§ 538.514 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 Sudan 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 Sudan, or of the reasonable and customary fees and charges currently due to attorneys or representatives within Sudan, 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.

§ 538.515 Sudanese diplomatic missions in the United States.

(a) The importation of goods or services into the United States by, and the provision of goods or services in the United States to, the diplomatic missions of the Government of Sudan to the United States and the United Nations are authorized, provided that:

(1) The goods or services are for the conduct of the official business of the missions, or for personal use of the employees of the missions, and are not for resale;  
(2) The transaction does not involve the purchase, sale, financing, or refinancing of real property;  
(3) The transaction is not otherwise prohibited by law; and  
(4) The transaction is conducted through an account at a U.S. financial institution specifically licensed by OFAC.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (a)(4) OF § 538.515: U.S. financial institutions are required to obtain specific licenses to operate accounts for, or extend credit to, the diplomatic missions of the Government of Sudan to the United States and the United Nations.

(b) The importation of goods or services into the United States by, and the provision of goods or services in the United States to, the employees of the diplomatic missions of the Government of Sudan to the United States and the United Nations are authorized, provided that:

(1) The goods or services are for personal use of the employees of the missions, and are not for resale; and  
(2) The transaction is not otherwise prohibited by law.

NOTE TO § 538.515: The importation of goods and services into the United States by the Government of the Republic of South Sudan not involving transit or transshipment through Sudan is not prohibited and therefore requires no authorization. Similarly, the provision of goods, technology, and services in the United States to the Government of the Republic of South Sudan and its employees is not prohibited and also requires no authorization. See § 538.537 for a general license authorizing the transshipment of goods, technology, and services through Sudan to or from the Republic of South Sudan, and related transactions.

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§ 538.516 Diplomatic pouches.

The following transactions are authorized:

(a) The importation into the United States from Sudan, or the exportation from the United States to Sudan, of diplomatic pouches and their contents; and  
(b) The exportation or reexportation, directly or indirectly, from the United
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States or by a U.S. person, wherever located, of any goods or technology to a third-country government, or to its contractors or agents, for shipment to Sudan via a diplomatic pouch. To the extent necessary, this section also authorizes the shipment of such goods or technology by the third-country government to Sudan via a diplomatic pouch.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (b) OF §538.516: The exportation or reexportation of certain U.S.-origin goods or technology to a third-country government, or to its contractors or agents, may require authorization by the U.S. Department of Commerce under the Export Administration Regulations (15 CFR parts 730 et seq.).

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§ 538.517 Allowable payments for overflights of Sudanese airspace.

Payments to Sudan of charges for services rendered by the Government of Sudan in connection with the overflight of Sudan or emergency landing in Sudan of aircraft owned by a United States person or registered in the United States are authorized.

§ 538.518 Household goods and personal effects.

(a) The exportation from the United States to Sudan of household and personal effects, including baggage and articles for family use, of persons departing the United States to relocate in Sudan is authorized provided the articles included in such effects have been actually used by such persons or by family members accompanying them, are not intended for any other person or for sale, and are not otherwise prohibited from exportation.

(b) The importation of Sudanese-origin household and personal effects, including baggage and articles for family use, of persons arriving in the United States is authorized; to qualify, articles included in such effects must have been actually used abroad by such persons or by other family members arriving from the same foreign household, must not be intended for any other person or for sale, and must not be otherwise prohibited from importation.

§ 538.519 Aircraft and maritime safety.

Specific licenses may be issued on a case-by-case basis for the exportation and reexportation of goods, services, and technology to insure the safety of civil aviation and safe operation of U.S.-origin commercial passenger aircraft, and to ensure the safety of ocean-going maritime traffic in international waters.

§ 538.520 Extensions or renewals of loans and credits.

(a) Specific licenses may be issued on a case-by-case basis for rescheduling loans or otherwise extending the maturities of existing loans, and for charging fees or interest at commercially reasonable rates in connection therewith, provided that no new funds or credits are thereby transferred or extended to Sudan or the Government of Sudan.

(b) Specific licenses may be issued on a case-by-case basis, at the request of the account party, for the extension or renewal of a letter of credit or a standby letter of credit issued or confirmed by a U.S. financial institution.

§ 538.521 Registration of nongovernmental organizations for humanitarian or religious activities.

(a) Registration numbers may be issued on a case-by-case basis for the registration of nongovernmental organizations involved in humanitarian or religious activities in Sudan, authorizing transactions by such organizations otherwise prohibited by this part, including the exportation of services, goods, software, or technology to Sudan and the transfer of funds to and from Sudan for the purpose of relieving human suffering. Applicants for registration numbers must comply with the requirements of §501.801(c), 31 CFR chapter V.

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

NOTE TO §538.521: Registration does not excuse a U.S. person from compliance with other applicable U.S. laws governing the exportation or reexportation of U.S.-origin goods, software, or technology (including technical data). See, e.g., the Export Administration Regulations administered by the

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