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Dear Members,

I hope you are well. We continue to have calls with the new administration and stakeholders on the U.S.-Cuba bilateral relationship. As you may know, the Biden administration recently renewed Cuba's status as a country "not cooperating with antiterrorism efforts." This designation is renewed annually - it is possible that it was simply an automatic renewal as the administration awaits the various policy reviews currently being conducted.

The U.S.-Cuba Business Council is finalizing its policy recommendations that will likely be submitted to the administration next month. Member companies have received a draft of the document.

Please feel free to reach out to me if you have any questions.

Warm regards,

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Key Alerts

- [U.S. Secretary of State Blinken's Message to the Cuban People on Cuba Independence Day](#) (May 20, 2021)
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- **Cuba remains a country "not cooperating with antiterrorism efforts"**
The State Department published on May 25 the updated list of countries not cooperating with antiterrorism efforts pursuant to section 40A of the Arms Export Control Act. Cuba remains on this list and on the more notorious State Sponsored of Terrorism list based on section 1754(c) of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019. This is the first major formal positioning of the Biden administration regarding Cuba. Meanwhile, various departments are still conducting their Cuba policy review. You may find the Federal Register notice [here](#).
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- **U.S. Agricultural Trade with Cuba: Current Limitations and Future Prospects (May 14, 2021)**

CRS just published a new report on U.S. agricultural trade with Cuba. The report can be accessed [here](#).

Recent Federal Register Notices

Determination and Certification of Countries Not Cooperating Fully With Antiterrorism Efforts

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/05/25/2021-10948/determination-and-certification-of-countries-not-cooperating-fully-with-antiterrorism-efforts>

Emergency Presidential Determination on Refugee Admissions for Fiscal Year 2021

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/04/22/2021-08545/emergency-presidential-determination-on-refugee-admissions-for-fiscal-year-2021>

Expansion of Certain End-Use and End-User Controls and Controls on Specific Activities of U.S. Persons; Corrections; and Burma Sanctions

<https://www.federalregister.gov/documents/2021/04/09/2021-07357/expansion-of-certain-end-use-and-end-user-controls-and-controls-on-specific-activities-of-us-persons>

U.S. Government Stakeholders

[OFAC Cuba Sanctions and Recent Actions](#)
[BIS Cuba page](#)
[State Department Travel Advisory – Cuba](#)
[U.S. Embassy in Cuba](#)
[CBP Cuba - Travel](#)
[DOS Cuba Prohibited Accommodations List](#)

Cuba Government Stakeholders

Statement by Miguel M. Díaz-Canel Bermúdez, president of the Republic of Cuba, at the videoconference of the Supreme Eurasian Economic Council:

<http://www.minrex.gob.cu/en/statement-miguel-m-diaz-canel-bermudez-president-republic-cuba-videoconference-supreme-eurasian> (May 2021)

What We're Reading

- [Our View: Minnesota could cash in on Cuba trade | Duluth News Tribune](#)
- [Cuba Bets Big on Its Own Vaccines as Covid Surges | Bloomberg News](#)
- [Cuba remains on list of countries that don't help the U.S. fight terrorism | Miami Herald](#)
- [Coronavirus slashes sugar harvest, piles on economic woes | NASDAQ](#)

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