

with the Secretary of Commerce and the heads of other departments and agencies, as appropriate, shall—

(A) determine, using such information that is available to the Secretary of State, whether any covered article or service has been transferred since July 2017 to the security forces of Venezuela without a license or other authorization as required by law; and

(B) submit such determination in writing to the appropriate congressional committees.

(d) Report

(1) In general

Not later than 180 days after December 20, 2019, the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of Commerce, as appropriate, shall submit a report to the appropriate congressional committees regarding the transfer by foreign persons of covered articles or services to elements of the security forces of Venezuela that are under the authority of the Maduro regime.

(2) Matters to be included

The report required under paragraph (1) shall include—

(A) a list of all significant transfers by foreign persons of covered articles or services to such elements of the security forces of Venezuela since July 2017;

(B) a list of all foreign persons who maintain an existing defense relationship with such elements of the security forces of Venezuela; and

(C) any known use of covered articles or services by such elements of the security forces of Venezuela or associated forces, including paramilitary groups, that have coordinated with such security forces to assault, intimidate, or murder political activists, protesters, dissidents, and other civil society leaders, including Juan Guaidó.

(e) Sunset

This section shall terminate on the earlier of—

(1) the date that is 3 years after December 20, 2019; or

(2) the date on which the President certifies to the appropriate congressional committees that the Government of Venezuela has returned to a democratic form of government with respect for the essential elements of representative democracy as set forth in Article 3 of the Inter-American Democratic Charter, adopted by the Organization of American States in Lima on September 11, 2001.

(Pub. L. 116-94, div. J, title I, §166, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3044.)

SUBCHAPTER VII—MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

§ 9761. Congressional briefings

(a) Humanitarian assistance; sanctions coordination

(1) In general

Not later than 15 days after any of the congressional committees listed in paragraph (2)

requests a briefing regarding the implementation—

(A) of section 9711 of this title, the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development shall provide such briefing to such committee; and

(B) of section 9751 of this title, the Secretary of State shall provide such briefing to such committee.

(2) Congressional committees

The committees listed in this paragraph are—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;

(B) the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate;

(C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(D) the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

(b) United Nations; negotiated solution; crimes against humanity

(1) In general

Not later than 15 days after any congressional committee listed in paragraph (2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of section 9703 of this title, 9712 of this title, or 142,¹ the Secretary of State shall provide such briefing to such committee.

(2) Congressional committees

The congressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate; and

(B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives.

(c) Regime cohesion

(1) In general

Not later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of section 131,¹ the Secretary of State and the Director of National Intelligence shall provide such briefing to such committee.

(2) Congressional committees

The congressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

(A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;

(B) the Select Committee on Intelligence of the Senate;

(C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and

(D) the Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence of the House of Representatives.

(d) International election observation; democratic civil society

Not later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed in subsection (a)(2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of section 9731 of this title, the Secretary of State and the Administrator of the United States Agency for International Development shall provide such briefing to such committee.

¹ See References in Text note below.

(e) Visa restrictions; sanctions waiver

Not later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed in subsection (b)(2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of section 9721 or 9722 of this title, the Secretary of State shall provide such briefing to such committee.

(f) Recovery of stolen assets**(1) In general**

Not later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of section 9741 of this title, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Attorney General shall provide such briefing to such committee.

(2) Congressional committees

The congressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

- (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;
- (B) the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs of the Senate;
- (C) the Committee on the Judiciary of the Senate;
- (D) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives;
- (E) the Committee on Financial Services of the House of Representatives; and
- (F) the Committee on the Judiciary of the House of Representatives.

(g) PDVSA transactions with Rosneft**(1) In general**

Not later than 15 days after a congressional committee listed in paragraph (2) requests a briefing regarding the implementation of section 9752 of this title, the Secretary of State, the Secretary of the Treasury, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall provide such briefing to such committee.

(2) Congressional committees

The congressional committees listed in this paragraph are—

- (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate;
- (B) the Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs of the Senate;
- (C) the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House of Representatives; and
- (D) the Committee on Homeland Security of the House of Representatives.

(Pub. L. 116–94, div. J, title I, §181, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3046.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

Section 142, referred to in subsec. (b)(1), is section 142 of title I of div. J of Pub. L. 116–94, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3038, which is not classified to the Code.

Section 131, referred to in subsec. (c)(1), is section 131 of title I of div. J of Pub. L. 116–94, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3034, which is not classified to the Code.

§ 9762. Prohibition on construction of provisions of this chapter as an authorization for the use of military force

Nothing in this chapter may be construed as an authorization for the use of military force.

(Pub. L. 116–94, div. J, title I, §182, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3048.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title I of div. J of Pub. L. 116–94, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3030, known as the Venezuela Emergency Relief, Democracy Assistance, and Development Act of 2019, and also as the VERDAD Act of 2019, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9701 of this title and Tables.

§ 9763. Termination

The requirement to impose sanctions under this chapter shall terminate on December 31, 2023.

(Pub. L. 116–94, div. J, title I, §183(b), Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3048.)

REFERENCES IN TEXT

This chapter, referred to in text, was in the original “this title”, meaning title I of div. J of Pub. L. 116–94, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3030, known as the Venezuela Emergency Relief, Democracy Assistance, and Development Act of 2019, and also as the VERDAD Act of 2019, which is classified principally to this chapter. For complete classification of title I to the Code, see Short Title note set out under section 9701 of this title and Tables.

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§ 9801. Appropriate congressional committees defined

In this chapter:

(1) Appropriate congressional committees

The term “appropriate congressional committees” means—

- (A) the Committee on Foreign Relations and the Committee on Appropriations of the Senate; and
- (B) the Committee on Foreign Affairs and the Committee on Appropriations of the House of Representatives.

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(2) Relevant Federal department or agency

The term “relevant Federal department or agency” means the Department of State, the United States Agency for International Development, the Department of Defense, the Department of¹ Treasury, and any other Federal department or agency the President determines is relevant to carry out the purposes of this chapter.

(Pub. L. 116–94, div. J, title V, §502, Dec. 20, 2019, 133 Stat. 3060.)

¹ So in original. Probably should be followed by “the”.