Notice of Department of State Actions

Acting pursuant to the authority of, and in accordance with, E.O. 14404, the Secretary of State determined that the following persons met the E.O. criteria referenced below. As a result, these persons have been added to the SDN List as of September 17, 2026, and all property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of those persons are blocked.

Entities

1. EMPRESA DE SERVICIOS TECNICOS DE COMPUTACION COMUNICACIONES Y ELECTRONICA (a.k.a. EMPRESA DE SERVICIOS DE COMPUTACION COMUNICACIONES Y ELECTRONICA DEL NIQUEL RAFAEL FAUSTO OREJON FORMENT; a.k.a. ''SERCONI''), Moa, Holguin, Cuba; Organization Established Date 30 Sep 1996; Organization Type: Support activities for other mining and quarrying; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise; Entity Code 9987 (Cuba) [CUBA–EO14404].

Designated pursuant to Sec. 2(a)(i)(A) of Executive Order 14404 for operating in or having operated in the metals and mining sector of the Cuban economy.

2. EMPRESA DE INGENIERIA Y PROYECTOS DEL NIQUEL (a.k.a. ''CEPRONIQUEL''), Moa, Holguin, Cuba; Organization Established Date 31 May 2001; Organization Type: Support activities for other mining and quarrying; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise; Entity Code 12392 (Cuba) [CUBA–EO14404].

Designated pursuant to Sec. 2(a)(i)(A) of Executive Order 14404 for operating in or having operated in the metals and mining sector of the Cuban economy.

3. CENTRO DE INVESTIGACIONES DEL NIQUEL CAPITAN ALBERTO FERNANDEZ MONTES DE OCA (a.k.a. ''CEDINIQ''; a.k.a. ''CEINNIQ''), Moa, Holguin, Cuba; Organization Established Date 31 Dec 1986; Organization Type: Support activities for other mining and quarrying; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise; Entity Code 6681 (Cuba) [CUBA–EO14404].

Designated pursuant to Sec. 2(a)(i)(A) of Executive Order 14404 for operating in or having operated in the metals and mining sector of the Cuban economy.

4. PINARES S.A., Nicaro, Holguin, Cuba; Organization Established Date 31 Jan 2001; Organization Type: Support activities for other mining and quarrying; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise; Entity Code 60172 (Cuba) [CUBA–EO14404].

Designated pursuant to Sec. 2(a)(i)(A) of Executive Order 14404 for operating in or having operated in the metals and mining sector of the Cuban economy.

Hugo Y. Yon,

Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

[FR Doc. 2026–23899 Filed 11–23–26; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4710–05–P

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 13170]

Notice of Department of State Sanctions Actions

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of State is publishing the names of persons who have been added to the Department of the Treasury's List of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons (SDN List), administered by the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) based on the Secretary of State's determination pursuant to and in accordance with the referenced authority that one or more applicable criteria were satisfied. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of the designated persons are blocked.

DATES: This action was issued on September 3, 2026. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for applicable dates.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rajeev M. Wadhwani, Director, Office of Economic Sanctions Policy and Implementation, Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, tel.: (202) 647 7677, email: *WadhwaniRM@state.gov*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Electronic Availability

The SDN List and additional information concerning sanctions programs are available on OFAC's website, *https://ofac.treasury.gov/*.

Notice of Department of State Actions

Acting pursuant to the authority of, and in accordance with, E.O. 14404, the Secretary of State determined that the following persons met the E.O. criteria referenced below. As a result, these persons have been added to the SDN List as of September 3, 2026, and all property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of those persons are blocked.

Individuals

1. CASTRO CALIS, Fidel Ernesto, Cuba; DOB 16 May 1995; nationality Cuba; Gender Male (individual) [CUBA–EO14404] (Linked To: CASTRO ESPIN, Alejandro).

Designated pursuant to Sec. 2(a)(i)(I) of Executive Order 14404 for being an adult family member of ALEJANDRO CASTRO ESPIN, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to Executive Order 14404.

Entities

2. EMPRESA DE SERVICIOS COMANDANTE RENE RAMOS LATOUR (a.k.a. ''NICAROTEC''), Mayari, Holguin, Cuba; Organization Established Date 31 Jan 1977; Organization Type: Support activities for other mining and quarrying; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise [CUBA–EO14404].

Designated pursuant to Sec. 2(a)(i)(A) of Executive Order 14404 for operating in or having operated in the metals and mining sector of the Cuban economy.

3. EMPRESA IMPORTADORA Y ABASTECEDORA DEL NIQUEL (a.k.a. ''CEXNI''), Moa, Holguin, Cuba; Organization Established Date 31 Dec 1994; Organization Type: Non-specialized wholesale trade; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise; Entity Code 3883 (Cuba) [CUBA–EO14404].

Designated pursuant to Sec. 2(a)(i)(A) of Executive Order 14404 for operating in or having operated in the metals and mining sector of the Cuban economy.

4. COMERCIAL CUPET S.A., Havana, Cuba; Organization Established Date 18 Sep 1991; Organization Type: Wholesale of solid, liquid and gaseous fuels and related products; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise; Entity Code 60254 (Cuba) [CUBA–EO14404].

Designated pursuant to Sec. 2(a)(i)(A) of Executive Order 14404 for operating in or having operated in the energy sector of the Cuban economy.

5. EMPRESA IMPORTADORA DE ABASTECIMIENTO PARA EL PETROLEO (a.k.a. ''ABAPET''), Havana, Cuba; Organization Established Date 21 Mar 2000; Organization Type: Wholesale of other machinery and equipment; Target Type State-Owned Enterprise; Entity Code 12127 (Cuba) [CUBA–EO14404] (Linked To: UNION CUBA PETROLEO).

Designated pursuant to Sec. 2(a)(i)(B) of Executive Order 14404 for being owned, controlled, or directed by, or having acted or purported to act for or on behalf of, directly or indirectly, UNION CUBA PETROLEO, a person whose property and interests in property are blocked pursuant to this order.

6. BANCO EXTERIOR DE CUBA, Plaza de la Revolucion, Havana, Cuba;

SWIFT/BIC BECUCUHH; website bancoexteriorcuba.cu; Organization Established Date 29 Feb 2000; Target Type Financial Institution; Entity Code 259 (Cuba) [CUBA–EO14404].

Designated pursuant to Sec. 2(a)(i)(A) of Executive Order 14404 for operating in or having operated in the financial services sector of the Cuban economy.

Hugo Y. Yon,

Senior Bureau Official, Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

[FR Doc. 2026–23898 Filed 11–23–26; 8:45 am]

BILLING CODE 4710–05–P

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration

[Docket No. FMCSA–2026–3400]

Commercial Driver's License: Nikolai Kostarev; Application for Exemption

AGENCY: Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), Department of Transportation (DOT).

ACTION: Notice of application for exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: FMCSA requests public comment on Nikolai Kostarev's application for an exemption from the non-domiciled Commercial Driver's License (CDL) eligibility provisions to allow a State to treat his evidence of granted asylum in the United States as sufficient documentation to issue or renew his CDL. The applicant requests an exemption until he receives lawful permanent resident status or for two years, whichever is earlier. FMCSA is required by statute to publish a notice explaining each exemption request. This notice does not indicate what decision FMCSA will ultimately reach on the request. After reviewing the application, safety analyses, and public comments submitted, FMCSA will grant or deny the exemption.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before December 24, 2026.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments identified by Docket Number FMCSA–2026–3400 by any of the following methods:

- *Federal eRulemaking Portal: www.regulations.gov.* See the Public Participation and Request for Comments section below for further information.
- *Mail:* Dockets Operations, U.S. Department of Transportation, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58–213, West Building, Washington, DC 20590–0001.
- *Hand Delivery or Courier:* 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58–213, West Building, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.
- *Fax:* (202) 493–2251. Each submission must include the Agency name and the docket number (FMCSA–2026–3400) for this notice. Note that DOT posts all comments received without change to *www.regulations.gov,* including any personal information included in a comment. Please see the Privacy Act heading below.

Privacy Act: In accordance with 49 U.S.C. 31315(b), DOT solicits comments from the public to better inform its exemption process. DOT posts these comments, including any personal information the commenter provides, to *www.regulations.gov,* as described in the system of records notice DOT/ALL–14 FDMS (Federal Docket Management System (FDMS)), which can be reviewed at *https://www.transportation.gov/individuals/privacy/privacy-act-system-records-notices.* The comments are posted without edit and are searchable by the name of the submitter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Richard Clemente, FMCSA Driver and Carrier Operations Division; Office of Carrier, Driver and Vehicle Safety Standards; *richard.clemente@dot.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Public Participation and Request for Comments

FMCSA encourages you to participate by submitting comments and related materials.

A. Submitting Comments

If you submit a comment, please include the docket number for this notice (FMCSA–2026–3400), indicate the specific section of this document to which the comment applies, and provide a reason for your suggestions or recommendations. You may submit your comments and material online or by fax, mail, or hand delivery, but please use only one of these means. FMCSA recommends that you include your name and a mailing address, an email address, or a phone number in the body of your document so the Agency can contact you if it has questions regarding your submission.

To submit your comment online, go to *https://www.regulations.gov/docket/FMCSA-2026-3400/document,* click on this notice, click ''Comment,'' and type your comment into the text box on the following screen.

If you submit your comments by mail or hand delivery, submit them in an unbound format, no larger than 8½ by 11 inches, suitable for copying and electronic filing.

FMCSA will consider all comments and material received during the comment period. Comments received after the comment closing date will be filed in the public docket and will be considered to the extent practicable.

B. Confidential Business Information (CBI)

CBI is commercial or financial information that is both customarily and actually treated as private by its owner. Under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552), CBI is exempt from public disclosure. If your comments responsive to the notice contain commercial or financial information that is customarily treated as private, that you actually treat as private, and that is relevant or responsive to the notice, it is important that you clearly designate the submitted comments as CBI. Please mark each page of your submission that constitutes CBI as ''PROPIN'' to indicate it contains proprietary information. FMCSA will treat such marked submissions as confidential under the Freedom of Information Act, and they will not be placed in the public docket of the notice. Submissions containing CBI should be sent to Sarah Stella, Chief, Regulatory Development Division, Office of Policy, FMCSA, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20590–0001 or via email at *sarah.stella@dot.gov.* At this time, you need not send a duplicate hardcopy of your electronic CBI submissions to FMCSA headquarters. Any comments FMCSA receives not specifically designated as CBI will be placed in the public docket for this notice.

C. Viewing Comments and Documents

To view comments, as well as any documents mentioned in this preamble as being available in the docket, go to *https://www.regulations.gov,* insert FMCSA–2026–3400 in the keyword box, select the document tab and choose the document to review. To view comments, click this notice, then click ''Browse Comments.'' If you do not have access to the internet, you may view the docket by visiting Dockets Operations in the DOT West Building, 1200 New Jersey Avenue SE, W58–213, Washington, DC 20590–0001, between 9 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

II. Legal Basis

FMCSA has authority under 49 U.S.C. 31136(e) and 31315(b) to grant exemptions from the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Regulations (FMCSRs). FMCSA must publish a notice of each exemption request in the **Federal**