<u>Press Releases: State Department</u> <u>Updates the Cuba Restricted List</u>

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As part of the Trump Administration's efforts to prevent U.S. funds from reaching the Cuban military, intelligence, and security services, the State Department is adding 26 subentities to the Cuba Restricted List, including 16 hotels owned by the Cuban military. The Department is also updating the names of five already listed subentities to ensure they remain current. The changes take effect Thursday, November 15, 2018. The Department will continue to update the list periodically, in accordance with the June 2017 National Security Presidential Memorandum *Strengthening the Policy of the United States Toward Cuba*. The Federal Register will publish the update, and the list will be available on the Department's website <u>here</u>.

The Cuba Restricted List contains entities and subentities controlled by the Cuban military, intelligence, and security services or personnel. Direct financial transactions with these entities and subentities are generally prohibited because they would disproportionately benefit those services or personnel at the expense of the Cuban people or private enterprise in Cuba. For more information on the Cuba Restricted List, please refer to Treasury regulations at 31 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) part 515, <u>here</u>, and to Commerce regulations at 15 CFR parts 730-774, <u>here</u>.

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