to §594.201(a) may continue to be held in the same type of accounts or instruments, provided the funds earn interest at rates that are commercially reasonable.

- (e) This section does not create an affirmative obligation for the holder of blocked tangible property, such as chattels or real estate, or of other blocked property, such as debt or equity securities, to sell or liquidate such property at the time the property becomes subject to §594.201(a). However, the Office of Foreign Assets Control may issue licenses permitting or directing such sales or liquidation in appropriate cases.
- (f) Funds subject to this section may not be held, invested, or reinvested in a manner that provides immediate financial or economic benefit or access to any person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to \$594.201(a), nor may their holder cooperate in or facilitate the pledging or other attempted use as collateral of blocked funds or other assets.

§ 594.204 Prohibited transaction or dealing in property; contributions of funds, goods, or services.

Except as otherwise authorized, no U.S. person may engage in any transaction or dealing in property or interests in property of persons whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to §594.201(a), including but not limited to the making or receiving of any contribution of funds, goods, or services to or for the benefit of persons whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to §594.201(a).

§ 594.205 Evasions; attempts; conspiracies.

- (a) Except as otherwise authorized, and notwithstanding any contract entered into or any license or permit granted prior to the effective date, any transaction by any U.S. person or within the United States on or after the effective date that evades or avoids, has the purpose of evading or avoiding, or attempts to violate any of the prohibitions set forth in this part is prohibited.
- (b) Except as otherwise authorized, and notwithstanding any contract en-

tered into or any license or permit granted prior to the effective date, any conspiracy formed for the purpose of engaging in a transaction prohibited by this part is prohibited.

§ 594.206 Expenses of maintaining blocked property; liquidation of blocked property.

- (a) Except as otherwise authorized, and notwithstanding the existence of any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by any international agreement or contract entered into or any license or permit granted before the effective date, all expenses incident to the maintenance of physical property blocked pursuant to §594.201(a) shall be the responsibility of the owners or operators of such property, which expenses shall not be met from blocked funds.
- (b) Property blocked pursuant to §594.201(a) may, in the discretion of the Director, Office of Foreign Assets Control, be sold or liquidated and the net proceeds placed in a blocked interestbearing account in the name of the owner of the property.

Subpart C—General Definitions

§ 594.301 Blocked account; blocked property.

The terms blocked account and blocked property shall mean any account or property subject to the prohibition in §594.201 held in the name of a person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to §594.201(a), or in which such person has an interest, and with respect to which payments, transfers, exportations, withdrawals, or other dealings may not be made or effected except pursuant to an authorization or license from the Office of Foreign Assets Control expressly authorizing such action.

§ 594.302 Effective date.

The term *effective date* refers to the effective date of the applicable prohibitions and directives contained in this part as follows:

(a) With respect to a person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to §594.201(a)(1), 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, September 24, 2001:

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(b) With respect to a person whose property or interests in property are blocked pursuant to §594.201(a)(2), (a)(3), or (a)(4), the earlier of the date on which is received actual or constructive notice of such person's designation by the Secretary of State or the Secretary of the Treasury.

§ 594.303 Entity.

The term *entity* means a partnership, association, corporation, or other organization, group, or subgroup.

§594.304 Foreign person.

The term foreign person means any citizen or national of a foreign state (including any such individual who is also a citizen or national of the United States), or any entity not organized solely under the laws of the United States or existing solely in the United States, but does not include a foreign state.

§ 594.305 Information or informational materials.

(a) For purposes of this part, the term information or informational materials includes, but is not limited to, publications, films, posters, phonograph records, photographs, microfilms, microfiche, tapes, compact disks, CD ROMs, artworks, and news wire feeds.

NOTE TO PARAGRAPH (a). To be considered information or informational materials, artworks must be classified under chapter heading 9701, 9702, or 9703 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

- (b) The term information or informational materials, with respect to United States exports, does not include items:
- (1) That were, as of April 30, 1994, or that thereafter became, controlled for export pursuant to section 5 of the Export Administration Act of 1979, 50 U.S.C. App. 2401–2420 (1979) (the "EAA"), or section 6 of the EAA to the extent that such controls promote the nonproliferation or antiterrorism policies of the United States; or
- (2) With respect to which acts are prohibited by 18 U.S.C. chapter 37.

§ 594.306 Interest.

Except as otherwise provided in this part, the term *interest* when used with

respect to property (e.g., "an interest in property") means an interest of any nature whatsoever, direct or indirect.

§ 594.307 Licenses; general and specific.

- (a) Except as otherwise specified, the term *license* means any license or authorization contained in or issued pursuant to this part.
- (b) The term *general license* means any license or authorization the terms of which are set forth in subpart E of this part.
- (c) The term *specific license* means any license or authorization not set forth in subpart E of this part but issued pursuant to this part.

Note to \$594.307: See \$501.801 of this chapter on licensing procedures.

§594.308 Person.

The term *person* means an individual or entity.

§ 594.309 Property; property interest.

The terms property and property interest include, but are not limited to, money, checks, drafts, bullion, bank deposits, savings accounts, debts, indebtedness, obligations, notes, guarantees, debentures, stocks, bonds, coupons, any other financial instruments. acceptances, mortgages. pledges, liens or other rights in the nature of security, warehouse receipts, bills of lading, trust receipts, bills of sale, any other evidences of title, ownership or indebtedness, letters of credit and any documents relating to any rights or obligations thereunder, powers of attorney, goods, wares, merchandise, chattels, stocks on hand, ships, goods on ships, real estate mortgages, deeds of trust, vendors' sales agreements, land contracts, leaseholds, ground rents, real estate and any other interest therein, options, negotiable instruments, trade acceptances, royalties, book accounts, accounts payable, judgments, patents, trademarks or copyrights, insurance policies, safe deposit boxes and their contents, annuities, pooling agreements, services of any nature whatsoever, contracts of any nature whatsoever, and any other