§ 537.522 Certain transactions related to patents, trademarks and copyrights authorized.

(a) All of the following transactions in connection with patent, trademark, copyright or other intellectual property protection in the United States or Burma, except for those transactions prohibited by §537.203, are authorized:

(1) The filing and prosecution of any application to obtain a patent, trademark, copyright or other form of intellectual property protection;
(2) The receipt of a patent, trademark, copyright or other form of intellectual property protection;
(3) The renewal or maintenance of a patent, trademark, copyright or other form of intellectual property protection; and
(4) The filing and prosecution of opposition or infringement proceedings with respect to a patent, trademark, copyright or other form of intellectual property protection, or the entrance of a defense to any such proceedings.

(b) This section authorizes the payment of fees currently due to the United States Government, or of the reasonable and customary fees and charges currently due to attorneys or representatives within the United States, in connection with the transactions authorized in paragraph (a) of this section. Payment effected pursuant to the terms of this paragraph may not be made from a blocked account.

(c) This section authorizes the payment of fees currently due to the Government of Burma, or of the reasonable and customary fees and charges currently due to attorneys or representatives within Burma, in connection with the transactions authorized in paragraph (a) of this section.

(d) Nothing in this section affects obligations under any other provision of law.

§ 537.523 Authorization of nongovernmental organizations to engage in humanitarian or religious activities.

(a) Specific licenses may be issued on a case-by-case basis authorizing nongovernmental organizations to engage in transactions otherwise prohibited by §§537.201 and 537.202 that are necessary for their humanitarian or religious activities in Burma. Applications for specific licenses must include:

(1) The organization’s name in English, in the language of origin, and any acronym or other names used to identify the organization;
(2) Address and phone number of the organization’s headquarters location;
(3) Identification of field offices and partner offices, including addresses and organizational names used;
(4) Identification of key staff, such as directors and senior officers, at the organization’s headquarters and partner offices, including the nationality, citizenship, current country of residence, place and date of birth, and current position of each person identified;
(5) Identification of subcontracting organizations, if any, to the extent known or contemplated at the time of the application;
(6) Existing sources of income, such as official grants, private endowments, commercial activities;
(7) Financial institutions that hold deposits on behalf of or extend lines of credit to the organization (names of individuals and organizations shall be provided in English, in the language of origin, and shall include any acronym or other names used to identify the individuals or organizations);
(8) Independent accounting firms, if employed in the production of the organization’s financial statements (names of individuals and organizations shall be provided in English, in the language of origin, shall include any acronym or other names used to identify the individuals or organizations);
(9) A detailed description of the organization’s humanitarian, environmental or religious activities and projects in countries or geographic areas subject to economic sanctions pursuant to this chapter V, including, if applicable, a summary of all information provided in grant proposals or funding requests made in connection with the proposed activities;
(10) Most recent official registry documents, annual reports, and annual filings with the pertinent government, as applicable; and
(11) Names and addresses of organizations to which the applicant currently
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§ 537.526 Authorized transactions necessary and ordinarily incident to publishing.

(a) To the extent that such activities are not exempt from this part, and subject to the restrictions set forth in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this section, U.S. persons are authorized to engage in all transactions otherwise prohibited by §537.201 or §537.202 that are necessary and ordinarily incident to the publishing and marketing of manuscripts, books, journals, and newspapers in paper or electronic format (collectively, “written publications”). This section does not apply if the parties to the transactions described in this paragraph include the State Peace and Development Council of Burma or the Union Solidarity and Development Association of Burma; any successor entity to any of the foregoing entities; or any person, other than personnel of academic and research institutions, acting or purporting to act directly or indirectly on behalf of the foregoing entities with respect to the transactions described in this paragraph. Pursuant to this section, transactions incident to the following activities are authorized, provided they do not involve any importations prohibited by §537.203 that are not authorized by another section of this part 537, and further provided that U.S. persons ensure that they are not engaging, without separate authorization, in the activities identified in paragraphs (b) through (d) of this section:

(1) Commissioning and making advance payments for identifiable written publications not yet in existence, to the extent consistent with industry practice;

(2) Collaborating on the creation and enhancement of written publications;

(3)(i) Augmenting written publications through the addition of items such as photographs, artwork, translation, explanatory text, and, for a written publication in electronic format, the addition of embedded software necessary for reading, browsing, navigating, or searching the written publication;

(ii) Exporting embedded software necessary for reading, browsing, navigating, or searching a written publication in electronic format, provided that, to the extent a license is required under the Export Administration Regulations, 15 CFR parts 730 through 774 (the “EAR”), the exportation is licensed or otherwise authorized by the Department of Commerce under the provisions of the EAR;

(4) Substantive editing of written publications;

(5) Payment of royalties for written publications;

(6) Creating or undertaking a marketing campaign to promote a written publication; and

§ 537.524 Divestiture of U.S. person’s investments in Burma.

All transactions, except those prohibited by §537.203, related to the divestiture or transfer to a foreign person of a U.S. person’s share of ownership, including an equity interest, in the economic development of resources located in Burma are authorized. U.S. persons participating in such a transaction valued at more than $10,000 are required, within 10 business days after the transaction takes place, to file a report for statistical purposes with the Office of Foreign Assets Control, U.S. Treasury Department, 1500 Pennsylvania Avenue NW.--Annex, Washington, DC 20220.

§ 537.525 Transactions related to U.S. citizens residing in Burma.

To the extent otherwise prohibited, U.S. citizens who reside on a permanent basis in Burma are authorized to pay their personal living expenses and engage in other transactions in Burma ordinarily incident to their routine and necessary personal maintenance.

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