions specified**

The provisions specified in this paragraph are the following:

(A) Sections 8721, 8722, 8723, and 8726 of this title, subchapter III, and subchapter VII.

(B) Sections 8514a and 8514b of this title, as added by subtitle A of title IV.

(Pub. L. 112–158, title VI, § 601, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1263.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 312, referred to in subsec. (a)(1), is section 312 of Pub. L. 112–158, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1249. Subsec. (a) of section 312 is not classified to the Code. Subsecs. (b) and (c) of section 312 amended section 8513 of this title. Subsec. (d) of section 312 enacted provisions set out as a note under section 8513 of this title.

Section 8513b of this title, as added by section 312, referred to in subsec. (a)(2), was in the original “section 104A of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010, as added by section 312” and was translated as meaning section 104A of the Comprehensive Iran Sanctions, Accountability, and Divestment Act of 2010, as added by section 216(a) of Pub. L. 112–158, to reflect the probable intent of Congress. For classification of section 312 of Pub. L. 112–158, see above.

Sections 8514a and 8514b of this title, as added by subtitle A of title IV, referred to in subsecs. (a)(3) and (b)(2)(B), are sections 8514a and 8514b of this title, as added by subtitle A (§§ 401–403) of title IV of Pub. L. 112–158.

**§ 8782. Applicability to certain intelligence activities**

Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act shall apply to the authorized intelligence activities of the United States.

(Pub. L. 112–158, title VI, § 602, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1264.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 112–158, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1214, known as the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8701 of this title and Tables.

**§ 8783. Applicability to certain natural gas projects**

**(a) Exception for certain natural gas projects**

Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act shall apply to any activity relating to a project—

(1) for the development of natural gas and the construction and operation of a pipeline to transport natural gas from Azerbaijan to Turkey and Europe;

(2) that provides to Turkey and countries in Europe energy security and energy independence from the Government of the Russian Federation and other governments with jurisdiction over persons subject to sanctions imposed under this Act or amendments made by this Act; and

(3) that was initiated before August 10, 2012, pursuant to a production-sharing agreement, or an ancillary agreement necessary to further a production-sharing agreement, entered into with, or a license granted by, the government of a country other than Iran before August 10, 2012.

**(b) Termination of exception**

**(1) In general**

The exception under subsection (a) shall not apply with respect to a project described in that subsection on or after the date on which the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that—

(A) the percentage of the equity interest in the project held by or on behalf of an entity described in paragraph (2) has increased relative to the percentage of the equity interest in the project held by or on behalf of such an entity on January 1, 2002; or

(B) an entity described in paragraph (2) has assumed an operational role in the project.

**(2) Entity described**

An entity described in this paragraph is—

(A) an entity—

(i) owned or controlled by the Government of Iran or identified under section 560.304 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (relating to the definition of the Government of Iran); or

(ii) organized under the laws of Iran or with the participation or approval of the Government of Iran;

(B) an entity owned or controlled by an entity described in subparagraph (A); or

(C) a successor entity to an entity described in subparagraph (A).

(Pub. L. 112–158, title VI, § 603, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1264.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in subsec. (a), is Pub. L. 112–158, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1214, known as the Iran Threat Reduction and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8701 of this title and Tables.

**§ 8784. Rule of construction with respect to use of force against Iran and Syria**

Nothing in this Act or the amendments made by this Act shall be construed as a declaration of war or an authorization of the use of force against Iran or Syria.

(Pub. L. 112–158, title VI, § 604, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1265.)

**Editorial Notes**

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This Act, referred to in text, is Pub. L. 112–158, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1214, known as the Iran Threat Reduc-

tion and Syria Human Rights Act of 2012, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 8701 of this title and Tables.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### RULE OF CONSTRUCTION FOR SPECIFIC ACTS

Pub. L. 116–92, div. A, title XII, §1284, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 1708, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification], or any amendment made by this Act, may be construed to authorize the use of military force, including the use of military force against Iran or any other country.”

Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title XII, §1295, Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 2088, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] may be construed to authorize the use of force against Iran or North Korea.”

Pub. L. 114–92, div. A, title XII, §1235, Nov. 25, 2015, 129 Stat. 1059, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Iran.”

Pub. L. 113–291, div. A, title XII, §1279, Dec. 19, 2014, 128 Stat. 3593, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Iran.”

Pub. L. 113–66, div. A, title XII, §1252, Dec. 26, 2013, 127 Stat. 926, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Syria or Iran.”

Pub. L. 112–239, div. A, title XII, §1234, Jan. 2, 2013, 126 Stat. 2004, provided that: “Nothing in this Act [see Tables for classification] shall be construed as authorizing the use of force against Iran.”

#### § 8785. Termination

##### (a) In general

The provisions of sections 8721, 8722, 8723, 8725, 8726, 8727, and 8771 of this title, subchapter I, and subchapter III shall terminate on the date that is 30 days after the date on which the President makes the certification described in section 8551(a) of this title.

##### (b) Omitted

(Pub. L. 112–158, title VI, §605, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1265.)

#### Editorial Notes

##### CODIFICATION

Section is comprised of section 605 of Pub. L. 112–158. Subsec. (b) of section 605 of Pub. L. 112–158 amended section 8551 of this title.

#### SUBCHAPTER VII—SANCTIONS WITH RESPECT TO HUMAN RIGHTS ABUSES IN SYRIA

#### § 8791. Imposition of sanctions with respect to certain persons who are responsible for or complicit in human rights abuses committed against citizens of Syria or their family members

##### (a) In general

The President shall impose sanctions described in subsection (c) with respect to each person on the list required by subsection (b).

##### (b) List of persons who are responsible for or complicit in certain human rights abuses

###### (1) In general

Not later than 120 days after August 10, 2012, the President shall submit to the appropriate

congressional committees a list of persons who are officials of the Government of Syria or persons acting on behalf of that Government that the President determines, based on credible evidence, are responsible for or complicit in, or responsible for ordering, controlling, or otherwise directing, the commission of serious human rights abuses against citizens of Syria or their family members, regardless of whether such abuses occurred in Syria.

##### (2) Updates of list

The President shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees an updated list under paragraph (1)—

(A) not later than 300 days after August 10, 2012, and every 180 days thereafter; and

(B) as new information becomes available.

##### (3) Form of report; public availability

###### (A) Form

The list required by paragraph (1) shall be submitted in unclassified form but may contain a classified annex.

###### (B) Public availability

The unclassified portion of the list required by paragraph (1) shall be made available to the public and posted on the websites of the Department of the Treasury and the Department of State.

##### (4) Consideration of data from other countries and nongovernmental organizations

In preparing the list required by paragraph (1), the President shall consider credible data already obtained by other countries and nongovernmental organizations, including organizations in Syria, that monitor the human rights abuses of the Government of Syria.

##### (c) Sanctions described

The sanctions described in this subsection are sanctions pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701 et seq.), including blocking of property and restrictions or prohibitions on financial transactions and the exportation of property, subject to such regulations as the President may prescribe.

(Pub. L. 112–158, title VII, §702, Aug. 10, 2012, 126 Stat. 1265.)

#### TERMINATION OF SECTION

*For termination of section, see section 8795 of this title.*

#### Editorial Notes

##### REFERENCES IN TEXT

The International Emergency Economic Powers Act, referred to in subsec. (c), is title II of Pub. L. 95–223, Dec. 28, 1977, 91 Stat. 1626, which is classified generally to chapter 35 (§1701 et seq.) of Title 50, War and National Defense. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 1701 of Title 50 and Tables.

#### Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

##### SHORT TITLE

For short title of this subchapter as the “Syria Human Rights Accountability Act of 2012”, see section