

U.S. President Barack Obama Signs Cuba Under Trading with the Enemy Act to Favor Change



Washington, September 12 (RHC)-- The re-authorization by U.S President Barack Obama of Cuba's listing on the Trading with the Enemy Act allows him to keep using executive powers to further ties with the Caribbean nation.

According to U.S. media, Obama's action is in tune with his decision last December to re-establish diplomatic relations with Havana. For Obama to keep making regulatory changes like the recent expansion of travel licenses to Cuba he needs the authority established in the Trading with the Enemy Act, according to officials in Washington.

Without the Trading with the Enemy Act, the standing legislation in relation to the island is the Helms-Burton Law, or the blockade legislation, which ban all transactions and travel to Cuba.

According to ABC News, the U.S. administration plans to ease travel and business with Cuba through changes in regulations relevant to the Department of the Treasury and the Federal Aviation Administration. But these and other changes need the authority established by the Trading with the Enemy Act.

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