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**SUBJECT: List of Restricted Countries – Prohibition of U.S. Assistance and Financing**

**TO: All Program Participants**

This program notice supplants the program notice entitled “List of Restricted Countries” published on May 13, 2013. This program notice is effective immediately.

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**BACKGROUND:** Based on U.S. foreign policy and national security goals, the U.S. Government implements various economic sanctions and trade embargoes against targeted foreign countries and regimes. The Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) periodically updates this program notice to inform all Participants in the Foreign Market Development Program (FMD), the Market Access Program (MAP), the Emerging Markets Program (EMP), the Quality Samples Program (QSP), and the Technical Assistance for Specialty Crops Program (TASC) that no activities funded under the FMD, MAP, EMP, QSP, or TASC may be conducted in any country that appears on the following restricted list.

**POLICY:** Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) funds may not be used for any market development or export promotion activities in the following countries or regions:

Crimea Region of Ukraine  
Cuba  
Iran  
North Korea  
Sudan  
Syria

Expenditures on any activities conducted by Participants in these restricted countries using private funds cannot be counted as contributions towards CCC funded programs. Therefore, expenditure data in these countries should not be reported in any FAS or CCC financial reporting.

**AUTHORITY:** Section 7207(a)(1) of the Trade Sanctions Reform and Export Enhancement Act of 2000 (22 USC 7207) states, “Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no United States Government assistance, including United States foreign assistance, United States export assistance, and any United States credit or guarantees shall be available for exports to Cuba or for commercial exports to Iran, Libya, North Korea, or Sudan.” This provision does not apply to the Republic of South Sudan. In 2004, this prohibition was waived for Libya.

In 2011, Executive Order 13582 significantly expanded U.S. sanctions on Syria by blocking new investment in Syria and prohibiting the direct or indirect exportation, re-exportation, sale, or supply of any services to Syria from the United States or by a U.S. person, wherever located.

In 2014, Executive Order 13685 imposed similar sanctions on the Crimea Region of Ukraine.

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