

on December 15, 1997.² No comment letters were received. For the reasons discussed below, the Commission is approving the proposed rule change.

I. Description

NSCC's mutual fund services ("MFS") are designed to enable NSCC members to process and to settle on an automated basis mutual fund purchase and redemption orders and to transmit registration instructions. NSCC currently provides for two categories of fund member in MFS: (1) Principal underwriters which are registered broker-dealers under the Act and (2) investment companies which are registered under the Investment Company Act of 1940. Although the Commission previously approved amendments to NSCC's Addendum I(B)(2) of its Procedure to add standards of financial responsibility and operational capability for investment company fund members, the list of eligible fund members contained in Rule 51 was not amended to include investment companies.³ Rule 51, Section 1 is now amended to include this category of fund member.

The proposed rule change also expands the category of eligible fund members to include registered investment advisers as defined in Section 202(a)(11) of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. To be eligible for membership in MFS, a nonguaranteed service of NSCC, investment advisers will need (a) to be registered with the Commission under the Investment Advisers Act of 1940 and (b) to have a minimum of \$25 million in assets under management and \$100,000 in total net worth.

² Securities Exchange Act Release No. 39416 (December 9, 1997), 62 FR 65728.

³ Securities Exchange Act Release No. 33525 (January 26, 1994), 59 FR 4959.

II. Discussion

Section 17A(b)(3)(F) of the Act⁴ requires that the rules of a clearing agency be designed to facilitate the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions. The Commission believes that the proposed rule change is consistent with NSCC's obligations under the Act because the proposed rule change allows families of self-distributed no-load funds to join MFS through an investment adviser rather than through each of their separate investment companies. As a result, these funds will now be able to take full advantage of the benefits of a single membership, such as net settlement, reduced costs, and operational efficiencies. Thus, the proposal should reduce the number of securities movements and settlement payments needed to settle trades and therefore is consistent with the Act's goal to promote the prompt and accurate clearance and settlement of securities transactions.

III. Conclusion

On the basis of the foregoing, the Commission finds that the proposal is consistent with the requirements of the Act and in particular with the requirements of Section 17A of the Act and the rules and regulations thereunder.

It is therefore ordered, pursuant to Section 19(b)(2) of the Act, that the proposed rule change (File No. SR-NSCC-97-10) be and hereby is approved.

For the Commission by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78q-1(b)(3)(F).

⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2713]

Office of Defense Trade Controls; Notifications to the Congress of Proposed Commercial Export Licenses, Correction to Public Notice No. 2652

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has forwarded the attached Notifications of Proposed Export Licenses to the Congress on the dates shown on the attachments pursuant to section 36(c) and in compliance with section 36(e) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. § 2776).

EFFECTIVE DATE: As shown on each of the six letters attached.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. William J. Lowell, Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State ((703) 875-6644).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 38(e) of the Arms Export Control Act mandates that notifications to the Congress pursuant to section 36(c) must be published in the **Federal Register** when they are transmitted to Congress or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Dated: January 13, 1998.

William J. Lowell,

Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls.

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the export of the AGM-65A and AGM-65B TV, AGM-65G IR, and AGM-65H TV Upgrade Maverick Weapon System for integration into the Hellenic Air Force Command's F-16, A-7 and F-4 aircraft.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Barbara Larkin".

Barbara Larkin
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DTC-88-97

The Honorable
Newt Gingrich,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith notification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000.00 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the export to the Japan Defense Agency of knock-down kits for the Multiple Launch Rocket System.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, although unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith certification of a proposed Technical Assistance Agreement with Germany and Sweden.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves development of a demonstration aircraft for proof of concept of tailless flight and extremely short takeoff and landing (ESTOL) technologies.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

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Barbara Larkin
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Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DTC-112-97

The Honorable

Newt Gingrich,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to sections 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith notification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment sold under a contract in the amount of \$14,000,000 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the export to Singapore of ten (10) Boeing CH-47SD helicopters, spare parts, ground support equipment, flight simulator, and technical data for the Ministry of Defense.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

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Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DTC-113-97

The Honorable

Newt Gingrich, Speaker,
House of Representatives.



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

OCT 31 1997

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith certification of a proposed export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the provision to the United Kingdom of technical data support, specifications and instructions for the Electro-Optical Surveillance and Detection System (EOSDS) of the Nimrod 2000 program.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

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Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DTC-126-97

The Honorable

Newt Gingrich,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

OCT 31 1997

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith certification of a proposed export of defense articles or defense services sold under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the provision to the United Kingdom of technical data support, specifications and instructions for the Electro-Optical Surveillance and Detection System (EOSDS) of the Nimrod 2000 program.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights, and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

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Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DTC-127-97

The Honorable
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Speaker of the House of Representatives.