

OFAC PUBLIC INFORMATION AVAILABLE ELECTRONICALLY

General Public:

F World Wide Web (WWW) Home Page on the Internet - All of OFAC's program "brochures," as well as SDN information, are available free in downloadable camera-ready Adobe Acrobat. *.PDF" format over the Treasury Department's World Wide Web Server. OFAC's Home Page site is < <<http://www.treas.gov/ofac>> >. The Page also contains a self-extracting ASCII file of the SDN list in DOS, delimited, fixed-field, and country-specific versions, a free Adobe Acrobat Reader, to view and print *.PDF" files, access to all OFAC-related Executive Orders, U.N. Resolutions, statutes, regulations, and the *Code of Federal Regulations* as well as to brochures in ASCII format, and to OFAC's extended electronic information reading room at GPO (FAC_MISC). All of OFAC's "forms," including its Annual Report on Blocked Property, Cuban Remittance Affidavit, and license application are electronically available on the site. Whenever there is a change in any of the data on OFAC's Home Page, the [DATE] changes on the face of the Page; users can automate their compliance by structuring their Internet connection to use a Web browser to watch for that date change, check a "What's new?" file to get the details about changes, and download OFAC's latest information. There is also a separate date-indicator for OFAC's SDN list. Call OFAC Compliance at 202/622-2490 with any questions.

F OFAC Fax-on-demand Service - OFAC operates a free automated fax-on-demand service, which can be accessed 24 hours a day, seven days a week, by dialing 202/622-0077 from any touchtone phone and following voice prompts. OFAC documents kept up to date on the system include program and general brochures, listings of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons, including changes to the listings, licensing guidelines, and *Federal Register* notices (including notices filed but not yet printed in the *Federal Register*). The "Index of Available Documents" is date-specific.

F U.S. Government Printing Office's The Federal Bulletin Board - The U.S. Government Printing Office operates a free 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. The information is also available over the Internet via GPO ACCESS at < <fedbbs.access.gpo.gov> >. 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 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 OFAC's "brochures"), FAC_MISC (OFAC's extended electronic information reading room containing press releases, licensing guidelines, and other special items which do not appear with the material we have made electronically available elsewhere), and FAC_SDN (containing the latest releases of master SDN lists).

H 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. There is a nominal charge for a subscription. 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 fully searchable ASCII format. For information, call 202/482-1986.

F 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 ("OFAC*.EXE" in File Area #15, "Customs Extra!"). Modem access is at 703/440-6155 with voice system support at 703/440-6236.

F U.S. Maritime Administration's Marlinespike - The U.S. Maritime Administration's Web site at < <<http://marad.dot.gov>> > contains a special link to OFAC's brochures and information, including a flashing indicator of late-breaking updates.

Banks:

F International Financial Services Association (headquartered in NY) - IFSA -
There is a dynamic link to OFAC from IFSA's website at < < <http://www.intlbanking.org> > > .

F International Banking Operations Association (headquartered in Miami) - IBOA -
There is a dynamic link to OFAC from IBOA's website at < < <http://www.iboa.com> > > .

F Clearing House Interbank Payments System (New York) - CHIPS - The Clearing House Interbank Payments System has a special program to receive and sort OFAC SDN information. Bankers should contact 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.

F 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 into multiple smaller files of more or less equal length, OFAC's listing of changes to the SDN list during 1996, and OFAC's *Foreign Assets Control Regulations for the Financial Community*.

F Bank Regulators in general - OFAC provides electronic notice regarding all major sanctions actions to some 5,000 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 Industry Links:

Numerous other industry groups link to OFAC's website, among them: the National Association of Securities Dealers (< < <http://www.nasdr.com> > >), the Securites and Exchange Commission (< < <http://www.sec.gov> > >), the Securities Industry Association (< < <http://www.sia.com> > >), the American Society of Travel Agents (< < <http://www.astanet.com> > >), the Institute of Real Estate Management (< < <http://www.irem.org> > >), and the Commercial Investment Real Estate Institute (< < <http://www.cre.org> > >).

Other Resources:

OFAC has a Miami branch office (909 Southeast First Avenue, Suite 735A) with a special bilingual hotline relating to information on the Cuban embargo; the hotline number is 305/810-5170.