

**§ 550.416 Imports of Libyan goods and purchases of goods from Libya.**

The prohibitions contained in § 550.209 shall not apply to the goods described in §§ 550.201 and 550.204 if the importation or purchase of such goods is either not prohibited by §§ 550.201 and 550.204 or permitted by an authorization or license issued pursuant to this part. However, any payments in connection with such imports or purchases are subject to the prohibitions contained in § 550.209.

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**§ 550.417 Letters of credit.**

(a) *Question.* Prior to 4:10 p.m. e.s.t., January 8, 1986, a bank that is a U.S. person has issued or confirmed a documentary letter of credit for the Government of Libya as account party in favor of a U.S. person. The bank does not hold funds for the Government of Libya out of which it could reimburse itself for payment under the letter of credit. The U.S. person presents documentary drafts for exports to Libya made after 4:10 p.m. e.s.t., January 8, 1986. May the bank pay the U.S. exporter against the drafts?

*Answer.* No. Such a payment is prohibited by §§ 550.206 and 550.209, as an extension of credit to the Government of Libya and a transfer of property in which there is an interest of the Government of Libya.

(b) *Question.* On the same facts as in paragraph (a), the bank holds deposits for the Government of Libya. May it pay on the letter of credit and debit the blocked funds for reimbursement?

*Answer.* No. A debit to a blocked account is prohibited by § 550.209 except as licensed.

(c) *Question.* On the same facts as in paragraph (a), the Government of Libya, after 4:10 p.m. e.s.t., January 8, 1986, transfers funds to the bank to collateralize the letter of credit for purposes of honoring the obligation to the U.S. exporter. Is the transfer authorized and may the bank pay against the draft?

*Answer.* Yes. In accordance with § 550.515, the transfer by the Government of Libya to the bank is licensed. The funds are not blocked and the bank is authorized to pay under the letter of

credit and reimburse itself from the funds.

(d) *Question.* Prior to 4:10 p.m. e.s.t., January 8, 1986, a foreign bank confirms a documentary letter of credit issued by its U.S. agency or branch for a non-Libyan account party in favor of a Libyan entity. Can the U.S. agency or branch of the foreign bank transfer funds to that foreign bank in connection with that foreign bank's payment under the letter of credit?

*Answer.* No, the payment of the U.S. agency or branch is blocked, unless the foreign bank made payment to the Libyan entity prior to 4:10 p.m. e.s.t., January 8, 1986.

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**§ 550.418 Payments from blocked accounts for U.S. exporters and other obligations prohibited.**

No debits may be made to a blocked account to pay obligations to U.S. persons or other persons, including payment for goods, technology or services exported prior to 12:01 a.m. e.s.t., February 1, 1986, except as authorized pursuant to this part.

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**§ 550.419 Acquisition of instruments, including bankers' acceptances.**

Section 550.209 prohibits the acquisition by any U.S. person of any obligation, including bankers' acceptances, in which the documents evidencing the obligation indicate, or the U.S. person has actual knowledge, that the transaction being financed covers property in which, on or after 4:10 p.m. e.s.t., January 8, 1986, the Government of Libya has an interest of any nature whatsoever.

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**§ 550.420 Indirect payments to the Government of Libya.**

The prohibition in § 550.209 on payments or transfers to the Government of Libya applies to indirect payments (including reimbursement of a non-U.S. person for payment, as, for example, on a guarantee) made after 4:10 p.m. e.s.t., January 8, 1986.

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