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**TO THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER OF THE SAVINGS
ASSOCIATION ADDRESSED:**

The Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) of the U.S. Department of the Treasury has asked us to notify you that it has made several deletions from its list of "Specially Designated Nationals" (SDNs) for Cuba, additions to its list of SDNs for the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, and other changes. The lists involve blocked entities and persons, and prohibited transactions. These changes were published in the *Federal Register* on April 18, 1995.

In addition to the *Federal Register* document itself, details are available from several computer bulletin boards on which OFAC disseminates the information. I am enclosing for your reference and use a U.S. Treasury document that contains a listing of bulletin boards from which you can obtain the information, and automated access instructions.

Questions about the changes to the list of SDNs, as well as access to the computer bulletin boards, should be directed to OFAC at (202) 622-2490.

Sincerely,

John F. Downey

Enclosure



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OFAC PUBLIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE VIA COMPUTER

General Public:

- **U.S. Treasury's Electronic Library (TEL)** - The Treasury Department maintains a free "electronic library" called "TEL" on the FedWorld bulletin board network. FedWorld is a service of the National Technical Information Service (NTIS). It can be reached 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, using standard communications software and a modem by directly dialing 703 321-3339 or over Internet using one of the following protocols: Telnet Access Via Internet = fedworld.gov (192.239.93.3); FTP Site Access Via Internet = ftp.fedworld.gov (192.239.92.205); World Wide Web (Home Page) = <http://www.fedworld.gov> Once access to FedWorld has been gained, option "[C]," the "Business, Trade, and Labor Mail," should be chosen. Then, "[E]" should be chosen for "Treasury's Electronic Library." OFAC files are available for downloading in camera-ready "*.PDF" format as well as in a self-extracting ASCII "*.EXE" format. They are all prefixed with the call letters "T11." OFAC's camera-ready brochure on Cuba, for example, is called "T11CUBA.PDF." OFAC's self-extracting ASCII file containing all of our brochures as well as the latest SDN list in DOS-format is called "T11FAC00.EXE," and so on... A major advantage of TEL, besides Internet access, is that there is no charge to any user to download files. Adobe Acrobat Readers are available free to view and print the "*.PDF" files. Those needing a free Acrobat Reader, should access a special Internal Revenue Service "utilities" library by typing the command "/go IRISGR" at FedWorld's main prompt. They can then download the program file. FedWorld's help desk number is 703 487-4608 and business office number is 703 487-4648.
- **U.S. Commerce's Economic Bulletin Board (EBB)** - The U.S. Department of Commerce operates an electronic bulletin board (the EBB) which can be reached by the public, directly dialing from a modem using any communications software, 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, 202/482-3870 (for 2400bps connections) or 202/482-2584 or 202/482-2167 (for 9600bps connections). Telnet access via Internet = ebb.stat-usa.gov A free, limited-access service is available to those who are unfamiliar with the Commerce Board. Otherwise, a one year subscription costs \$45.00 (including a \$20.00 credit for connect time). Connect time is billed at as low as \$0.05 per minute in the evening and on weekends. The EBB is used extensively by U.S. exporters seeking information on trade leads. All OFAC publications in ASCII format, including the very latest version of the alphabetized SDN listings, are available for downloading from "File Area #17" on the Board. Commerce Department Export Denial Order information is also available in the same general file area. OFAC sheets can be individually downloaded by the public or all OFAC informational material can be transferred as a compressed self-extracting DOS archive file called "FACDATA.EXE." Once an individual accesses the Board, all that needs to be done to locate OFAC material is to choose "F" from the main menu to access a FILES subsystem, then choose "L" for LIST, and type "17" for OFAC. The EBB's Help Line is 202-482-1986 (Monday to Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time).
- **U.S. Commerce's National Trade Data Bank (NTDB)** - The U.S. Department of Commerce operates a CD-Rom service providing a massive amount of international trade information on a monthly basis to small and medium sized companies. A single monthly issue of the NTDB data, involving 2 CD-Rom discs, costs \$35.00; an annual subscription, with 12 issues, runs \$360.00. The CD-Rom service is also available free of charge at Commerce offices nationwide as well as nearly 1,000 Federal depository libraries. OFAC data is in ASCII format, but fully searchable. For information, call 202/482-1986.
- **U.S. Commerce's STAT-USA/FAX** - The U.S. Department of Commerce operates an automated fax-on-demand service that includes our data. Users need only call 202/482-0005 from a fax machine's handset 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Quarterly subscriptions cost \$29.95; annual subscriptions \$100.00. Subscribers are entitled to six files per day without size restrictions. OFAC is posting in print ("camera ready") copy the latest: OFAC listing of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons; 1995 Changes to the Listing of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons; and OFAC's brochure entitled "Foreign Assets Control Regulations for Exporters and Importers."
- **World Wide Web (WWW)** - All of OFAC's program "brochures," as well as SDN list information, is available in downloadable camera-ready Adobe Acrobat *.PDF format on the U.S. Commerce Department's World Wide Web Server (STAT-USA/Internet) with access at <http://www.stat-use.gov> Quarterly subscriptions to all data on the Commerce server are \$24.95. Annual subscriptions run \$100.00. For information call 202/482-1986.

OFAC Compliance is currently working with Treasury's Office of Telecommunications Management to provide direct Internet access, especially for international users, to OFAC's information over Treasury's World Wide Web Server and hopes to coordinate "update notices" with Villanova's Center for Information Law and Policy which maintains a Federal Web Locator service. In addition to OFAC's standard "brochures," a special orientation packet is being developed for foreign nationals who are not themselves subject to U.S. jurisdiction. Details will follow once clearances have been obtained and the material uploaded.

☛ **U.S. Government Printing Office's The Federal Bulletin Board** - The U.S. Government Printing Office operates a bulletin board called "The Federal Bulletin Board" which can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days per week, by direct dialing 202/512-1387 from a modem using any communications software. The system detects modem speed. Telnet access via Internet = federal.bbs.gpo.gov 3001. The "[space] 3001" is important as it specifies the proper "entry" port for Telnet. User assistance is available from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday by calling 202/512-1530. OFAC's information is located in a series of "file libraries" for downloading in ASCII, Wordperfect, or "*.PDF" format, and includes, in addition to OFAC "brochures" and SDN lists, the entire *Code of Federal Regulations* dealing with OFAC as well as every *Federal Register* notice OFAC publishes. *Federal Register* notices are posted electronically to the Board at the same time they are printed in the *Federal Register*. The "file libraries" from which users may download information are: FAC31CFR (containing Title 31 of the *CFR*), FAC_31FR (containing *Federal Register* notices), FAC_BRO (containing all of FAC's "brochures" as well as a comprehensive self-extracting "*.EXE" file of brochures and SDN lists in DOS format), FAC_MISC (containing press releases and special items, such as the Libyan bank chart), and FAC_SDN (containing the very latest releases of the master SDN lists as well as a comprehensive self-extracting "*.EXE" file of all brochures and SDN lists in DOS format). User pricing for The Federal Bulletin Board is based on the size of files downloaded, with a minimum charge of \$2 per file up to 50KB. Users are usually expected to open a GPO Deposit Account with \$50 to use the The Federal Bulletin Board, but no minimum balance is required on an ongoing basis.

☛ **U.S. Maritime Administration's Marlinespike Bulletin Board System** - The U.S. Maritime Administration operates a free electronic bulletin board called "Marlinespike" which can be accessed via modem at 202/366-8505 with voice help at 202/366-9991. OFAC's brochures and SDN information can be scanned on-line or downloaded for further use.

☛ **U.S. Customs Service's Customs Electronic Bulletin Board** - The U.S. Customs Service maintains a free Customs Electronic Bulletin Board geared especially toward Customs House Brokers. OFAC's information is available as a date-specific self-extracting DOS file. Modem access is at 703/440-6155 with voice system support at 703/440-6236.

Banks:

☛ **U.S. Council on International Banking (headquartered in NY) - USCIB** - Over 430 banks nationwide—including all major institutions engaging in international transactions—belong to the U.S. Council on International Banking, an industry interest group concentrating on the international banking operations area. Every member bank has free access to the USCIB's electronic bulletin board called "INTERCOM" as part of its membership. All OFAC publications, including the very latest versions of alphabetized SDN listings, are available to be downloaded from the "MAIN Conference" on INTERCOM. OFAC sheets can be individually downloaded by banks in camera-ready "*.PDF" format or all of them can be transferred as a compressed self-extracting ASCII archive file called "OFAC*.EXE." In addition, OFAC announces via "system bulletins," all major sanctions actions as they occur.

☛ **International Banking Operations Association (headquartered in Florida) - IBOA** - Over 125 of the major banks in the southern United States are members of the International Banking Operations Association in Miami. IBOA has a "Wildcat" bulletin board which contains in its Regulatory Conference a compressed self-extracting ASCII archive file called "OFAC*.EXE" with all OFAC publications, as well as the latest SDN listings. Individual brochures may also be downloaded by users as camera-ready copy in "*.PDF" format. As with the USCIB, "system bulletins" are posted on IBOA's board covering major sanctions actions as they occur.

☛ **Clearing House Interbank Payments System (New York) - CHIPS** - The Clearing House Interbank Payments System maintains a special bulletin board specifically to receive and sort OFAC SDN information. Bankers should contact the The New York Clearing House Association for information. In addition, system bulletins are electronically transmitted to CHIPS regarding all major sanctions actions for immediate broadcast to members.

☛ **Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's OCC Information Line** - The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency operates a special 24 hour a day fax-on-demand service for National banks and examiners. The computer-based system provides copies of documents from any touchtone phone by calling 202/479-0141 and following voice prompts. OCC's Communications Division may be reached at 202/874-4960. OFAC documents regularly updated on the system include our listing of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons split alphabetically into two files A-K and L-Z, OFAC's listing of changes to the SDN list during 1995, and OFAC's Foreign Assets Control Regulations for the Financial Community.

☛ **Bank Regulators in general** - OFAC provides electronic notice regarding all major sanctions actions to some 5000 on-line Fedwire depository institutions through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The message from the New York Fed is echoed across the country. Such messages are limited to 14 lines of 80 characters. (OFAC also distributes from time to time printed copies of important sanctions information to depository institutions throughout the United States through each of the Federal bank regulatory agencies.)

Other Resources:

An alphabetized listing of Specially Designated Nationals is published periodically in print format in the *Federal Register* as a special appendix to the 500 series of Title 31 of the *U.S. Code of Federal Regulations*.