

*Periodic Report on the National Emergency  
With Respect to the Threat of Foreign Interference in United States Elections*

I hereby report to the Congress on developments and expenditures relating to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2018, with respect to the threat of foreign interference in United States elections. In accordance with section 204(c) of the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (IEEPA), 50 U.S.C. 1703(c), this report covers actions taken in the exercise of national emergency authorities under IEEPA, and implementing regulations set forth at 31 C.F.R. part 579 (the Foreign Interference in U.S. Elections Sanctions Regulations). It also covers expenses that are directly attributable to the exercise of those authorities, in accordance with section 401(c) of the National Emergencies Act (NEA), 50 U.S.C. 1641(c).

IEEPA Reporting (from February 18, 2020, through July 20, 2020)

1. On July 15, 2020, The Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) designated three individuals and five entities directly involved in furthering Yevgeniy Prigozhin's operations in Sudan and assisting his ability to evade sanctions pursuant to the authorities referenced above. Prigozhin is the financier of the Internet Research Agency (IRA), the Russian troll farm that was designated by OFAC in 2018. Prigozhin is also believed to be the financier behind Private Military Company (PMC) Wagner, a designated Russian Ministry of Defense proxy force.

2. OFAC closed two licensing cases (which may take the form of specific licenses, license amendments, "return-without-action" letters, general information letters, interpretive guidance letters, denial letters, closed without determination letters, or withdrawals), and received a report of the blocking of seven transactions totaling approximately \$160,000, pursuant to the authorities referenced above.

3. OFAC has discussed this program during its numerous outreach events to the financial, securities, and international trade communities. Details of this program are available on the Department of the Treasury's website.

NEA Reporting (from March 12, 2020, through September 11, 2020)

4. The expenses incurred by the federal government that are directly attributable to the exercise of powers and authorities conferred by the declaration of a national emergency with respect to the threat of foreign interference in United States elections are reported to be approximately \$380,000, most of which represent wage and salary costs for federal personnel. Personnel costs were largely centered in the Department of the Treasury, the Department of State, and the Department of Justice. This amount reflects only costs associated with the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13848 of September 12, 2018, and does not include any costs incurred pursuant to the national emergency declared in Executive Order 13694 of April 1, 2015, with respect to significant malicious cyber-enabled activities.

I shall continue to report periodically to the Congress on significant developments as required by law.



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