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On May 18, the Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) issued General License 1B "Authorizing Transactions Involving Securities of Certain Communist Chinese Military Companies"[1] with respect to Executive Order 13959 of November 12, 2020, Addressing the Threat From Securities Investments That Finance Communist Chinese Military Companies, as Amended.[2]

General License 1B extends the authorization to transact in securities related to non-listed subsidiaries of Communist Chinese Military Companies (CCMCs) with a closely matching name of a listed CCMC until June 11, 2021. This authorization was set to expire on May 27 under General License 1A. This means that there is no need to restrict securities related to entities that may have been identified on various lists as being "closely matching" subsidiaries until June 11, 2021.

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endnotes

[1] General License 1B is available at

https://home.treasury.gov/system/files/126/ccmc_gl1b.pdf.

[2] Executive Order 13959 is available at

https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-addressing-thre at-securities-investments-finance-communist-chinese-military-companies/, and amendments to it are available at

https://trumpwhitehouse.archives.gov/presidential-actions/executive-order-amending-executive-order-13959-addressing-threat-securities-investments-finance-communist-chinese-military-companies/.

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