EXHIBIT A

RIVERO MESTRE

August 6, 2019

Expedia, Inc.
ATTN: Legal Department
333 108th Ave NE
Bellevue, WA 98004

Re: Notice of Intent to Commence Action Against Expedia, Inc., under 22 U.S.C. § 6082

To Whom it May Concern:

This firm represents Diego Trinidad and the Trinidad family ("The Trinidad Family"). In accordance with 22 U.S.C. § 6082(a)(3), this letter serves as notice of the Trinidad family's intent to commence a class action against Expedia, Inc. ("Expedia") under 22 U.S.C. § 6082.

The Trinidad Family intends to sue Expedia because it has trafficked in property, as those terms are defined in 22 U.S.C. § 6023, confiscated by the Cuban government from The Trinidad Family. Expedia has benefited, and continues to benefit, from The Trinidad Family's property (the "Property"). Specifically, Expedia actively solicited persons to book reservations at the hotels built on the Property, and other properties owned by class members, on its website and ultimately profited from those reservations. The Trinidad Family intends to bring a class action on behalf of all persons similarly situated.

The Trinidad Family demands that Expedia cease trafficking in their Property, and that of the class, immediately and compensate them as provided in 22 U.S.C. § 6082(a).

Very truly yours,

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text, or, at a minimum, an outline of comments they proposed to make orally. Such comments will be limited to ten minutes in length. Any interested person also may file a written statement for consideration by the Joint Board and Committee by sending it to the Committee Management Officer. Notifications and statements should be mailed no later than June 19, 1996, to Mr. Robert I. Brauer, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries, c/o Office of Director of Practice, Internal Revenue Service, Suite 600, 801 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20004 or by facsimile transmission to 202–376–1420.

Dated: May 9, 1996.

Robert I. Brauer,

Advisory Committee Management Officer, Joint Board for the Enrollment of Actuaries.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

[AG Order No. 2029–96]

Summary of the Provisions of Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996

AGENCY: Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the requirement of section 302(a)(8) of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, The United States Department of Justice is publishing this notice summarizing the provisions of Title III of the Act. Title III makes persons who knowingly and intentionally "traffic" in confiscated properties, as defined in the Act, subject to private civil damage suits in Federal district court.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This notice is effective May 17, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David E. Bradley, Chief Counsel, Foreign Claims Settlement Commission, Department of Justice, Washington DC 20579, (202) 616–6975.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On March 12, 1996, President Clinton signed into law the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996, P.L. 104–114 (also known as the "Helms-Burton Act"). Title III of the Act discourages foreign investment in properties that were expropriated by the Cuban Government on or after January 1, 1959, without compensation, from persons who are now Untied States nationals. Title III makes persons who knowingly and intentionally "traffic" in such confiscated properties subject to private civil damage suits in Federal district court.

The Act defines "trafficking" broadly, with several exceptions, as set forth below. A trafficker may be liable to the U.S. claimant for the value of the claim, plus interest, reasonable attorney's fees and court costs. In addition, under certain circumstances described below, a person who trafficks in U.S. claimed property may be liable to the claimant for triple the amount of the value of the claim, excluding interest, fees and court costs.

Title III is scheduled to take effect on August 1, 1996. However, the law does not immediately permit U.S. claimants to bring suit to recover from traffickers. First, traffickers will have a three month "grace period" beginning on the effective date during which they may dispose of their interest in the claimed property and avoid liability under Title III. Under the scheduled effective date, therefore, traffickers who dispose of their interests in confiscated property before November 1, 1996, will not be subject to liability to the owner of the claim. Second, until March 13, 1998, only those persons with claims that were certified by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission ("FCSC") may bring a Title III lawsuit. Third, the Act provides the President with the authority to suspend the effective date for six months, and for additional six month periods, if he determines suspension is necessary to the national interests of the United States and will expedite a transition to democracy in Cuba. Additional requirements and conditions are described below.

Section 302(a)(8) of the Act requires the Attorney General to publish in the Federal Register not later than sixty days after enactment "a concise summary of the provisions of this title, including a statement of the liability under this title of a person trafficking in confiscated property, and the remedies available to United States nationals under this title." This notice and the accompanying Summary of the provisions of Title III fulfill the Attorney General's obligations under this section. The Department has coordinated the issuance of this Summary with the Department of State.

Interested persons should refer to the text of the Act itself or consult a private attorney for further information and clarification.

For the reasons set forth in the preamble, and by the authority vested in me as Attorney general, I hereby issue the following Summary of the Provisions of Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAD) Act of 1996:

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1. Liability Under Title III

(a) Under section 302(a)(1) of Title III of the Cuban Liberty and Democratic Solidarity (LIBERTAF) Act of 1996 (hereinafter "Title III") subject to certain requirements, conditions, and possible suspensions, a United States national with a claim to property expropriated by the Government of Cuba on or after January 1, 1959, may bring a private lawsuit in U.S. federal district court against a person who trafficks in that property beginning three months after Title III's effective date. The scheduled effective date is August 1, 1996, subject to the President's authority to suspend Title III.

(b) Section 4(13) of the Act defines a trafficker as a person who knowingly and intentionally:

(i) Sells, transfers, distributes, dispenses, brokers, manages, or otherwise disposes of confiscated property, or purchases, leases, receives, possesses, obtains control of, manages, uses, or otherwise acquires or holds an interest in confiscated property;

(ii) Engages in a commercial activity using or otherwise benefiting from confiscated property; or

(iii) Causes, directs, participates in, or profits from trafficking by another person, or otherwise engages in trafficking through another person, without the authorization of any United States national who holds a claim to the property.

(c) Trafficking under section 4(13) does not include:

(i) The delivery of international telecommunication signals to Cuba;

(ii) The trading or holding of securities publicly traded or held, unless the trading is with or by a person determined by the Secretary of the Treasury to be a specially designated national;

(iii) Transactions and uses of property incident to lawful travel to Cuba, to the extent that such transactions and uses of property are necessary to the conduct of such travel; or

(iv) Transactions and uses of property by a person who is both a citizen and a resident of Cuba, and who is not an official of the Cuban Government or the ruling political party in Cuba.

(d) Section 4(11) defines "person" for purposes of the Libertad Act as any person or entity, including any agency or instrumentality of a foreign state.

(e) For purposes of Title III, "United States national" is defined under

section 4(15) to mean (i) any United States citizen, or (ii) any other legal entity which is organized under the laws of the United States, or of any state, the District of Columbia, or any commonwealth, territory, or possession of the United States, and which has its principal place of business in the United States.

2. Remedies Available Under Title III

(a) Section 302(a)(1)(A) provides that, in addition to attorney's fees and court costs, a trafficker will be liable for money damages to the U.S. national who owns the claim to property being trafficked in the greater of the following amounts:

(i) The amount certified by the Foreign Claims Settlement Commission ("FCSC") plus interest;

(ii) If the claim has not been certified by the FCSC, the amount determined by the court in the course of a Title III action, plus interest; or

(iii) The fair market value of the property calculated according to either the current value of the property or the value of the property when confiscated plus interest, whichever is greater.

Interest is to be calculated from the date of confiscation of the property involved to the date on which the action is brought.

(b) Section 302(a)(2) establishes a presumption that the amount for which a person is liable to a U.S. national owning a claim certified by the FCSC is the amount so certified. This presumption will be rebuttable by clear and convincing evidence that one of the other measures of liability under section 302(a)(1)(A) is appropriate.

(c) Under section 302(a)(3), a person who trafficks in property which either serves as the basis for a claim certified by the FCSC or is the subject of written notice at least thirty days before the initiation of an action will be subject to treble damages. Such person's liability, in addition to court costs and reasonable attorney's fees, will thus be triple the amount determined under section 302(a)(1)(A). The notice required under section 302(a)(3) must be in writing and be posted by certified mail or personally delivered. It must contain a statement of intention to commence a Title III action or to join the person as a defendant, the reasons for such action, a demand that the trafficking cease immediately, and a copy of this summary.

(d) Under section 302(a)(7), a Title III action may be settled and a judgment enforced without obtaining any license or permission of an agency of the U.S. Government. This section does not apply to assets blocked pursuant to authorities under section 5(b) of the Trading With the Enemy Act that were being exercised on July 1, 1977. In addition, no claim against the Cuban Government will be considered a property interest the transfer of which requires a license or permission of an agency of the United States.

3. Requirements and Conditions for a Title III Action

(a) Under section 302(a)(4), if the property was confiscated before March 12, 1996, the U.S. national bringing the claim must have owned the claim before March 12, 1996. If the property was confiscated on or after March 12, 1996, a U.S. national who acquires ownership of a claim to the property after its confiscation by assignment for value may not bring a lawsuit under Title III.

(b) Under section 302(a)(5), a U.S. national who was eligible to file a claim with the FCSC but did not do so may not bring an action under this title. Where the FCSC denied a U.S. national's claim that now serves as the basis for a Title III action, the court hearing the action will accept the FCSC's findings as conclusive. A U.S. national bringing an action on the basis of a claim that was not certified by the FCSC may not file a Title III lawsuit until March 13, 1998. Any person bringing an action under Title III whose claim has not been certified by the FCSC has the burden of proving to the court that the interest in the property that is the subject of the claim is not the subject of a claim so certified.

(c) Section 302(b) establishes that, in order for an action to be brought under Title III, the amount in controversy must exceed $50,000, not including interest, costs, and attorneys fees. This amount is exclusive of the increased liability damages under section 302(a)(3).

(d) Under section 302(c), title 28 of the United States Code and the rules of court generally applicable to actions brought under section 1331 of title 28 govern the procedure to be followed in Title III actions. Service of process on an agency or instrumentality of a foreign state in the court of a commercial activity or against individuals acting under color of law shall be made in accordance with section 1608 of title 28 of the United States Code.

(e) Under section 302(d), any judgment entered under Title III shall not be enforceable against an agency or instrumentality of either a transition government in Cuba or a democratically elected government in Cuba.

(f) Section 302(e) amends section 1611 of title 28 of the United States Code by adding a new section, which states that the property of a foreign state shall be immune from attachment and from execution in an action brought under section 302 to the extent that the property is a facility or installation used by an accredited diplomatic mission for official purposes.

(g) Under section 302(f)(1), a U.S. national who brings an action under Title III may not bring any other action seeking monetary or nonmonetary compensation by reason of the same subject matter.

(h) Section 302(f)(2)(A) establishes limits on further recovery by a U.S. national with a FCSC-certified claim depending on whether such Title III action leads to a recovery of a greater, equal or lesser amount than certified by the FCSC. If the claimant's recovery under Title III is equal to or greater than the amount certified by the FCSC, the U.S. national may not recover any payment on the claim under any claims settlement agreement between the United States and Cuba. If the U.S. national in a Title III action recovers less than the amount certified by the FCSC, the U.S. national may only receive payment in any claims settlement agreement between the United States and Cuba to the extent of the difference between the certified claim and the recovery. If there is no recovery, the U.S. national may still receive payment in a claims settlement agreement between the United States and Cuba and will be treated as any other certified claimant who does not bring an action under Title III.

(i) Section 302(f)(2)(B) provides that in the event some or all Title III actions are consolidated by judicial or other action so as to create a pool of assets available to satisfy such claims, FCSC-certified claims will be entitled to payment in full from such pool before any payment is made from such pool with respect to any claim not so certified.

(j) Under section 302(g), if the United States and the Government of Cuba reach a claims settlement agreement settling FCSC-certified claims, any amount paid by Cuba in such an agreement in excess of the payments made under section 302(f)(2) shall be deposited in the U.S. Treasury.

(k) Under section 302(h), the rights created pursuant to Title III may be suspended upon a presidential determination under section 203 that a transition government in Cuba is in place and may be terminated upon a presidential determination that a democratically elected government in Cuba is in power. Neither of these actions shall affect suits commenced before the dates of suspension or termination. While pending suits may proceed to judgment, such judgments

will not be enforceable against a transition or democratically elected government in Cuba under section 302(d).

(l) Claimants bringing an action under Title III will be required to pay a uniform filing fee, to be established by the Judicial Conference of the United States, pursuant to section 302(i).

(m) Section 302(a)(6) provides that no court of the United States shall decline, based upon the act of state doctrine, to make a determination on the merits in an action brought under Title III.

(n) Section 305 provides that actions under section 302 may not be brought more than two years after the trafficking giving rise to the action has ceased to occur.

4. Proof of Ownership of a Claim to Confiscated Property

(a) Section 303(a) provides that certification of a claim by the FCSC is conclusive proof of ownership. In all other cases, the court has the discretion to appoint a special master, including the FCSC, to make determinations of the amount and ownership of the claim. Determinations made by administrative agencies or courts of a foreign government or international organization shall not be conclusive unless made pursuant to binding international arbitration to which the United States or the claimant submitted the claim.

(b) Section 303(b) amends the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 by authorizing a U.S. district court to refer to the FCSC factual questions under Title III involving the amount and ownership by a U.S. national of a claim to confiscated property in Cuba.

5. Consistency With International Claims Practice

(a) Section 303(c) emphasizes that nothing in the LIBERTAD Act shall be construed to require or otherwise authorize the claims of Cuban nationals who became U.S. citizens after their property was confiscated to be included in a future negotiation and espousal of U.S. claims with a friendly government in Cuba when diplomatic relations are restored. Section 303(c) also states that the LIBERTAD Act shall not be construed as superseding, amending, or otherwise altering certifications that have been made under the FCSC's Cuba Claims Program.

(b) Section 304 amends the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 to state that no person other than a certified claimant shall have a claim to, participate in, or otherwise have an interest in the compensation proceeds paid to a U.S. national by virtue of a certified claim.

6. Presidential Suspension Authority

(a) Section 306(a) provides that, subject to the President's suspension authority, Title III takes effect on August 1, 1996.

(b) Section 306(b) provides the President with the authority to suspend the effective date of Title III beyond August 1, 1996, for up to six months, and for additional extensions up to six months, upon a determination and report to the appropriate congressional committees that a suspension is necessary to the national interests of the United States and will expedite a transition to democracy in Cuba. An initial determination and report must be submitted to the appropriate congressional committees at least 15 days before August 1, 1996. Additional suspensions or extensions are subject to the same reporting and determination requirements.

(c) Section 306(c) provides the President with the authority to suspend the right to bring an action under Title III after its effective date for up to six months, and for additional extensions up to six months, upon a determination and report that a suspension is necessary to the national interests of the United States and will expedite a transition to democracy in Cuba. Section 306(c) also emphasizes that after the effective date no persons may acquire a property interest in any potential or pending Title III action, nor shall pending actions commenced before the date of suspension be affected by a suspension.

(d) Section 306(d) provides that the President may rescind any suspension made under section 306(b) or section 306(c) upon reporting to the appropriate congressional committees that doing so will expedite a transition to democracy in Cuba.

Dated: May 11, 1996.

Janet Reno,

Attorney General.

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Drug Enforcement Administration

Manufacturer of Controlled Substances; Notice of Registration

By notice dated August 14, 1995, and published in the Federal Register on August 22, 1995 (60 FR 43613), Ganes Chemicals, Inc., Industrial Park Road, Pennsville, New Jersey 08070, made application to the Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA) to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of methylphenidate.

A registered manufacturer of bulk methylphenidate filed a comment alleging that DEA's notice of application, published in the Federal Register, did not comply with notice and comment rulemaking requirements of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA). In addition, the commentor stated that Ganes' registration would be contrary to the public interest under 21 U.S.C. 823(a).

The commentor maintains that DEA "has deprived [the commentor] and other registered manufacturers and applicants of the opportunity to offer fully-informed comments on Ganes' application." In support of its position, the commentor submits that "registration of bulk manufacturers of schedule I–II controlled substances is subject to notice and comment rulemaking." For the reasons provided below, this conclusion is an incorrect interpretation of the APA. First, the commentor ignores the basic definitions set forth in the APA and, in so doing, confuses notice and comment rulemaking with agency licensing proceedings. The commentor argues that DEA proceedings to grant or deny an application for registration as a bulk manufacturer are rulemakings. However, the clear language of the definition of a "rule" exposes the error of this analysis. The APA defines "rule making" to mean an "agency process for formulating, amending, or repealing a rule." 5 U.S.C. 551(5).

The APA defines a "rule" as:

> The whole or a part of an agency statement of general or particular applicability and future effect designed to implement, interpret, or prescribe law or policy or describing the organization, procedure, or practice requirements of an agency and includes the approval or prescription for the future of rates, wages, corporate or financial structures or reorganizations thereof, prices, facilities, appliances, services or allowances therefore or of valuations, costs, or accounting, or practices bearing on any of the foregoing.

5 U.S.C. 551(4).

Review of the APA's definitions of license [1] and licensing [2] reveals that the granting or denial of a manufacturer's application for registration is a licensing action, not a rulemaking. Courts have

[1] Section 551(8) of the APA defines license as "the whole or a part of an agency permit, certificate, approval, *registration*, charter, membership, statutory exemption or other form of permission." (emphasis added).

[2] Licensing is defined as "agency process respecting the grant, renewal, denial, revocation, suspension, annulment, withdrawal, limitation, amendment, modification, or conditioning of a license." 5 U.S.C. 551(9).

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