

**OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL**

**IRANIAN TRANSACTIONS REGULATIONS  
(31 C.F.R. PART 560)**

**GUIDANCE ON THE PROVISION OF INTERNET CONNECTIVITY SERVICES**

This guidance was developed in response to inquiries received by the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("OFAC") concerning the provision of international Internet connectivity services to Iran. The provision by U.S. persons of Internet access to Iran falls within the scope of the prohibitions contained in the Iranian Transactions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. Part 560 (the "ITR"), on providing services to persons in Iran or the Government of Iran, or where the benefit of such services is otherwise received in Iran. ITR, §§ 560.204, 560.410.

Following interagency consultations, OFAC has determined that the provision by U.S. persons of international Internet connectivity services to civilian customers in Iran can be authorized on a case-by-case basis by specific license to applicants, provided that the main purpose is to benefit the people of Iran through increased access to information, and provided further that the applicants can state or otherwise confirm the following:

1. The specific Internet services that an applicant seeks to provide can be received in Iran using non-U.S. origin goods, technology and software that may be exported to Iran by non-U.S. persons without violating ITR §§ 560.204 or 560.205;
2. No goods, technology or software will be exported, directly or indirectly, to Iran from the United States, or by U.S. persons, wherever located, and no U.S. origin goods, technology, or software will be exported, directly or indirectly, to Iran by non-U.S. persons in violation of ITR §§ 560.204 or 560.205, in connection with the services that they are providing; and

3. If an applicant wishes to provide the services through a third-country company, the third-country company will not export or re-export, directly or indirectly, any goods, technology or software to Iran in violation of ITR § 560.205, in connection with the Internet connectivity services to be provided.

Licenses to provide Internet connectivity services to Iran issued by OFAC do not authorize any U.S. person to act as the provider of end-user Internet or telecommunications services (including private network services offered via satellite) to Iran, the Government of Iran, or any person in Iran. Finally, specific licenses authorizing U.S. persons to provide Internet connectivity services are issued only in the case of Iran; i.e., this licensing policy applies only to the ITR and not to any other sanctions program administered by OFAC.



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