

**FEDERAL RESERVE BANK  
OF DALLAS**

Dallas, Texas, September 4, 1941

**To All Banking Institutions, and Others Concerned,  
in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District:**

The Secretary of the Treasury has issued the following general license:

“GENERAL LICENSE NO. 72, UNDER EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 8389 of April 10, 1940, as amended, and Regulations issued pursuant thereto, relating to transactions in foreign exchange, etc.\*

(1) A general license is hereby granted authorizing (i) the filing in the United States Patent Office of applications for letters patent for inventions and designs, and the prosecution of such applications, in which any national of any blocked country has at any time on or since the effective date of the Order had any interest, and (ii) the receipt of letters patent issued pursuant to any such application, provided the following terms and conditions are complied with:

- (a) The person filing or prosecuting any such application, or acting as attorney or agent in connection therewith, shall notify the United States Patent Office in writing that the application is being filed and prosecuted pursuant to this general license; and
- (b) Upon notification by the United States Patent Office that letters patent will be issued and at least twenty days before the payment to such office of the final fee therefor, there shall be filed directly with the Treasury Department a report on Form TFR-172, setting forth, under oath, the information called for therein.

(2) This general license shall also authorize any person who is not a national of any blocked country:

- (a) To file and prosecute applications for letters patent in any blocked country;
- (b) To receive letters patent granted pursuant to any such application; and
- (c) To pay fees currently due to the government of any blocked country, either directly or through an attorney or representative located abroad, for the filing of any such application, and for the granting and maintenance of any patent.

Domestic banks are authorized to effect the payments referred to in (c) and to establish and maintain free dollar accounts if necessary, and only to the extent necessary, to effect such payments. Domestic banks are not authorized to establish or maintain free dollar accounts in cases where such payments may be effected in the manner prescribed in (a) or (b) of General License No. 32, as amended. All banks effecting any such payments shall satisfy themselves that the foregoing terms and conditions are complied with.

(3) All persons engaging in any of the transactions authorized by (a) or (b) under (2) above shall file promptly with the appropriate Federal Reserve Bank reports setting forth the details of such transactions.

(4) With respect to each payment authorized by (c) under (2) above, reports on Form TFR-132 shall be executed and filed in the manner and form and under the conditions described in General License No. 32, as amended, except that item No. 6 of such form shall be left blank and the originating bank shall indicate on the reverse side of such form:

- (a) The specific purpose for which such payment is made;
- (b) Whether or not an application for a patent has been filed in, or a patent has been issued by, the United States Patent Office, covering the invention or design involved; and
- (c) If such application has been filed in, or such patent issued by, the United States Patent Office, the number thereof.

(5) This general license does not authorize any assignment, grant, encumbrance, creation of a license, or execution of any agreement or arrangement of, under, or with respect to any patent, application therefor, license thereunder, or interest therein, in which any blocked country or national thereof has, on or since the effective date of the Order, had any interest, or any other transaction not specifically authorized by this general license.

E. H. FOLEY, JR.  
Acting Secretary of the Treasury ”

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\*Part 131—Sec. 5(b), 40 Stat. 415 and 966; Sec. 2, 48 Stat. 1; 54 Stat. 179; Ex. Order 8389, April 10, 1940, as amended by Ex. Order 8785, June 14, 1941, and Ex. Order 8832, July 26, 1941; Regulations, April 10, 1940, as amended June 14, 1941, and July 26, 1941.

Yours very truly,

R. R. GILBERT

President