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### List of Subjects in 31 CFR Part 575

Administrative practice and procedure, Banks, banking, Blocking of assets, Exports, Foreign trade, Humanitarian aid, Imports, Iran, Iraq, Oil imports, Penalties, Petroleum, Petroleum products, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements, Specially designated nationals, Terrorism, Travel restrictions.

■ For the reasons stated in the preamble, 31 CFR part 575 is amended as set forth below:

### PART 575—IRAQI SANCTIONS REGULATIONS

■ 1. The authority citation for 31 CFR part 575 continues to read as follows:

**Authority:** 3 U.S.C. 301; 18 U.S.C. 2332d; 22 U.S.C. 287c; Pub. L. 101-410, 104 Stat. 890 (28 U.S.C. 2461 note); 31 U.S.C. 321(b);

50 U.S.C. 1601-1651, 1701-1706; Pub. L. 101-513, 104 Stat. 2047-2055 (50 U.S.C. 1701 note); E.O. 12722, 55 FR 31803, 3 CFR, 1990 Comp., p. 294; E.O. 12724, 55 FR 33089, 3 CFR, 1990 Comp., p. 297; E.O. 12817, 57 FR 48433, 3 CFR, 1992 Comp., p. 317.

### Subpart C—General Definitions

■ 2. Revise § 575.330 to read as follows:

#### § 575.330 Humanitarian activities, humanitarian purposes, and humanitarian support.

The terms *humanitarian activities*, *humanitarian purposes*, and *humanitarian support* mean, as these terms have been defined by the Department of State for relevant United Nations Security Council Resolutions on Iraq, humanitarian relief, educational, cultural, recreational, and human rights-related activities, and activities to ameliorate the effects of or to investigate war crimes. Such purposes may include preparatory activities and transactions.

### Subpart E—Licenses, Authorizations, and Statements of Licensing Policy

■ 3. Add a new § 575.529 to subpart E to read as follows:

#### § 575.529 Non-commercial funds transfers and related transactions.

(a) U.S. persons are authorized to transfer funds to any person in Iraq for non-commercial humanitarian purposes, including family remittances, provided that no U.S. person may transfer more than \$500 per month to any person in Iraq.

(b) U.S. financial institutions are authorized to engage in all transactions ordinarily incident to the transfer of funds authorized by paragraph (a) of this section, including the opening of new correspondent accounts for funds transfers with Iraqi financial institutions. U.S. financial institutions may rely on originators of funds transfers with regard to compliance with this part.

(c) This section does not authorize transfers from blocked accounts.

■ 4. Add a new § 575.530 to subpart E to read as follows:

#### § 575.530 Activities by the U.S. Government and its contractors or grantees.

(a) Subject to the provisions of paragraph (b) of this section, U.S. government agencies and their contractors or grantees are authorized to engage in all transactions otherwise prohibited by subpart B of this part that are within the scope of their official duties or the relevant U.S. government contracts or grants.

(b)(1) The exportation from the United States or, if subject to U.S. jurisdiction,

the exportation or reexportation from a third country to Iraq of any goods or technology (including technical data or other information) controlled by the Department of Commerce under the Export Administration Regulations (15 CFR chapter VII, subchapter C) for exportation to Iraq must be separately authorized by or pursuant to this part.

(2) If the contracting or granting U.S. government agency has determined that the relevant contract or grant is not in support of U.S. government humanitarian assistance or reconstruction efforts in Iraq, or not in support of U.S. or allied forces deployed in military contingency, humanitarian, or peacekeeping operations in Iraq, then the exportation or reexportation of any goods to Iraq must be submitted to the 661 Committee to the extent and in the manner required under applicable UN Security Council resolutions. If this paragraph (b)(2) applies to a proposed exportation or reexportation, the exporter or reexporter should contact the Office of Peacekeeping and Humanitarian Operations, Room 5323, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street NW., Washington, DC 20520 (tel 202/647-2708, fax 202/647-3261) for procedures concerning submissions to the 661 Committee.

(c) All payments and funds transfers initiated pursuant to this authorization, and all related documentation, must reference this section number.

**Note 1 to § 575.530:** This authorization and the restrictions on certain exportations or reexportations extend to the activities of any subcontractors or other persons who are engaged to perform activities within the scope of the relevant contract or grant. See 31 CFR 575.418.

**Note 2 to § 575.530:** U.S. citizens who wish to travel to Iraq pursuant to this authorization may be required to apply to the Department of State to have their passports validated for travel to Iraq, pursuant to 22 CFR 51.73 and 51.74 and public notices issued thereunder, including Public Notice 4283, 68 FR 8791 (February 25, 2003), as amended by Public Notice 4337, 68 FR 18722 (Apr. 16, 2003), and any subsequent public notices regarding the restriction on the use of U.S. passports for travel to, in or through Iraq. Such applications, if required, should be submitted to the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Passport Services, ATTN: Office of Passport Policy and Advisory Services, U.S. Department of State, 2401 E Street, NW., Washington, DC 20522-0907. Such applications must include the applicant's name, date and place of birth, dates of proposed travel, and purpose of the trip. This general license does not in any way create a presumption in favor of passport validation.

■ 5. Add a new § 575.531 to subpart E to read as follows: