

Cuban Import Bans Slowly Dissipating in U.S.



Washington, February 16 (RHC)-- U.S. President Barack Obama's administration has announced it would allow small private Cuban businesses to sell goods to U.S. entities, according to France Press news agency.

Americans can now import anything produced by Cuban entrepreneurs, except for food and agricultural products, alcohol, tobacco products, minerals, chemicals, textiles, machinery, electrical equipment, vehicles, aircraft and other vessels, as well as arms and ammunition, according to a list produced by the U.S. State Department.

The State Department published on February 13th its "Section 515.582 List," which characterizes goods and services produced by independent Cuban entrepreneurs that may be imported into the United States, which is authorized by the U.S. Treasury Department's Cuban Assets Control Regulations, and will be updated periodically. The list can be found at: <http://www.state.gov/e/eb/tfs/spi/cuba/515582/237471.htm>

In order to export their products or services to the U.S., Cuban entrepreneurs must obtain from local authorities evidence certifying they are a "private entity that is not owned or controlled in whole or in part by the Cuban government," the U.S. State Department said.

The goods are subjects to tariffs, taxes and other fees for importation into the United States.



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