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Office of Foreign Assets Control

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 5

Exportation of Certain Services Incident to Internet-Based Communications Authorized

(a) To the extent that such transactions are not exempt from the prohibitions of Executive Order 13338 of May 11, 2004, Executive Order 13399 of April 25, 2006, Executive Order 13460 of February 13, 2008, Executive Order 13572 of April 29, 2011, Executive Order 13573 of May 18, 2011, or Executive Order ___ of August 18, 2011¹(collectively, the “Orders”), and except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, the exportation from the United States or by U.S. persons, wherever located, to persons in Syria of services incident to the exchange of personal communications over the Internet, such as instant messaging, chat and email, social networking, sharing of photos and movies, web browsing, and blogging, is authorized, provided that such services are publicly available at no cost to the user.

(b) This section does not authorize:

(1) The direct or indirect exportation of services with knowledge or reason to know that such services are intended for the Government of Syria or any other person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to the Orders;

(2) The direct or indirect exportation of Internet connectivity services or telecommunications transmission facilities (such as satellite links or dedicated lines);

(3) The direct or indirect exportation of web-hosting services that are for purposes other than personal communications (e.g., web-hosting services for commercial endeavors) or of domain name registration services; or

(4) The direct or indirect exportation of any items to Syria.

(c) Specific licenses may be issued on a case-by-case basis for the exportation of other services incident to the sharing of information over the Internet.

¹“Blocking Property of the Government of Syria and Prohibiting Certain Transactions with Respect to Syria”

NOTE TO GENERAL LICENSE NO. 5: For additional guidance regarding the exportation or reexportation of items to Syria, see General License No. 4, "Exportation or Reexportation to Syria of Items Subject to the Export Administration Regulations; Exportation or Reexportation of Services Ordinarily Incident to Exportations or Reexportations of Items Licensed or Otherwise Authorized and Related Services."

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