Federal Web Locator. Details will be published as soon as available.

U.S. Government Printing Office's *The Federal Bulletin Board*

The U.S. Government Printing Office ("GPO") operates The Federal Bulletin Board, which can be accessed 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, by direct dialing 202/512-1387 from a modem using any communications software. Type "/GO FAC." The system detects modem speed. Access over the Internet is available using the Telnet protocol: Telnet = federal.bbs.gpo.gov 3001. (The "[space] 3001" is important as it specifies the proper "entry" port for Telnet.) User assistance is available from 7:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday by calling 202/512-1530. OFAC's information is located in a series of file libraries for downloading in ASCII, WordPerfect, and "*.PDF" or "Postscript" formats, and includes, in addition to OFAC brochures and SDN lists, the full text of OFAC sanctions regulations as published in chapter V of Title 31, Code of Federal Regulations, statutory and Executive order authority for OFAC sanctions, and every Federal Register notice, rule, or policy statement OFAC publishes. Federal Register notices are posted electronically to the Board at the same time they are printed in the Federal Register. The file libraries from which users may download information are: "FAC31CFR" (containing the most recent annual text of chapter V, Title 31, CFR), "FAC—31FR" (containing OFAC's **Federal Register** documents), "FAC-BRO" (containing all of OFAC's brochures as well as a comprehensive self-extracting "*.EXE" file of brochures and SDN lists in DOS format), "FAC-MISC" (containing press releases and special items, such as the Libyan bank chart), and "FAC-SDN" (containing the very latest releases of the master SDN lists as well as a comprehensive self-extracting "*.EXE" file of all brochures and SDN lists in DOS format). User pricing for The Federal Bulletin Board is based on the size of files downloaded. Contact the GPO for information: 202/512-1530.

U.S. Maritime Administration's Marlinespike Bulletin Board System

The U.S. Maritime Administration operates a free electronic bulletin board called "Marlinespike" which can be accessed via modem at 202/366–8505, with voice help at 202/366–9991. OFAC's brochures and SDN information can be scanned on–line or downloaded for further use.

U.S. Customs Service's Customs Electronic Bulletin Board

The U.S. Customs Service maintains a free Customs Electronic Bulletin Board geared especially toward customs house brokers. OFAC's information is available as a date–specific self–extracting DOS file ("OFAC*.EXE" in File Area #15, "Customs Extra!"). Modem access is at 703/440–6155, with voice system support at 703/440–6236.

Sources Available to Banks:

U.S. Council on International Banking ("USCIB"—headquartered in New York)

The U.S. Council on International Banking is a nationwide banking industry interest group concentrating on the international banking operations area. Member banks have free access to the USCIB's electronic bulletin board, INTERCOM. All OFAC publications, including the latest alphabetized SDN listings, are available to be downloaded from the "MAIN Conference" on INTERCOM. OFAC files can be individually downloaded by banks in camera-ready "*.PDF" format, or all of them can be transferred as a compressed self–extracting ASCII archive file called "OFAC*.EXE." In addition, OFAC announces via system bulletins all major sanctions actions as they occur.

International Banking Operations Association ("IBOA"—headquartered in Miami)

The International Banking Operations Association is a membership organization of banks in the southern United States. IBOA has a "Wildcat" bulletin board which includes, in its Regulatory Conference, a compressed self-extracting ASCII archive file called "OFAC*.EXE" containing all OFAC publications, as well as the latest SDN listings. Individual brochures may also be downloaded by users as cameraready copy in "*.PDF" format. System bulletins are posted on IBOA's board covering major sanctions actions as they occur.

Clearing House Interbank Payments System (New York Clearing House Association)

The Clearing House Interbank
Payments System "CHIPS" maintains a
special bulletin board specifically to
receive and sort OFAC SDN
information. Bankers should contact the
The New York Clearing House
Association for information. In addition,
system bulletins are electronically
transmitted to CHIPS regarding all major
sanctions actions for immediate
broadcast to members.

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency's OCC Information Line

The Office of the Comptroller of the Currency operates a special 24-hour-aday fax-on-demand service for National

banks and examiners. The computerbased system provides copies of documents from any touchtone phone by calling 202/479-0141 and following voice prompts. OCC's Communications Division may be reached at 202/874-4960. Documents regularly updated on the system include OFAC's listing of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons split alphabetically into two files, A-K and L-Z; cumulative Changes to the Listing of Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons, and OFAC's Foreign Assets Control Regulations for the Financial Community.

Bank Regulatory Agencies

OFAC provides official electronic notice regarding major sanctions actions to some 5000 on-line Fedwire depository institutions through the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The message from the New York Fed is retransmitted through each Federal Reserve District. Such messages are limited to 14 lines of 80 characters. (OFAC also distributes from time to time printed copies of important sanctions information to depository institutions throughout the United States through each of the Federal bank regulatory agencies.)

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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Special Medical Advisory Group; Notice of meeting

The Department of Veterans Affairs gives notice that a meeting of the Special Medical Advisory Group, authorized by Title 38, U.S.C., Section 7312, will be held at the Department of Veterans Affairs, Room 230, 810 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C., on August 31, 1995.

The meeting will convene at 8:30 a.m. (EST) and adjourn at approximately 4:00 p.m. (EST). The meeting will be open to the public up to the seating capacity of the room. Those wishing to attend should contact Susan Hall, Office of the Deputy Under Secretary for health, at 202–273–5813, no later than August 25.

The committee objective is to advise the Secretary of Veterans Affairs, through the Under Secretary for Health,