

119TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. R. 4215

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## AN ACT

To require the Secretary of State to promulgate expedited and fixed timelines for the decision-making process to license the export of certain defense articles and defense services, and for other purposes.

1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

1 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

2       This Act may be cited as the “International Traffic  
3 in Arms Regulations Licensing Reform Act”.

4 **SEC. 2. LIST OF COUNTRIES AND END-USERS TO RECEIVE**  
5 **PRIORITY FOR DIRECT COMMERCIAL SALES.**

6       (a) IN GENERAL.—Not later than 90 days after the  
7 date of the enactment of this Act, the Secretary of State  
8 shall develop and maintain a list of countries and end-  
9 users with respect to which expedited decision-making for  
10 applications for licenses for the export of defense articles  
11 and defense services is vital to the national security of the  
12 United States, consistent with the requirements of the  
13 Arms Export Control Act and other applicable provisions  
14 of law.

15       (b) SUBMISSION TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 30  
16 days after the development of the list required by sub-  
17 section (a), and annually thereafter, the Secretary of State  
18 shall submit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the  
19 House of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign  
20 Relations of the Senate an updated copy of the list.

21 **SEC. 3. DECISION-MAKING PROCESS FOR APPLICATIONS**  
22 **FOR DIRECT COMMERCIAL SALES.**

23       Not later than 30 days after the date on which the  
24 Secretary of State publishes the list required by section  
25 2, the Secretary, in coordination with the Secretary of De-  
26 fense, shall initiate a rulemaking process to establish an

1 expedited timeline for the decision-making process with re-  
2 spect to applications to export defense articles or defense  
3 services under the Arms Export Control Act to countries  
4 or end-users identified by such list and a fixed timeline  
5 for decisions for all other applications for such exports.  
6 The timelines so established shall provide that, to the max-  
7 imum extent practicable—

8           (1) an application to export defense articles or  
9       defense services to a listed country or end-user shall  
10      be approved, returned, or denied not later than 45  
11      days after the date on which the application is sub-  
12      mitted to the Secretary;

13           (2) an application to export defense articles or  
14      defense services to any country or end-user shall be  
15      approved, returned, or denied not later than 60 days  
16      after the date on which the application is submitted  
17      to the Secretary; and

18           (3) the deadlines described in paragraphs (1)  
19      and (2) may be suspended with respect to an appli-  
20      cation if necessary—

21           (A) for applicable time periods specified in  
22      subsection (b), (c), or (d) of section 36 of such  
23      Act, during which Congress may enact a joint  
24      resolution prohibiting the approval of such ap-  
25      plication; or

1 (B) for such time as may be required to  
2 receive a decision from the Secretary of Defense  
3 with respect to an application that is subject to  
4 approval by the Department of Defense, includ-  
5 ing technology security and foreign disclosure  
6 release determinations.

7 **SEC. 4. REPORTS.**

8 (a) IN GENERAL.—The Secretary of State shall sub-  
9 mit to the Committee on Foreign Affairs of the House  
10 of Representatives and the Committee on Foreign Rela-  
11 tions of the Senate on a semi-annual basis a report, which  
12 may be submitted in classified form, that identifies each  
13 application to export defense articles or defense services  
14 during the preceding 180-day period with respect to which  
15 the time to reach a decision exceeded the applicable dead-  
16 line described in section 3(1) or 3(2).

17 (b) MATTER TO BE INCLUDED.—The report required  
18 by this section shall also include the following information  
19 with respect to each application so identified:

20 (1) The defense articles or defense services in-  
21 cluded in the application.

22 (2) The recipient country, end-user, and any  
23 corporate entities involved in the application.

1           (3) Whether the United States has previously  
2           exported similar defense articles or defense services  
3           to the recipient country or end-user.

4           (4) A justification for the delay in reaching a  
5           decision with respect to the application.

6           (5) The anticipated timeline for reaching a deci-  
7           sion with respect to the application, if still pending  
8           as of the date of the submission of the report.

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Attest:

*Clerk.*

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