Cuba Sanctions Program – Travel Update

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EXPORT CONTROLS

The federal laws and regulations that have been established by the U.S. government to control:

- The export of sensitive equipment, software, and technology
- Trade and financial transactions

These controls are in place to promote national security interests and foreign policy objectives.
REGULATING AGENCIES

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

THE DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY
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U.S. Department of the Treasury
Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC)

- Sanctions Programs and Country Information
  https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/Pages/Programs.aspx

- Cuba Sanctions
  https://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/pages/cuba.aspx
12 CATEGORIES OF AUTHORIZED TRAVEL

1. Family visits;
2. Official business of the U.S. government, foreign governments, and certain intergovernmental organizations;
3. Journalistic activity;
4. PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH AND PROFESSIONAL MEETINGS;
5. EDUCATIONAL ACTIVITIES;
6. Religious activities;
7. Public performances, clinics, workshops, athletic and other competitions, and exhibitions;
8. Support for the Cuban people;
9. Humanitarian projects;
10. Activities of private foundations or research or educational institutes;
11. Exportation, importation, or transmission of information or informational materials;
12. Certain export transactions that may be considered for authorization under existing Department of Commerce regulations and guidelines with respect to Cuba or engaged in by U.S.-owned or -controlled foreign firms.
PROFESSIONAL RESEARCH & MEETINGS

GENERAL LICENSE

- Authorizes attendance at professional meetings or conferences in Cuba related to a traveler’s profession, professional background, or area of expertise.

- Schedule of activities: NO free time or recreation in excess of that consistent with a full-time schedule.

- Traveler: Retain receipts and records demonstrating a full-time schedule of authorized activities.
GENERAL LICENSE

- Authorizes faculty, staff, and students at U.S. academic institutions to engage in study abroad programs, academic exchanges, and joint non-commercial academic research.

- Includes *people-to-people* educational activities in Cuba.

- Traveler: Retain receipts and records demonstrating a full-time schedule of authorized activities.
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- President Trump wants to end *individual* people-to-people travel.

- **Individual people-to-people travel**: educational travel that does not involve academic study pursuant to a degree program, and does not take place under the auspices of an organization that is subject to U.S. jurisdiction that sponsors such exchanges to promote people-to-people contact.
CONCLUSIONS

- The announced changes do not take effect until OFAC issues the new regulations. **WHEN?? Stay tuned.**

- No changes for UCLA . . . for now.

- Travel: Contact RPC prior to traveling to Cuba (and Iran, North Korea, Sudan, and Syria)

- EPASS: If PI has intentions of traveling to Cuba, please indicate this in the Export Control section
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