



A Non-Profit, Mutual-Benefit Corporation

Requirements of Membership Policy

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ONVIF

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ONVIF (“Forum”) is committed to adhering to the laws and regulations of the state and country where ONVIF is incorporated and does business, including with respect to economic sanctions and export control restrictions. The Requirements of Membership Policy aims to document additional “Conditions of Membership” above and beyond those stated in the ONVIF Rules of Membership, that are required by the rules and regulations of ONVIF’s state and country of incorporation and any other applicable laws and regulations with respect to international trade obligations.

Statement of Policy

ONVIF will not allow membership from companies that are incorporated in locations subject to comprehensive economic sanctions (“Embargoed Locations”). Other locations may be subject to significant, although not comprehensive, economic sanctions restrictions (“Significant Sanction Locations”). Companies incorporated in Significant Sanction Locations may be subject to additional restrictions in order to ensure that ONVIF complies with applicable economic sanctions and export control restrictions. Finally, ONVIF will carefully screen against Restricted Party Lists and consult with ONVIF legal counsel before allowing membership from companies that are identified on any Restricted Party List.

The fact that an applying company has affiliated companies that are incorporated in Embargoed Locations or Significant Sanction Locations, or are identified on Restricted Party Lists does not imply that such company’s application for membership should be declined. However, if ONVIF has any knowledge of such affiliated companies, ONVIF may consult with ONVIF legal counsel and require the applicant to undertake additional obligations.

“*Embargoed Locations*” are defined as the trade embargoes imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by (i) the United States, (ii) the United Nations Security Council, (iii) the European Union, (iv) the United Kingdom, and (v) any other country in which ONVIF may operate. As of September 13, 2023, the Embargoed Locations include Cuba, Iran, North Korea, Syria, and the Crimea, Donetsk, and Luhansk regions of Ukraine. The list of Embargoed Locations will need to be updated from time to time, as countries subject to embargoes and export restrictions may change over time.

“*Significant Sanction Locations*” are defined as locations subject to significant, but not comprehensive economic sanctions imposed, administered or enforced from time to time by (i) the United States, (ii) the United Nations Security Council, (iii) the European Union, (iv) the United Kingdom, and (v) any other country in which ONVIF may operate. As of September 13, 2023, those locations are Belarus, Russia, and Venezuela.

“*Restricted Party List*” is defined as any party who is the target of economic sanctions, including by virtue of being (i) listed on any sanctions-related list of designated or blocked persons or (ii) 50% or more owned (in the aggregate) or controlled by the foregoing or a party incorporated in or ordinarily resident in an Embargoed Locations.

Procedure

Process for Accepting New Members:

Applicants from Embargoed Locations will be immediately rejected. For all other applicants, the ONVIF Steering Committee (“SC”) will review applications for membership during the regular monthly Steering Committee meetings. The SC will screen remaining applicants against Restricted Party Lists by using the Consolidated Screening List, found at <https://www.trade.gov/data-visualization/csl-search>, and any other restricted party screening tool the SC deems appropriate. In the event that an applicant is identified on a Restricted Party List or otherwise incorporated in a Significant Sanctions Location, the SC will ask the Executive Director (“ED”) to send the applicant an ownership screening questionnaire, and then after it is returned, consult with ONVIF Legal Counsel for a recommendation on whether to accept the application for membership. The ED will relay the Legal Counsel’s response to the SC and the SC will decide accordingly.

Process for Reviewing Status of Existing Members:

If and when a new location becomes an Embargoed Location or a Significant Sanction Location, the ED shall review the list of members and the locations each is from. If a member is from an Embargoed Location, then the Steering Committee should be notified and that member’s membership should be immediately terminated. If a member is located in a Significant Sanction Location or becomes identified on a Restricted Party List, the ED shall notify the SC, which will determine whether additional action is required, consulting with ONVIF Legal Counsel as necessary.

Compliance with International Trade Laws

ONVIF members shall not cause ONVIF to violate international trade laws, including export controls and economic sanctions restrictions. Among other appropriate steps, members shall not rely on employees physically located, or ordinarily resident, in Embargoed Locations to participate in ONVIF activities.

The Forum reserves the right to modify or amend this policy at any time.