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[Department of Commerce, Export Administration Regulations \(EAR\)](#)

[Department of Treasury, Office of Foreign Assets Control \(OFAC\)](#)