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1. **International Criminal Court-related Designations; Venezuela-related Designation; Issuance of International Criminal Court-related General License**

On 18 August 2026, OFAC issued International Criminal Court-related General License 12, "Authorizing the Wind Down of Transactions Involving Certain Persons Blocked on August 18, 2026", which provides that:

(a) Except as provided in paragraph (b) of this general license, all transactions prohibited by the International Criminal Court-Related Sanctions Regulations (ICCSR), 31 CFR part 528, that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of any transaction involving one or more of the following blocked persons are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, September 17, 2026, provided that any payment to a blocked person is made into a blocked interest-bearing account located in the United States, in accordance with the ICCSR:

(1) Abdoulaye Seye;

(2) Tomoko Akane; or

(3) Any entity in which one or more of the above persons own, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50% or greater interest.

(b) This general license does not authorize any transactions otherwise prohibited by the ICCSR, including transactions involving any person blocked pursuant to the ICCSR other than the blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized.

Additionally, OFAC has updated the SDN and Blocked Persons List. In particular:

The following individuals have been added to OFAC's SDN List:

- AKANE, Tomoko, Netherlands; DOB 28 Jun 1956; POB Aichi, Japan; nationality Japan; Gender Female; Passport RA3001686 (Japan) expires 17 Nov 2027 (individual) [ICC-EO14203].

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- SEYE, Abdoulaye, Netherlands; DOB 09 May 1967; POB Dakar, Senegal; nationality Senegal; Gender Male; Passport A04447087 (Senegal) expires 23 Jul 2030 (individual) [ICC-EO14203].

The following entity has been added to OFAC's SDN List:

- BLUWAVES PROPERTIES LIMITED, Virgin Islands, British; Organization Established Date 05 Mar 2021; Registration Number 2056404 (Virgin Islands, British) [VENEZUELA-EO13850].

Related Article:
International Criminal Court-related Designations; Venezuela-related Designation; Issuance of International Criminal Court-related General License | Office of Foreign Assets Control

2. **Counter Narcotics, Counter Terrorism, Cuba-related, and Iran-related Designations; Issuance of Russia-related General License; Issuance of Associated Frequently Asked Questions**

On the 20th August 2026, OFAC issued Russia-related General License 131I, "Authorizing Certain Transactions for the Negotiation of and Entry Into Contingent Contracts for the Sale of Lukoil International GmbH and Related Maintenance Activities."

GENERAL LICENSE 131I, which replaces and supersedes General License No. 131H, dated July 24, 2026, authorizes through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, September 19, 2026, all transactions prohibited by Executive Order (E.O.) 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the negotiation of and entry into contracts with Public Joint-Stock Company Oil Company Lukoil or any of its affiliates for the sale, disposition, or transfer of Lukoil International GmbH ("LIG") or any entity in which LIG owns, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, a 50 percent or greater interest (collectively, "LIG Entities"), provided that the performance of any such contract is made expressly contingent upon the receipt of separate authorization from the Office of Foreign Assets Control ("contingent contracts").

Furthermore, all transactions prohibited by E.O. 14024 that are ordinarily incident and necessary to the maintenance or wind down of operations, contracts, or other agreements of LIG Entities are authorized through 12:01 a.m. eastern daylight time, September 19, 2026.

This general license does not authorize:
(1) The unblocking of any property blocked pursuant to any part of 31 CFR chapter V, except as authorized in paragraph (c);
(2) Any transactions otherwise prohibited by the Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations, 31 CFR part 587 (RuHSR), including transactions involving any person blocked

pursuant to the RuHSR, other than blocked persons described in paragraph (a) of this general license, unless separately authorized; or
(3) The transfer of funds to any person or account located in the Russian Federation.

Related Publication
Russia-related General License 131I

OFAC amended two associated, Russia-related Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs 1224 and 1225) and one Cuba-related Frequently Asked Question (FAQ 1265).

FAQ 1224 states that Russia-related General License (GL) 131I, authorizes negotiations and entry into contingent contracts with Lukoil for the sale of LIG or any of LIG's majority-owned subsidiaries. Authorized activities include negotiations on terms for definitive agreements and financial, legal, or operational due diligence, including engagement of outside counsel or advisors. GL 131I, which expires on September 19, 2026, does not authorize transactions to effectuate the actual sale, disposition, or transfer of any LIG entity or asset. Any contract entered into pursuant to GL 131I must expressly be made contingent upon the receipt of a separate authorization from OFAC.

Related Publication
1224 | Office of Foreign Assets Control

FAQ 1225 explains that GL 128C and GL 131I. The GLs are similar but have different expiration dates and terms as each serves a different purpose.

- To mitigate the effects of Lukoil's OFAC designation on retail consumers, OFAC issued on December 4, 2025 GL 128B to authorize maintenance, operation, and wind down activities for a narrow range of LIG entities, specifically Lukoil retail automobile service stations outside of the Russian Federation. OFAC subsequently issued GL 128C to extend the existing authorization until October 29, 2026.
- To enable Lukoil to divest its assets outside of Russia to non-blocked parties, OFAC issued on December 10, 2025 GL 131A to authorize, among other things, maintenance and wind down activities of all LIG Entities. OFAC subsequently issued GLs 131B, 131C, 131D, GL 131E, GL 131F, GL 131G, GL 131H, and GL 131I, to extend the existing authorization until September 19, 2026.

Non-U.S. persons generally do not risk exposure to U.S. sanctions under E.O. 14024 for engaging in transactions with blocked persons that are generally authorized for U.S. persons, including for those authorized by GL 128C and GL 131I. Similarly, non-U.S. persons may rely upon GL 128C and GL 131I regardless of whether a foreign financial institution maintains blocked accounts, provided the non-U.S. person's activities are consistent with the terms of GL 128C and GL 131I, including the requirement that no payments may be transferred to any person or account located in the Russian Federation.

Related Publication
[1225 | Office of Foreign Assets Control]

FAQ 1265 states that, with respect to the designation of the Ministry of Construction of Cuba (MICONS), the U.S. government does not intend to target foreign persons, including FFIs, pursuant to E.O. 14404 for engaging in transactions ordinarily incident and necessary to the wind down of transactions involving MICONS, or any entity in which MICONS owns, directly or indirectly, a 50 percent or greater interest, through September 19, 2026. However, non-U.S. persons, including FFIs, should proceed with caution in any dealings with a party sanctioned under this authority. Actions to return assets to a sanctioned party or transfer them to another jurisdiction for potential use by the target could expose non-U.S. persons to significant sanctions risk.

Related Publication
[1265 | Office of Foreign Assets Control]

Furthermore, **the OFAC SDN List has been updated with the Cuba – related designations of the following individuals and entities**:

A. **INDIVIDUALS**

GONZALEZ LLORT, Fernando, Santiago de Cuba, Cuba; DOB 18 Aug 1963; POB Havana, Cuba; nationality Cuba; Gender Male (individual) [CUBA-EO14404] (Linked To: CUBAN INSTITUTE OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLES).

MARTINEZ FREIRE, Leima, Havana, Cuba; DOB 23 Dec 1980; POB Guanabacoa, Havana, Cuba; nationality Cuba; Gender Female; Passport A008893 (Cuba); National ID No. 80122305756 (Cuba) (individual) [CUBA-EO14404] (Linked To: CUBAN INSTITUTE OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLES).

RABAZA FERNANDEZ, Noemi Ramona, Havana, Cuba; DOB 13 Jan 1965; POB Bayamo, Granma, Cuba; nationality Cuba; Gender Female; Passport A015779 (Cuba); National ID No. 65011321470 (Cuba) (individual) [CUBA-EO14404] (Linked To: CUBAN INSTITUTE OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLES).

B. **ENTITIES**

ACINOX COMERCIAL (a.k.a. EMPRESA ACINOX COMERCIAL S.A.), Havana, Cuba; Organization Established Date 1990; Organization Type: Manufacture of basic iron and steel; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise [CUBA-EO14404].

AGENCIA DE CONTRATACION A REPRESENTACIONES COMERCIALES S.A. (a.k.a. ACOREC S.A.), Havana, Cuba; Organization Established Date 22 Oct 1991; Organization Type: Other human resources provision; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise; Entity Code 60260 (Cuba) [CUBA-EO14404].

CORATUR S.A. (a.k.a. CORPORACION DE ABASTECIMIENTO AL TURISMO S.A.), Miramar, Cuba; Organization Established Date 01 Jan 1998; Organization Type: Non-specialized wholesale trade; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise; Entity Code 60418 (Cuba) [CUBA-EO14404] (Linked To: GRUPO EMPRESARIAL DEL COMERCIO EXTERIOR).

EMPRESA CENTRAL DE ABASTECIMIENTO Y VENTAS DE EQUIPOS DE TRANSPORTE PESADO Y SUS PIEZAS (a.k.a. "TRANSIMPORT"), Marianao, Havana, Cuba; Organization Established Date 01 Jan 1962; Organization Type: Sale of motor vehicle parts and accessories; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise; Entity Code 5445 (Cuba) [CUBA-EO14404] (Linked To: GRUPO EMPRESARIAL DEL COMERCIO EXTERIOR).

EMPRESA COMERCIALIZADORA DE ARTICULOS EN GENERAL (a.k.a. CONSUMIMPORT), Havana, Cuba; Organization Established Date 01 Jan 1962; Organization Type: Non-specialized wholesale trade; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise; Entity Code 4967 (Cuba) [CUBA-EO14404] (Linked To: GRUPO EMPRESARIAL DEL COMERCIO EXTERIOR).

EMPRESA DE NIQUEL COMANDANTE ERNESTO CHE GUEVARA (a.k.a. EMPRESA UAC VILLA CLARA), Moa, Holguin, Cuba; Organization Established Date 30 Apr 1990; Organization Type: Mining of other non-ferrous metal ores; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise [CUBA-EO14404].

EMPRESA IMPORTADORA EXPORTADORA Y COMERCIALIZADORA DE METALES (a.k.a. METALCUBA), Havana, Cuba; Organization Established Date 15 Jan 2002; Organization Type: Wholesale of metals and metal ores; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise; Entity Code 12591 (Cuba) [CUBA-EO14404].

GRUPO EMPRESARIAL GEOMINERO SALINERO (a.k.a. GEOMINSAL), Havana, Cuba; Organization Established Date 31 May 1981; Organization Type: Mining and Quarrying; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise; Entity Code 2377 (Cuba) [CUBA-EO14404].

MINISTRY OF CONSTRUCTION OF CUBA (a.k.a. "MICONS"; a.k.a. "MINCONS"), Havana, Cuba; Organization Established Date 23 May 1963; Target Type Government Entity [CUBA-EO14404].

Pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 14404, the Department of State designated nine entities and three individuals targeting the leadership of the U.S.-designated Cuban Institute of Friendship and Cuban entities supporting the regime.

As a result of the above action, all property and interests in property of the designated persons described above that are in the United States or in possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked and must be reported to OFAC. Additionally, all entities that are owned individually or in the aggregate, 50 percent or more by one or more blocked persons are also blocked.

All transactions and dealings by U.S. persons or persons within (or transiting) the United States that involve any property or interests in property of designated or otherwise blocked persons are prohibited unless authorized by a general or specific license issued by OFAC or exempt. These prohibitions include the making of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services by, to, or for the benefit of any blocked person and the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person.

Foreign persons that engage in transactions with persons designated pursuant to E.O. 14404—or that operate or have operated in the energy, defense and related materiel, metals and mining, financial services, or security sector of the Cuban economy, as identified in E.O. 14404— are themselves at risk of sanctions.

Non-U.S. persons, including foreign financial institutions, should proceed with caution in any dealings with a party sanctioned under this authority. Actions to return assets to a sanctioned party or transfer them to another jurisdiction for potential use by the target expose non-U.S. persons to significant sanctions risk.

All property and interests in property of persons that are blocked pursuant to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations (CACR) continue to be blocked. The CACR prohibits persons subject to U.S. jurisdiction from dealing in property in which Cuba or a Cuban national has an interest, unless authorized or exempt.

Related Publication
Imposing Sanctions on Cuban Regime Actors Associated with Marxist Subversive Networks and Corrupt Economic Dealings - Fact Sheet - United States Department of State

Additionally, **the OFAC SDN List has been updated with the Counter Terrorism and Iran-related Designations of the following individuals**:

ACUR, Mehmet (a.k.a. AJUR, Mehmet), Kangal Sokak 6 4, Fatih Yavuz Sultan Selim Mah., Istanbul, Turkey; DOB 19 Aug 1982; POB Midyat, Turkey; nationality Turkey; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order

13886; Passport U28821454 (Turkey) expires 29 May 2033; National ID No. 31250176566 (Turkey) (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: HIZBALLAH).

AKYUZ, Mehmet, Oksuzler Sokak 10 2, Fatih Iskenderpasha Mah., Istanbul, Turkey; DOB 01 Jan 1983; POB Midyat, Turkey; nationality Turkey; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Passport U36466313 (Turkey) expires 25 Jun 2034; National ID No. 29537233644 (Turkey) (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: HIZBALLAH).

AKYUZ, Vasfi, 14112 Sokak Door: 47, Seyhan Daghkioghlu Mah., Adana, Turkey; DOB 01 Aug 1969; POB Mardin, Turkey; nationality Turkey; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; National ID No. 29570232550 (Turkey) (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: HIZBALLAH).

AYAZ, Emrah, Genclik Sokak 5 2, Bahchelievler Fevzichakmak Mah., Istanbul, Turkey; DOB 02 Oct 1984; POB Adana, Turkey; nationality Turkey; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; National ID No. 54121688050 (Turkey) (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: HIZBALLAH).

DEDE, Onder, Gamze Sokak 15 3, Avcilar, Istanbul, Turkey; DOB 10 Aug 1972; POB Cankiri, Turkey; nationality Turkey; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; National ID No. 17380793996 (Turkey) (individual) [SDGT] [IFSR] (Linked To: ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS (IRGC)-QODS FORCE).

KACMAZ, Halil Ibrahim (a.k.a. KACHMAZ, Halil), Turkey; DOB 02 Mar 1971; POB Mardin, Turkey; nationality Turkey; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; National ID No. 62719131246 (Turkey) (individual) [SDGT] [IFSR] (Linked To: ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS (IRGC)-QODS FORCE).

KARASALIH, Feyyad, United Arab Emirates; Turkey; DOB 27 May 2002; POB Hatay, Turkey; nationality Turkey; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Passport U25359263 (Turkey) expires 29 Nov 2031; National ID No. 47935114464 (Turkey) (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: HIZBALLAH).

MOUSAFAR, Masoud, Turkey; DOB 23 Sep 1980; nationality Iran; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Passport K34425246 (Iran) expires 01 Aug 2020 (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: HIZBALLAH).

SAVCI, Gulay Kaya (a.k.a. SAVJI, Gulay Kaya), Merkez Mah. Deste Sokak 18 8, Kagithane, Istanbul, Turkey; DOB 14 Nov 1980; POB Istanbul, Turkey; nationality Turkey; Gender Female;

Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; National ID No. 34088200656 (Turkey) (individual) [SDGT] (Linked To: HIZBALLAH).

YILMAZ, Yunus Alper, Turkey; United Arab Emirates; DOB 1982; POB Mersin, Turkey; nationality Turkey; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886 (individual) [SDGT] [IFSR] (Linked To: ISLAMIC REVOLUTIONARY GUARD CORPS (IRGC)-QODS FORCE).

Pursuant to E.O. 13224, OFAC designated 10 individuals that are part of a network responsible for transferring cash to Hizballah.

As a result of OFAC's action, all property and interests in property of the designated or blocked persons, or any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, 50 percent or more by one or more blocked persons, that are in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked and must be reported to OFAC. Unless authorized by a general or specific license issued by OFAC, or exempt, OFAC's regulations generally prohibit all transactions by U.S. persons or within (or transiting) the United States that involve any property or interests in property of designated or otherwise blocked persons.

Violations of U.S. sanctions may result in the imposition of civil or criminal penalties on U.S. and foreign persons.

OFAC may impose civil penalties for sanctions violations on a strict liability basis. In addition, financial institutions and other persons may risk exposure to sanctions for engaging in certain transactions or activities involving designated or otherwise blocked persons. The prohibitions include the making of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services by, to, or for the benefit of any designated or blocked person, or the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person.

Non-U.S. persons are also prohibited from causing or conspiring to cause U.S. persons to wittingly or unwittingly violate U.S. sanctions, as well as engaging in conduct that evades U.S. sanctions.

Furthermore, engaging in certain transactions involving the designated persons may risk the imposition of secondary sanctions on participating foreign financial institutions. OFAC can prohibit or impose strict conditions on opening or maintaining, in the United States, a correspondent account or a payable-through account of a foreign financial institution that knowingly conducts or facilitates any significant transaction on behalf of a person who is designated pursuant to the relevant authority.

Related Publication
[*Treasury Increases Sanctions on Hizballah and Targets Network Smuggling Millions in Cash for Hizballah | U.S. Department of the Treasury*]

Furthermore, **the OFAC SDN List has been updated with the Counter Narcotic Designations of the following individuals, entities and vessels**:

A. **INDIVIDUALS**

ALARCON HOLGUIN, Jimmy Leonidas, Ecuador; DOB 06 Mar 1987; POB Manta, Manabi, Ecuador; nationality Ecuador; Gender Male; Cedula No. 1312277484 (Ecuador) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

MARTINEZ MENDOZA, Milton Edixson, Manabi, Ecuador; DOB 31 Aug 1971; POB Ecuador; nationality Ecuador; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Cedula No. 1307290450 (Ecuador) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: LOS LOBOS DRUG TRAFFICKING ORGANIZATION; Linked To: LOS CHONEROS).

MERO ARCENTALES, Edwar Alexis, Manabi, Ecuador; DOB 01 Jul 1980; POB Manta, Manabi, Ecuador; nationality Ecuador; Gender Male; Cedula No. 1309153755 (Ecuador) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

MERO ARCENTALES, Roberth Alfonso, Manabi, Ecuador; DOB 01 Dec 1970; POB Manta, Manabi, Ecuador; nationality Ecuador; Gender Male; Cedula No. 1306376458 (Ecuador) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

MERO BERMELLO, Byron Aladino, Manabi, Ecuador; DOB 15 Jul 1983; POB Manabi, Ecuador; nationality Ecuador; Gender Male; Cedula No. 1310415516 (Ecuador) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

MERO FRANCO, Julio Javier (a.k.a. "Javico"), Ecuador; DOB 09 Aug 1991; POB Manta, Manabi, Ecuador; nationality Ecuador; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; License 1313833186 (Ecuador) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: LOS CHONEROS).

MERO MERO, Alfonso, Ecuador; DOB 27 May 1945; POB Montecristi, Ecuador; nationality Ecuador; Gender Male; Identification Number 1300092499 (Ecuador) (individual) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059].

VERA LAZ, Jhonny Francisco (a.k.a. "Baron Poncho"), Ecuador; DOB 09 Aug 1996; POB Manta, Manabi, Ecuador; nationality Ecuador; Gender Male; Secondary sanctions risk: section 1(b) of

Executive Order 13224, as amended by Executive Order 13886; Cedula No. 1308357084 (Ecuador) (individual) [SDGT] [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: MERO FRANCO, Julio Javier).

B. ENTITIES

ALHO FISH, S.A., Manabi, Ecuador; Organization Established Date 06 Nov 2009; Organization Type: Marine Fishing; RUC # 1391767943001 (Ecuador) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: ALARCON HOLGUIN, Jimmy Leonidas).

ARCASDENOE, S.A. (a.k.a. EXPORTADORA Y EMPACADORA ARCASDENOE, S.A.), Manabi, Ecuador; Website http://www.arcasdenoe.com; Organization Type: Marine Fishing; RUC # 1391785844001 (Ecuador); Registration Number 50193 (Ecuador) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: MERO ARCENTALES, Edwar Alexis; Linked To: MERO MERO, Alfonso).

GLOBALDISTRIAL, S.A.S., Manabi, Ecuador; Organization Established Date 23 Apr 2024; Organization Type: Wholesale of construction materials, hardware, plumbing and heating equipment and supplies; RUC # 1391936314001 (Ecuador) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: ALARCON HOLGUIN, Jimmy Leonidas).

JAH-HMH, S.A.S., Manabi, Ecuador; Organization Established Date 24 Oct 2024; Organization Type: Marine Fishing; RUC # 1391937025001 (Ecuador) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: ALARCON HOLGUIN, Jimmy Leonidas).

NEGOCIOS JIMAR, S.A.S., Manabi, Ecuador; Organization Established Date 01 Jun 2022; Organization Type: Marine Fishing; RUC # 1391932622001 (Ecuador) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: ALARCON HOLGUIN, Jimmy Leonidas).

PROYECTOS NEYZOA, S.A.S., Manabi, Ecuador; Organization Established Date 06 Apr 2022; Organization Type: Marine Fishing; RUC # 1391932427001 (Ecuador) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: ALARCON HOLGUIN, Jimmy Leonidas).

SOISAMAR, S.A.S., Manabi, Ecuador; Organization Established Date 31 Mar 2021; Organization Type: Marine Fishing; RUC # 1391924267001 (Ecuador) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: ALARCON HOLGUIN, Jimmy Leonidas).

C. VESSELS

ARCA DE NOE III (HC4100) Fishing Vessel Ecuador flag; Vessel Year of Build 1997; MMSI 735058087; Registration Number P-04-00583 (Ecuador) (vessel) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059]

(Linked To: MERO ARCENTALES, Edwar Alexis; Linked To: MERO ARCENTALES, Roberth Alfonso).

ARCA DE NOE III JR (a.k.a. "ARCA JR. 3") (HC6372) Fishing Vessel Ecuador flag; Vessel Year of Build 2019; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 8456035; MMSI 735059969; Registration Number P-04-01069 (Ecuador) (vessel) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: MERO ARCENTALES, Edwar Alexis).

ARCA DE NOE IV (HC4361) Fishing Vessel Ecuador flag; Vessel Year of Build 2000; MMSI 735058088; Registration Number P-04-00679 (Ecuador) (vessel) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: MERO MERO, Alfonso).

ARCA DE NOE V (HC4733) Fishing Vessel Ecuador flag; Vessel Year of Build 2005; MMSI 735058089; Registration Number P-04-00777 (Ecuador) (vessel) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: MERO ARCENTALES, Edwar Alexis).

CONQUISTA (HC4941) Fishing Vessel Ecuador flag; Vessel Year of Build 1985; MMSI 735058723; Registration Number P-06-05063 (Ecuador) (vessel) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: MERO ARCENTALES, Edwar Alexis).

COSTA MARLIN (HC4338) Fishing Vessel Ecuador flag; Vessel Year of Build 2000; MMSI 735057861; Registration Number P-04-01049 (Ecuador) (vessel) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: ALARCON HOLGUIN, Jimmy Leonidas).

REY DE ARCA (HC4440) Fishing Vessel Ecuador flag; Vessel Year of Build 2009; MMSI 735058725; Registration Number P-04-00850 (Ecuador) (vessel) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: MERO MERO, Alfonso).

SIEMPRE MI ARCA (HC5299) Fishing Vessel Ecuador flag; Vessel Year of Build 2011; Vessel Registration Identification IMO 8555518; MMSI 735058993; Registration Number P-04-00905 (Ecuador) (vessel) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: MERO ARCENTALES, Edwar Alexis).

SOLO ES MEJOR (HC6172) Fishing Vessel Ecuador flag; Vessel Year of Build 2012; MMSI 735059710; Registration Number P-04-00926 (Ecuador) (vessel) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: ALARCON HOLGUIN, Jimmy Leonidas).

TODOS VUELVEN (a.k.a. "ARCA DE NOE I"; a.k.a. "MI NARCISA DE JESUS") (HC4983) Fishing Vessel Ecuador flag; MMSI 735058319; Registration Number P-04-00819 (Ecuador) (vessel) [ILLICIT-DRUGS-EO14059] (Linked To: MERO ARCENTALES, Edwar Alexis; Linked To: ALARCON HOLGUIN, Jimmy Leonidas).

OFAC designated 15 Ecuador-based targets and identified as blocked property 10 vessels involved in covertly shipping thousands of kilograms of cocaine each month from South America to Mexico, destined for distribution in the United States.

As a result of OFAC's action, all property and interests in property of the designated or blocked persons, or any entities that are owned, directly or indirectly, individually or in the aggregate, 50 percent or more by one or more blocked persons, that are in the United States or in the possession or control of U.S. persons are blocked and must be reported to OFAC. Unless authorized by a general or specific license issued by OFAC, or exempt, OFAC's regulations generally prohibit all transactions by U.S. persons or within (or transiting) the United States that involve any property or interests in property of designated or otherwise blocked persons.

Violations of U.S. sanctions may result in the imposition of civil or criminal penalties on U.S. and foreign persons.

OFAC may impose civil penalties for sanctions violations on a strict liability basis. In addition, financial institutions and other persons may risk exposure to sanctions for engaging in certain transactions or activities involving designated or otherwise blocked persons. The prohibitions include the making of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services by, to, or for the benefit of any designated or blocked person, or the receipt of any contribution or provision of funds, goods, or services from any such person.

Non-U.S. persons are also prohibited from causing or conspiring to cause U.S. persons to wittingly or unwittingly violate U.S. sanctions, as well as engaging in conduct that evades U.S. sanctions.

Furthermore, engaging in certain transactions involving the persons designated pursuant to E.O. 13224, as amended, may risk the imposition of secondary sanctions on participating foreign financial institutions. OFAC can prohibit or impose strict conditions on opening or maintaining, in the United States, a correspondent account or a payable-through account of a foreign financial institution that knowingly conducts or facilitates any significant transaction on behalf of a person who is designated pursuant to the relevant authority.

Related Publication:
Treasury Sanctions Major Ecuador-Based Cocaine Network Linked to Violent Gangs and Mexican Cartels | U.S. Department of the Treasury

Finally, **the following changes have been made to OFAC's SDN List**:

CUBAN INSTITUTE OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLES (a.k.a. INSTITUTO CUBANO DE AMISTAD CON LOS PUEBLOS; a.k.a. "ICAP"), Calle 17 No. 301 e/ H e I, Vedado, Havana, Cuba; Organization Established Date 30 Dec 1960; Entity Code 652 (Cuba) [CUBA-EO14404].

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CUBAN INSTITUTE OF FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PEOPLES (a.k.a. INSTITUTO CUBANO DE AMISTAD CON LOS PUEBLOS; a.k.a. "ICAP"), Calle 17 No. 301 e/ H e I, Vedado, Havana, Cuba; Casa De La Amistad, Paseo e/ 17 y 19, Vedado, Havana, Cuba; Casa Memorial Salvador Allende, Calle 13 Entre D y E, Vedado, Havana, Cuba; Campamento Internacional Julio Antonio Mella Caimito, Artemisa Province, Cuba; Organization Established Date 30 Dec 1960; Entity Code 652 (Cuba) [CUBA-EO14404].

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