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Subpart A—Relation of This Part to Other Laws and Regulations

§ 591.101 Relation of this part to other laws and regulations.

This part is separate from, and independent of, the other parts of this chapter, with the exception of part 501 of this chapter, the recordkeeping and reporting requirements and license application and other procedures of which apply to this part. Actions taken pursuant to part 501 of this chapter with respect to the prohibitions contained in this part are considered actions taken pursuant to this part. Differing foreign policy and national security circumstances may result in differing interpretations of similar language among the parts of this chapter. No license or authorization contained in or issued pursuant to those other parts authorizes any transaction prohibited by this part. No license or authorization contained in or issued pursuant to any other provision of law or regulation authorizes any transaction prohibited by this part. No license or authorization contained in or issued pursuant to this part relieves the involved parties from complying with any other applicable laws or regulations.

Subpart B—Prohibitions

§ 591.201 Prohibited importation of rough diamonds.

Except to the extent provided in § 591.202 or authorized by other regulations, orders, directives, rulings, instructions, licenses or otherwise, and notwithstanding the existence of any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by any international agreement or any contract entered into or any license or permit granted prior to the effective date, the direct or indirect importation into the United States of all rough diamonds from Sierra Leone or Liberia is prohibited.

§ 591.202 Permitted importation of rough diamonds.

The prohibition in § 591.201 of the importation into the United States of rough diamonds from Sierra Leone

does not apply if the importation is controlled through the Certificate of Origin regime of the Government of Sierra Leone and the rough diamonds have not physically entered the territory of Liberia.

§ 591.203 Evasions; attempts; conspiracies.

(a) Except as otherwise authorized, and notwithstanding the existence of any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by any international agreement or any contract entered into or any license or permit granted prior to the effective date, any transaction by any United States person or within the United States on or after the effective date that evades or avoids, has the purpose of evading or avoiding, or attempts to violate any of the prohibitions set forth in this part is prohibited.

(b) Except as otherwise authorized, and notwithstanding the existence of any rights or obligations conferred or imposed by any international agreement or any contract entered into or any license or permit granted prior to the effective date, any conspiracy formed for the purpose of engaging in a transaction prohibited by this part is prohibited.

Subpart C—General Definitions

§ 591.301 Controlled through the Certificate of Origin regime of the Government of Sierra Leone.

The term *controlled through the Certificate of Origin regime of the Government of Sierra Leone* means accompanied by a Certificate of Origin or other documentation that demonstrates to the satisfaction of the United States Customs Service (or analogous officials of a United States territory or possession with its own customs administration) that the rough diamonds were legally exported from Sierra Leone with the approval of the Government of Sierra Leone.

§ 591.302 Effective date.

The term *effective date* refers to the effective date of the applicable prohibitions and directives contained in this part, which is 12:01 a.m., eastern stand-

ard time, January 19, 2001, with respect to importations of rough diamonds from Sierra Leone and which is 12:01 a.m., eastern daylight time, May 23, 2001, with respect to importations of rough diamonds from Liberia.

§ 591.303 Entity.

The term *entity* means a partnership, association, trust, joint venture, corporation, group, subgroup, or other organization.

§ 591.304 Importation into the United States.

The term *importation into the United States* means the bringing of goods into the United States.

§ 591.305 Licenses; general and specific.

(a) Except as otherwise specified, the term *license* means any license or authorization contained in or issued pursuant to this part.

(b) The term *general license* means any license or authorization the terms of which are set forth in subpart E of this part.

(c) The term *specific license* means any license or authorization not set forth in subpart E of this part but issued pursuant to this part.

NOTE TO § 591.305. See § 501.801 of this chapter on licensing procedures.

§ 591.306 Person.

The term *person* means an individual or entity.

§ 591.307 Rough diamond.

The term *rough diamond* means all unworked diamonds classifiable in heading 7102 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

§ 591.308 Rough diamonds from Sierra Leone or Liberia.

The term *rough diamonds from Sierra Leone or Liberia* means rough diamonds extracted in Sierra Leone or Liberia and rough diamonds that have physically entered the territories of Sierra Leone or Liberia, regardless of where they have been extracted.