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OFFICE OF FOREIGN ASSETS CONTROL

Russian Harmful Foreign Activities Sanctions Regulations 31 CFR part 587

GENERAL LICENSE NO. 25A

Authorizing Transactions Related to Telecommunications and Certain Internet-Based Communications

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