

TABLE 1.—GUIDELINES FOR EVALUATING SEVERITY OF SPEECH IMPAIRMENTS—Continued

Chronological age or cognitive level (see section VI.B.)	Marked limitation	Extreme limitation
3½ to attainment of 5 years	a. Sounds, omissions, distortions, or phonological patterns, or fluency (rate, rhythm of speech) not typical for this group; or significant aberrations in vocal pitch, quality, or intensity; and b. Conversation is intelligible no more than ½ of the time on first attempt; and c. Intelligibility improves with repetitions	a. Criteria a. and b. for Marked Limitation are met, and b. Conversation continues to be intelligible no more than 1/2 of the time despite repetitions and c. Stimulability for production of sounds is limited, or, ability to imitate words is limited.
5 years and older .....	a. Sounds, omissions, distortions, or phonological patterns, or fluency (rate, rhythm of speech) not typical for this group; or significant aberrations in vocal pitch, quality, or intensity; and b. Conversation is intelligible no more than ½ to ⅔ of the time on first attempt; and c. Intelligibility improves with repetitions	a. Sounds, omissions, distortions, or phonological patterns, or fluency (rate, rhythm of speech) not typical for this group; or significant aberrations in vocal pitch, quality, or intensity; and b. Conversation is intelligible no more than ½ of the time despite repetitions.

TABLE 2.—FACTORS SUGGESTING THAT THE DURATION REQUIREMENT WILL BE MET

1. Neurologically based abnormalities, including—
  - Oral-motor problems at the volitional level (e.g., ability to imitate oral-motor movements is limited); or
  - Oral-motor problems at the automatic level (e.g., drools profusely, exhibits feeding disorder); or
  - Oral hypersensitivity (e.g., limited tolerance of different food textures); or
  - Insufficient breath support for speech.
2. Hearing abnormalities, including—
  - Conductive hearing loss; or
  - Sensorineural hearing loss.
3. Structurally based abnormalities, including—
  - Defect of the oral mechanism (e.g., vocal fold paralysis); or
  - Oral-facial abnormality (e.g., cleft lip/palate).
4. Speech-related behavioral abnormalities, including—
  - Communication-related physical behaviors that are negative (e.g., grimaces or has excessive eye-blinking during stuttering episodes; gestures, such as slapping a surface, to end stuttering block); or
  - Avoidance of speaking because of speech difficulties.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This Ruling is effective March 30, 1998.

**Cross-references:** Program Operations Manual System DI 25201.001–005, DI 25215.005, DI 34001.000, DI 34005.000.

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

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**Renewal of Defense Trade Advisory Group Charter and Notice of Meeting**

The updated Charter of the Defense Trade Advisory Group has been renewed for a two-year period. The Charter was revised for clarification. The Defense Trade Advisory Group (DTAG) will meet beginning at 9 a.m. on Friday, April 17, 1998, in the East Auditorium, Room 2925, U.S. Department of State, 2201 C Street, NW, Washington, DC. The membership of this advisory committee consists of private sector defense trade specialists appointed by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs who advise the Department on policies, regulations, and technical issues affecting defense trade.

The open session will include presentations by guest speakers and representatives of the Department of State and other agencies. Reports will also be presented on DTAG Working Group progress, results, and future projects.

Members of the public may attend the open session as seating capacity allows, and will be permitted to participate in the discussion in accordance with the Chairman's instruction.

As access to the Department of State is controlled, persons wishing to attend the meeting must notify the DTAG Executive Secretariat by COB Monday, April 13, 1998. If notified after this date, the DTAG Secretariat cannot guarantee that State's Bureau of Diplomatic Security can complete the necessary processing required to attend the April 17 plenary.

Each person should provide his/her name, company or organizational affiliation, date of birth, and social security number to the DTAG

Secretariat by fax to (202) 647–4232 (Attention: Mike Slack). This information will be placed on a list for Diplomatic Security and the Reception Desk at the C-Street diplomatic entrance. Attendees must carry a valid photo ID with them. They should enter the building through the C-Street diplomatic entrance (22nd and C Streets, NW) where Department personnel will direct them to the security check point and on to the East auditorium.

A working lunch will be held at the Department. Limits on available seating may require attendance be limited only to DTAG members.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mike Slack, DTAG Secretariat, U.S. Department of State, Office of Arms Transfer and Export Control Policy (PM/A TEC), Room 2422 Main State, Washington, DC 20520–2422. Phone: (202) 647–2882, fax (202) 647–4232.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION**

**Office of the Secretary**

**Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act 1995 (44 USC Chapter 35), this notice announces that the Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget