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Easing of Restrictions – Effective January 16th, 2015

There is NO TOURISM allowed to travel to Cuba. Passengers may travel if they fall under 12 categories identified by the Office of Foreign Assets Control – US Treasury Department. Under all Categories, the traveler will certify they will be going for full time activities under the category and will keep all travel records for five (5) years. The categories are:

1. Family Visits – Visiting Close Family relative who is
 - a. Related by blood, marriage or adoption, no more than three generations from the US persons or their common ancestors; and
 - b. Any one of the following:
 - i. National of Cuba
 - ii. Person ordinarily resident in Cuba
 - iii. Person located in Cuba for extended time either for educational activities in Cuba for more than 60 days, or person located in Cuba under the general license for official government business.
2. Official business of the US Government, foreign government, and certain intergovernmental organizations
3. Journalistic Activity
 - a. Regularly employed as journalist by a news reporting organization
 - b. Regularly employed as supporting broadcast or technical personnel
 - c. Freelance journalist with a record of previous journalistic experience working on freelance journalistic project
 - d. Broadcast or technical personnel with a record of previous broadcast or technical experience support freelance journalist.
4. Professional Research and Professional Meetings
 - a. Research directly related to the traveler's profession or professional background
 - b. Professional meeting is not for the promotion of tourism
 - c. Purpose of the meeting directly relates to the traveler's professional background
5. Educational Activities
 - a. Persons subject to US jurisdiction, including US academic institutions, their faculty, staff and students who travel for:
 - i. Participation in a structured education program of a course offered for credit by US graduate or undergraduate degree.
 - ii. Non-commercial academic research for the purpose of obtaining an undergraduate or graduate degree.

- iii. Participation in formal course in Cuban academic institution which be accepted for credit in US graduate or undergraduate degree.
 - iv. Teaching at Cuban academic institution
 - v. Educational exchanges sponsored by Cuban or US secondary schools, involving secondary school students in a formal course of study.
 - vi. Sponsorship or co-sponsorship of noncommercial academic seminars, conferences or workshops.
 - vii. Preparation and organization of activities identified above.
- b. People to People travel – sponsored by an organization that sponsors such exchanges to promote people to people exchange. Accompanied by an employee or paid consultant of the organization sponsoring the people to people exchange
6. Religious Activities
- a. Members and staff of religious organizations located in the US.
7. Public performances, clinics, workshops, athletic and other competitions and exhibitions
- a. Athletic competition under the auspices of the international sports federation.
 - b. US participants in the athletic competition are selected by the US Federation for the relevant sport
 - c. Participation in public performance – where the event is open for attendance, all US profits from the event are donated to an independent nongovernmental organization in Cuba or US based charity.
 - d. Any clinic or workshops in Cuba must be organized and run, at least in part, by the authorized traveler
8. Support for the Cuban People – activities to work with
- a. Recognized human rights organizations
 - b. Independent organizations which promote a peaceful transition to democracy
 - c. Strengthen civil society in Cuba
9. Humanitarian Projects – support of medical and health related projects; construction projects; environmental projects; projects for formal or non-formal educational training on entrepreneurship and business, civil education, journalism, adult literacy, vocational skills, projects suitable for development of small-scale private enterprise, projects related to agricultural and rural development, micro financing projects, except for loans or other financing which is prohibited.
10. Activities for private foundations or research or educational institutes – with an established interest in international relations to collect information for noncommercial purpose
11. Exportation, importation, or transmission of information or informational materials. – Travel in support of exportation activities which are approved.
12. Exportation of BIS Authorized or Licensed Goods. Certain export transactions that may be considered for authorization under existing Department of Commerce regulations and guidelines in respect with Cuba or engaged in by US owned or controlled foreign firms.

Attached is our Travel Affidavit that each passenger traveling to Cuba is required to sign at the time of purchasing your airfare to Cuba. For more information visit the OFAC website at <http://www.treasury.gov/resource-center/sanctions/Programs/pages/cuba.aspx>





TRAVEL AFFIDAVIT

I understand that, under current United States travel restrictions with respect to Cuba, travel-related transactions are prohibited except for the following categories and that by signing my name at the bottom of this Affidavit, I am declaring that I fall under the category I have checked below.

Family Visit (A4-561):

- I am traveling to visit a close relative in Cuba, who is (i) a Cuban national, (ii) Resident in Cuba, (iii) Person authorized to be located in Cuba for extended time period of time, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.561.

Government Official (A1-562):

- I am a U.S. or foreign government official or a representative of an international organization of which the United States is a member, and I am traveling on official business, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.562.

Journalist (A2-563):

- I am regularly employed as a journalist by a news reporting organization, or I am regularly employed as supporting broadcast / technical person, or freelance journalist or technical person supporting freelance; traveling to Cuba to engage in journalistic activities, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.563.

Full-time Professional-Research or Professional Meetings (A5-564)

- I am a full-time professional whose travel transactions are directly related to non-commercial, academic research in my full-time professional area, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.564, or
- Attending a professional meeting or conference in Cuba. The purpose of the meeting or conference is not to promote tourism. , which complies with the regulations identified in §515.564.

Educational Activities (A11/A12-565):

- I am a faculty member, staff person, or student of an accredited U.S. graduate and undergraduate degree-participating in a structured education program of a course offered for credit; or academic research for obtaining undergraduate or graduate degree; or participating in formal course in Cuba; or teaching at Cuban academic institution; or sponsor/co-sponsor of noncommercial academic seminars/conference/workshops; or preparation of any of the activities listed, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.565. (a)
- People to People exchange – which is sponsored by an organization that sponsors such exchanges, and accompanied by a full-time employee or consultant from the sponsoring organization, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.565 (b)

Religious Organization (A10-566):

- I am a member or staff of a U.S. religious organization, and my travel is for participation in a full-time program of religious activities in Cuba which complies with the regulations identified in §515.566

Public performances, clinics workshops, athletic and other competitions and exhibitions (A14-567):

- I am a participant or staff of a U.S. organization, and my travel is for participation in a full-time program of Public performance; or Athletic competition; or clinics/workshops, or other competitions and exhibits that meet the regulations identified in §515.567

Support for the Cuban People (A15-574):

- I traveling to Cuba to perform activities with recognized human rights organizations; or independent organizations which promote a peaceful transition to democracy ; or to perform activities which strengthen civil society in Cuba, , which complies with the regulations identified in §515.74.

Humanitarian Projects (A16-575)

- I am traveling to Cuba for a humanitarian reasons for medical/health related projects; construction projects; environmental projects, educational training, , which complies with the regulations identified in §515.575.

Private foundations or Research/Education Institutes (A17-576):

- I am traveling to Cuba with a US foundation/institution established interest is international relations to collect information for non-commercial use, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.576.

Exportation, importation, or transmission of informational materials (A18-578):

- I am traveling in conjunction with exportation/importation activities, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.578.

Exportation transactions authorized under US Commerce Department (A19-578):

- I am traveling to Cub in conjunction to authorized exportation transactions authorized by the US Commerce Department, which complies with the regulations identified in §515.578.

Name: _____
Home Address: _____

Date of Birth: _____ Tel: _____
City/State/Zip: _____

I certify that the above information is true and correct. _____ Date _____

Affidavit and Documents Reviewed/Screened by Travel Service Provider (TSP):
