

The IEEE has learned from OFAC that some of IEEE's activities relating to publishing papers from Iran are allowed under current regulations including submitting papers for review.

However OFAC has confirmed that other elements of the editing process are prohibited and would require a license. OFAC has asked IEEE to submit additional information to support its request for a license. OFAC also indicated it will expedite our license request.

IEEE has immediately responded to the license request, and will resume the editing process for all papers in question at the moment the license is granted. In the meantime, the IEEE is continuing to pursue resolution of several other issues resulting from the OFAC regulations.

“We are encouraged by this decision,” says Michael S. Adler, IEEE President. “IEEE has always been committed to preserving the rights of its members and of the scientific and technical community worldwide to engage in open scholarly research and communications. This (OFAC ruling) is a big step forward in resolving the difficult issues imposed by the OFAC regulations.”