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The Treasury Department announced today that it is prepared, in appropriate cases, to grant licenses for payments from blocked accounts in this country to creditors of business organizations and individuals in France, Belgium, and other liberated countries of Europe with which postal communication has been restored.

It was stated that, in general, an application for such a license should be supported by a payment instruction or other acknowledgment by the debtor executed after the date when the restrictions of General Ruling No. 11 were completely lifted on communications with the country where the debtor is located. If an application is based on a court judgment, evidence should be submitted that the debtor has received actual notice of the proceedings and has had a reasonable opportunity to appear.

Today's announcement does not apply to claims on persons in any country against which the United States has declared war.