

Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, or the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State may authorize blocking of all property or interests in property that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are in or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person, of any foreign person upon determining that the person is or has been a leader or official of any entity, including any government entity, that has engaged in, or whose members have engaged in, developing, adopting, or implementing the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Administrative Region (the "National Security Law").

The Secretary of State has determined, pursuant to section 4(a)(iii)(A) of E.O. 13936, that Wang Chen, Cao Jianming, Zhang Chunxian, Shen Yueyue, Ji Bingxuan, Arken Imirbaki, Wan Exiang, Chen Du, Wang Dongming, Padma Choling, Ding Zhongli, Hao Mingjin, Cai Dafeng, and Wu Weihua, are or have been leaders or officials of an entity, including any government entity, that has engaged in, or whose members have engaged in, developing, adopting, or implementing, the National Security Law, and has approved the Department of Treasury adding them to the Specially Designated and Blocked Persons List (SDN List). All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these individuals are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

Peter Haas,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 11329]

Notice of Department of State Sanctions Actions on Hong Kong Normalization.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of State has imposed sanctions on four individuals pursuant to Executive Order 13936, the President's Executive Order on Hong Kong Normalization.

DATES: The Secretary of State's determination regarding the four individuals identified in the

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION section was effective on November 9, 2020.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Taylor Ruggles, Director, Office of Economic Sanctions Policy and Implementation, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, tel.: (202) 647 7677, email: RugglesTV@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 4(a)(iii)(A) of E.O. 13936 the Secretary of State, in consultation with the Secretary of the Treasury, or the Secretary of the Treasury, in consultation with the Secretary of State may authorize blocking of all property or interests in property that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are in or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person, of any foreign person upon determining that the person is or has been a leader or official of any entity, including any government entity, that has engaged in, or whose members have engaged in, developing, adopting, or implementing the Law of the People's Republic of China on Safeguarding National Security in the Hong Kong Administrative Region (the "National Security Law"), or in actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, stability, or autonomy of Hong Kong.

The Secretary of State has determined, pursuant to section 4(a)(iii)(A) of E.O. 13936, that Li Jiangzhou, Edwina Lau, and Steve Li Kwai-Wah are or have been leaders or officials of entities, including any government entity, that have engaged in, or whose members have engaged in, developing, adopting, or implementing the National Security Law, and approved the Department of the Treasury adding them to the Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Person List (SDN List). All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these individuals are blocked, and U.S. persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

The Secretary of State has determined that Deng Zhonghua is or has been a leader or official of an entity, including any government entity, that has engaged in, or whose members have engaged in, actions or policies that threaten the peace, security, stability or autonomy of Hong Kong, pursuant to section 4(a)(iii)(A) of E.O. 13936, and approved OFAC adding him to the SDN List. All property and interests in property subject to U.S. jurisdiction of these individuals are blocked, and U.S.

persons are generally prohibited from engaging in transactions with them.

Peter Haas,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Economic and Business Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11331]

Imposition of Nonproliferation Measures Against Foreign Persons, Including a Ban on U.S. Government Procurement

AGENCY: Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: A determination has been made that a number of foreign persons have engaged in activities that warrant the imposition of measures pursuant to the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act. The Act provides for penalties on foreign entities and individuals for the transfer to or acquisition from Iran since January 1, 1999; the transfer to or acquisition from Syria since January 1, 2005; or the transfer to or acquisition from North Korea since January 1, 2006, of goods, services, or technology controlled under multilateral control lists (Missile Technology Control Regime, Australia Group, Chemical Weapons Convention, Nuclear Suppliers Group, Wassenaar Arrangement) or otherwise having the potential to make a material contribution to the development of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) or cruise or ballistic missile systems. The latter category includes (a) items of the same kind as those on multilateral lists but falling below the control list parameters when it is determined that such items have the potential of making a material contribution to WMD or cruise or ballistic missile systems, (b) items on U.S. national control lists for WMD/missile reasons that are not on multilateral lists, and (c) other items with the potential of making such a material contribution when added through case-by-case decisions.

DATES: Effective January 13, 2021.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: On general issues: Pam Durham, Office of Missile, Biological, and Chemical Nonproliferation, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State, Telephone (202) 647-4930. For U.S. Government procurement ban issues:

Eric Moore, Office of the Procurement Executive, Department of State, Telephone: (703) 875-4079.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On January 13, 2021, the U.S. Government applied the measures authorized in Section 3 of the Iran, North Korea, and Syria Nonproliferation Act (Pub. L. 109-353) against the following foreign persons identified in the report submitted pursuant to Section 2(a) of the Act:

Ningbo Vet Energy Technology Co., Ltd. (China) and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof;

Ningbo Zhongjun International Trade Co., Ltd. (NBZJ) (China) and any successor, sub-unit, or subsidiary thereof;

Rim Ryong Nam [DPRK Munitions Industry Department (MID) Official] (North Korean individual in China).

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 3 of the Act, the following measures are imposed on these persons:

1. No department or agency of the U.S. government may procure or enter into any contract for the procurement of any goods, technology, or services from these foreign persons, except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine;

2. No department or agency of the U.S. government may provide any assistance to these foreign persons, and these persons shall not be eligible to participate in any assistance program of the U.S. government, except to the extent that the Secretary of State otherwise may determine;

3. No U.S. government sales to these foreign persons of any item on the United States Munitions List are permitted, and all sales to these persons of any defense articles, defense services, or design and construction services under the Arms Export Control Act are terminated; and

4. No new individual licenses shall be granted for the transfer to these foreign persons of items the export of which is controlled under the Export Control Reform Act of 2018 or the Export Administration Regulations, and any existing such licenses are suspended.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible departments and agencies of the U.S. government and will remain in place for two years from the effective date, except to the extent that the Secretary of State may subsequently determine otherwise.

Gonzalo O. Suarez,
Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary,
International Security and Nonproliferation.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 11332]

Republic of Cuba Designation as a State Sponsor of Terrorism (SST)

In accordance with section 6(j)(1) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. App. 2405(j)), and as continued in effect by Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001, section 620A(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, Public Law 87-195, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2371(c)), and section 40(f) of the Arms Export Control Act, Public Law 90-629, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2780(f)), I hereby determine that the Republic of Cuba has repeatedly provided support for acts of international terrorism.

This notice shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 12, 2021.

Michael R. Pompeo,
Secretary of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36480]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Temporary Trackage Rights Exemption—BNSF Railway Company

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP), a Class I railroad, has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1180.2(d)(8) for the acquisition of temporary overhead trackage rights over an approximately 51.7-mile rail line of BNSF Railway Company (BNSF) between milepost 579.3 on BNSF's Creek Subdivision near Mill Creek, Okla., and milepost 631.0 on BNSF's Madill Subdivision near Joe Junction, Tex., pursuant to the terms of a written temporary trackage rights agreement dated December 31, 2020 (Agreement).¹

UP states that the sole purpose of the temporary trackage rights is to allow UP to move loaded and empty unit ballast trains, which will be used solely for UP maintenance-of-way projects. UP states that the temporary trackage rights will expire on December 31, 2021.

The transaction may be consummated on or after February 7, 2021, the effective date of the exemption (30 days after the verified notice was filed).

As a condition to this exemption, any employees affected by the acquisition of the temporary trackage rights will be protected by the conditions imposed in

¹ A copy of the Agreement was filed with the verified notice.

Norfolk & Western Railway—Trackage Rights—Burlington Northern, Inc., 354 I.C.C. 605 (1978), as modified in *Mendocino Coast Railway—Lease & Operate—California Western Railroad*, 360 I.C.C. 653 (1980), and any employees affected by the discontinuance of those trackage rights will be protected by the conditions set out in *Oregon Short Line Railroad—Abandonment Portion Goshen Branch Between Firth & Ammon, in Bingham & Bonneville Counties, Idaho*, 360 I.C.C. 91 (1979).

If the verified notice contains false or misleading information, the exemption is void ab initio. Petitions to revoke the exemption under 49 U.S.C. 10502(d) may be filed at any time. The filing of a petition to revoke will not automatically stay the effectiveness of the exemption. Petitions for stay must be filed no later than January 29, 2021 (at least seven days before the exemption becomes effective).

All pleadings, referring to Docket No. FD 36480, should be filed with the Surface Transportation Board via e-filing on the Board's website. In addition, a copy of each pleading must be served on UP's representative, Jeremy Berman, Union Pacific Railroad Company, 1400 Douglas Street, Stop 1580, Omaha, NE 68179.

According to UP, this action is categorically excluded from environmental review under 49 CFR 1105.6(c) and from historic preservation reporting requirements under 49 CFR 1105.8(b).

Board decisions and notices are available at www.stb.gov.

Decided: January 14, 2021.

By the Board, Allison C. Davis, Director,
Office of Proceedings.

Brendetta Jones,
Clearance Clerk.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. FD 36466]

San Joaquin Valley Railroad Co.— Lease and Operation Exemption Including Interchange Commitment— Union Pacific Railroad Company

San Joaquin Valley Railroad Co. (SJVR), a Class III railroad, filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1150.41 to continue to lease from Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) and operate 101.5 miles of rail lines (the Lines), specifically: (1) The Westside Branch (Lower Los Banos) from Oxalis, Cal., milepost 159.9 to milepost 181.9,