OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Executive Order 13850 of November 1, 2018
Blocking Property of Additional Persons Contributing to the Situation in Venezuela

Executive Order of August 5, 2019
Blocking Property of the Government of Venezuela

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 16B

Authorizing Maintenance of U.S. Person Accounts and Noncommercial, Personal Remittances Involving Certain Banks

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this general license, all transactions and activities ordinarily incident and necessary to maintaining, operating, or closing accounts of U.S. persons in Banco de Venezuela, S.A. Banco Universal (Banco de Venezuela), Banco Bicentenario del Pueblo, de la Clase Obrera, Mujer y Comunas, Banco Universal C.A. (Banco Bicentenario del Pueblo), or Banco del Tesoro, C.A. Banco Universal (Banco del Tesoro) prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 13850, as amended by E.O. 13857 of January 25, 2019, or E.O. of August 5, 2019, are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, March 22, 2020.

(b) Except as provided in paragraph (e) of this general license, all transactions and activities ordinarily incident and necessary to processing noncommercial, personal remittances involving Banco de Venezuela, Banco Bicentenario del Pueblo, Banco del Tesoro, or Banco Central de Venezuela are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, March 22, 2020.

(c) Noncommercial, personal remittances do not include charitable donations of funds to or for the benefit of an entity or funds transfers for use in supporting or operating a business, including a family-owned business.

(d) U.S. financial institutions processing transactions authorized by paragraph (a) or (b) of this general license may rely on the originator of a funds transfer with regard to compliance with paragraph (a) or (b), provided that the transferring institution does not know or have reason to know that the funds transfer is not in compliance with paragraph (a) or (b).

(e) This general license does not authorize:

(1) Any transactions or dealings with Banco de Desarrollo Economico y Social de Venezuela (BANDES) or Banco Bandes Uruguay S.A. (Bandes Uruguay);

(2) The unblocking of any property blocked pursuant to E.O. of August 5, 2019, E.O. 13850, as amended, or any part of 31 C.F.R. chapter V, except as authorized by paragraph (a) or (b); or
(3) Any transaction that is otherwise prohibited by E.O. of August 5, 2019, or E.O. 13850, E.O. 13835 of May 21, 2018, E.O. 13827 of March 19, 2018, E.O. 13808 of August 24, 2017, or E.O. 13692 of March 8, 2015, each as amended by E.O. 13857, or any part of 31 C.F.R. chapter V, or any transactions or dealings with any blocked person other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) or (b) of this general license.

(f) Effective August 5, 2019, General License No. 16A, dated April 17, 2019, is replaced and superseded in its entirety by this General License No. 16B.

Andrea Gacki
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Dated: August 5, 2019