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**§ 8753. Expedited consideration of requests for authorization of certain human rights-, humanitarian-, and democracy-related activities with respect to Iran**

**(a) Requirement**

The Office of Foreign Assets Control, in consultation with the Department of State, shall establish an expedited process for the consideration of complete requests for authorization to engage in human rights-, humanitarian-, or democracy-related activities relating to Iran that are submitted by—

- (1) entities receiving funds from the Department of State to engage in the proposed activity;
- (2) the Broadcasting Board of Governors; and
- (3) other appropriate agencies of the United States Government.

**(b) Procedures**

Requests for authorization under subsection (a) shall be submitted to the Office of Foreign Assets Control in conformance with the Office's regulations, including section 501.801 of title 31, Code of Federal Regulations (commonly known as the Reporting, Procedures and Penalties Regulations). Applicants shall fully disclose the parties to the transactions as well as describe the activities to be undertaken. License applications involving the exportation or reexportation of goods, technology, or software to Iran shall include a copy of an official Commodity Classification issued by the Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, as part of the license application.

**(c) Foreign policy review**

The Department of State shall complete a foreign policy review of a request for authorization under subsection (a) not later than 30 days after the request is referred to the Department by the Office of Foreign Assets Control.

**(d) License determinations**

License determinations for complete requests for authorization under subsection (a) shall be made not later than 90 days after receipt by the Office of Foreign Assets Control, with the following exceptions:

- (1) Any requests involving the exportation or reexportation to Iran of goods, technology, or software listed on the Commerce Control List maintained pursuant to part 774 of title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, shall be processed in a manner consistent with the Iran-Iraq Arms Non-Proliferation Act of 1992 (title XVI of Public Law 102-484) and other applicable provisions of law.
- (2) Any other requests presenting unusual or extraordinary circumstances.

**(e) Regulations**

The Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe such regulations as are appropriate to carry out this section.

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REFERENCES IN TEXT

The Iran-Iraq Arms Non-Proliferation Act of 1992, referred to in subsec. (d)(1), is title XVI of div. A of Pub.

L. 102-484, Oct. 23, 1992, 106 Stat. 2571, which is set out as a note under section 1701 of Title 50, War and National Defense.

**§ 8754. Comprehensive strategy to promote Internet freedom and access to information in Iran**

Not later than 90 days after August 10, 2012, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury and the heads of other Federal agencies, as appropriate, shall submit to the appropriate congressional committees a comprehensive strategy to—

- (1) assist the people of Iran to produce, access, and share information freely and safely via the Internet, including in Farsi and regional languages;
- (2) support the development of counter-censorship technologies that enable the citizens of Iran to undertake Internet activities without interference from the Government of Iran;
- (3) increase the capabilities and availability of secure mobile and other communications through connective technology among human rights and democracy activists in Iran;
- (4) provide resources for digital safety training for media and academic and civil society organizations in Iran;
- (5) provide accurate and substantive Internet content in local languages in Iran;
- (6) increase emergency resources for the most vulnerable human rights advocates seeking to organize, share information, and support human rights in Iran;
- (7) expand surrogate radio, television, live stream, and social network communications inside Iran, including—

(A) by expanding Voice of America's Persian News Network and Radio Free Europe/Radio Liberty's Radio Farda to provide hourly live news update programming and breaking news coverage capability 24 hours a day and 7 days a week; and

(B) by assisting telecommunications and software companies that are United States persons to comply with the export licensing requirements of the United States for the purpose of expanding such communications inside Iran;

- (8) expand activities to safely assist and train human rights, civil society, and democracy activists in Iran to operate effectively and securely;
- (9) identify and utilize all available resources to overcome attempts by the Government of Iran to jam or otherwise deny international satellite broadcasting signals;
- (10) expand worldwide United States embassy and consulate programming for and outreach to Iranian dissident communities;
- (11) expand access to proxy servers for democracy activists in Iran; and
- (12) discourage telecommunications and software companies from facilitating Internet censorship by the Government of Iran.

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**§ 8755. Statement of policy on political prisoners**

It shall be the policy of the United States—