DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Foreign Assets Control

Unblocking of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of two individuals whose property and interests in property have been unblocked pursuant to the Foreign Narcotics Kingpin Designation Act (Kingpin Act) (21 U.S.C. Sections 1901–1908, 8 U.S.C. Section 1182).

DATES: The unblocking and removal from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List) of the individuals identified in this notice whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to the Kingpin Act, is effective on November 19, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Washington, DC 20220, Tel: (202) 622–2420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC’s Web site at www.treasury.gov/ofac or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service at (202) 622–0077.

Background

On December 3, 1999, the Kingpin Act was signed into law by the President of the United States. The Kingpin Act provides a statutory framework for the President to impose sanctions against significant foreign narcotics traffickers and their organizations on a worldwide basis, with the objective of denying their businesses and agents access to the U.S. financial system and to the benefits of trade and transactions involving U.S. persons and entities.

The Kingpin Act blocks all property and interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, owned or controlled by significant foreign narcotics traffickers as identified by the President. In addition, the Secretary of the Treasury consults with the Attorney General, the Director of the Central Intelligence Agency, the Director of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Administrator of the Drug Enforcement Administration, the Secretary of Defense, the Secretary of State, and the Secretary of Homeland Security when designating and blocking the property or interests in property, subject to U.S. jurisdiction, of persons or entities found to be: (1) Materially assisting in, or providing financial or technological support for or to, or providing goods or services in support of, the international narcotics trafficking activities of a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; (2) owned, controlled, or directed by, or acting for or on behalf of, a person designated pursuant to the Kingpin Act; and/or (3) playing a significant role in international narcotics trafficking.

On November 19, 2015, the Associate Director of the Office of Global Targeting removed from the SDN List the individuals listed below, whose property and interests in property were blocked pursuant to the Kingpin Act:

Individuals


2. URREGO ESCUDEERO, Carlos Agustin (a.k.a. BENALCAZAR FURMAN, Moshe), Colombia; DOB 19 Feb 1976; citizen Colombia; Cedula No. 79928745 (Colombia); Passport AF392658 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNTK].

Dated: November 19, 2015.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Foreign Assets Control

Removal of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is publishing the names of 19 individuals whose names have been removed from the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List) pursuant to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations, 31 CFR part 515.

DATES: The removal from the SDN List of the individuals identified in this notice is effective November 19, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Washington, DC 20220, Tel: (202) 622–2490.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC’s Web site (www.treasury.gov/ofac). Certain general information pertaining to OFAC’s sanctions programs is available via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service, tel.: (202) 622–0077.

Background

On November 19, 2015, the Associate Director of OFAC removed from the SDN List the individuals listed below, whose names were included on the SDN List pursuant to the Cuban Assets Control Regulations:

Individuals

1. AGUAR, Raul [CUBA].
2. CHAO, Lazaro R. [CUBA].
3. IMPERATORI, Julio A. [CUBA].
4. LEBREDO, Jose A. [CUBA].
5. LOPEZ, Miguel A. [CUBA].
6. RODRIGUEZ, Jose Julio [CUBA].
7. TOLEDO, R.F. [CUBA].
8. TORRES, Manuel [CUBA].
9. VAZ, Jose [CUBA].
10. ALVAREZ AGUIRRE, Manuel [CUBA].
11. COLON BETANCOURT, Eduardo [CUBA].
12. LOBATO, Julio (a.k.a. PRADO, Julio) [CUBA].
13. PENA TORRES, Jose [CUBA].
14. REYES VERGARA, Guillermo [CUBA].
15. ROCHA, Antonio [CUBA].
16. RODRIGUEZ BORGES, Jesus (a.k.a. RODRIGUEZ BORJES, Jesus) [CUBA].
DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
Office of Foreign Assets Control

Updating of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons Pursuant to Executive Order 12978

AGENCY: Office of Foreign Assets Control, Treasury.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is updating the identifying information for two individuals that were previously designated pursuant to Executive Order 12978 (Blocking Assets and Prohibiting Transactions with Significant Narcotics Traffickers).

DATES: The update to the list of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List) of the individuals identified in this notice whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978, is effective on November 12, 2015.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Assistant Director, Sanctions Compliance & Evaluation, Department of the Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control, Washington, DC 20220, Tel: (202) 622–2420.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic and Facsimile Availability:

This document and additional information concerning OFAC are available from OFAC’s Web site at www.treasury.gov/ofac or via facsimile through a 24-hour fax-on-demand service at (202) 622–0077.

Background:

On October 21, 1995, the President, invoking the authority, inter alia, of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701–1706), issued Executive Order 12978, “Blocking Assets and Prohibiting Transactions with Significant Narcotics Traffickers” (the Order). In the Order, the President declared a national emergency to deal with the threat posed by significant foreign narcotics traffickers centered in Colombia and the harm that they cause in the United States and abroad.

Section 1 of the Order blocks, with certain exceptions, all property and interests in property that are in the United States, or that hereafter come within the United States or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of United States persons, of: (1) the persons listed in an Annex to the Order; (2) any foreign person determined by the Secretary of Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, to play a significant role in international narcotics trafficking centered in Colombia, or materially to assist in, or provide financial or technological support for or goods or services in support of, the narcotics trafficking activities of persons designated in or pursuant to the Order; and (3) persons determined by the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Attorney General and the Secretary of State, to be owned or controlled by, or to act for or on behalf of, persons designated pursuant to the Order.

On November 12, 2015, the Associate Director of the Office of Global Targeting updated the SDN listing of the two individuals listed below, whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 12978:

Individual

1. SANTACRUZ LONDONO, Jose (a.k.a. “CHEPE”; a.k.a. “DON CHEPE”; a.k.a. “EL GORDO CHEPE”), Cali, Colombia; DOB 01 Oct 1943; Cedula No. 14432230 (Colombia); Passport AB149814 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].
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   SANTACRUZ LONDONO, Jose (a.k.a. “CHEPE”; a.k.a. “DON CHEPE”; a.k.a. “EL GORDO CHEPE”), Cali, Colombia; DOB 01 Oct 1943; Passport AB149814 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].

2. GARCIA PIZARRO, Gentil Velez, c/o GALAPAGOS S.A., Cali, Colombia; Cedula No. 6616986 (Colombia) (individual) [SDNT].
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   GARCIA PIZARRO, Gentil Velez, Cali, Colombia (individual) [SDNT] (Linked To: GALAPAGOS S.A.).

Dated: November 12, 2015.

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