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Cuban Assets Control Regulations

31 CFR Part 515

General License for Visits to Close Relatives in Cuba

**Authorizing certain travel-related transactions to, from, and within Cuba by persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States for the purpose of visiting close relatives who are nationals of Cuba.**

(a) Persons subject to the jurisdiction of the United States, as defined in § 515.329 of 31 CFR chapter V, and persons traveling with them who share a common dwelling as a family with them are hereby authorized to engage in the travel-related transactions set forth in paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(3)-(5) of § 515.560 of 31 CFR chapter V and paragraph (c) of this general license and additional travel-related transactions that are directly incident to visiting a close relative who is a national of Cuba, as the term is defined in § 515.302 of 31 CFR chapter V. The authorization contained in this general license may be used only once in any 12-month period. Specific licenses may be issued on a case-by-case basis for transactions related to additional visits during the 12-month period, as well as for travel to Cuba to visit a close relative who is not a national of Cuba.

**Note 1 to paragraph (a): Paragraphs (c)(1) and (c)(3)-(5) of § 515.560 of 31 CFR chapter V consist of, respectively, a provision on transportation to and from Cuba; a prohibition on the importation into the United States of Cuban merchandise, including as accompanied baggage; rules on carrying remittances to Cuba; and a provision on processing certain financial instruments.**

**Note 2 to paragraph (a): Any traveler who has a qualifying relative in Cuba may take advantage of this general license immediately. A new 12-month period**

**will begin for each traveler upon return from a trip that is authorized pursuant to this general license. Any travel to visit family in Cuba that was authorized pursuant to a specific license issued on or before March 11, 2009, and completed within 14 days of departure will not count for the purpose of calculating the 12-month period set forth in this general license.**

(b) For the purpose of this general license, the term close relative used with respect to any person means any individual related to that person by blood, marriage, or adoption who is no more than three generations removed from that person or from a common ancestor with that person.

*Example to paragraph (b):* Your mother's first cousin is your close relative for the purposes of this section, because you are both no more than three generations removed from your great-grandparents, who are the ancestors you have in common. Similarly, your husband's great-grandson is your close relative for the purposes of this section, because he is no more than three generations removed from you. Your daughter's father-in-law is not your close relative for the purposes of this section, because you have no common ancestor.

(c) Living expenses in Cuba. The transactions authorized by paragraph (a) of this general license include all transactions ordinarily incident to travel anywhere within Cuba, including payment of living expenses and the acquisition in Cuba of goods for personal consumption there, provided that the total amount for such expenses on any day may not exceed the "maximum per diem rate" for Havana, Cuba, in effect on that day. The maximum per diem rate is published in the State Department's "Maximum Travel Per Diem Allowances for Foreign Areas," a supplement to section 925, Department of State Standardized Regulations (Government Civilians, Foreign Areas), which is available from the Government Printing Office, Superintendent of Documents, P.O. Box 371945, Pittsburgh, PA 15250-7954 and on the Internet at <http://aoprals.state.gov/web920>.

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