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Phone (410) 965-2765.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FIPS cited above establish Federal standards for generating digital signatures, encrypting sensitive information transmitted over open networks such as the Internet, and storing this information electronically. Each of the cited FIPS also allows the heads of Federal Agencies to waive the use of the FIPS if certain conditions are met.

A waiver shall be granted by an Agency head only when:

a. Compliance with a standard would adversely affect the accomplishment of the mission of an operator of a Federal computer system, or

b. Cause a major adverse financial impact on the operator that is not offset by Government-wide savings.

The Agency's Chief Information Officer has determined that compliance with the referenced FIPS would adversely affect the accomplishment of the mission of the SSA and accordingly has granted a waiver from the use of the referenced FIPS.

SSA has a customer base of over 260,000,000 people, including individuals, businesses, small employers, organizations, and other Federal, State, and local government agencies. To accomplish the mission of serving these customers cost effectively, SSA is pursuing the use of electronic service delivery technologies, including the Internet.

SSA has found that an increasingly large number of its customers prefer to work with the Agency directly through Internet services. To effectively serve them, SSA must use commercially accepted and available off-the-shelf products. The above referenced FIPS provide for the use of products which have not gained wide acceptance commercially, and these standards are not incorporated in commercial off-the-shelf products. Notably, the Internet Browsers published by MICROSOFT and NETSCAPE, together representing 93% of the publicly used browsers, do not use the algorithms published in the referenced FIPS.

Therefore, SSA is granted a waiver from the use of the cryptographic requirements contained in the referenced FIPS in order to allow the Agency to use commercially available and accepted off-the-shelf products.

In accordance with FIPS requirements, notice of this waiver will be sent to the National Institute of Standards and Technology, the Committee on Government Reform and Oversight of the House of Representatives, and the Committee on Governmental Affairs of the Senate.

Dated: January 26, 1998.

John R. Dyer,

Chief Information Officer, Social Security Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice No. 2801]

Office of Defense Trade Controls; Notifications to the Congress of Proposed Export Licenses

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.

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(d) 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: May 4, 1998.

William J. Lowell,

Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls.

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United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

APR 22 1998

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to section 36 (c)&(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith certification of a proposed Manufacturing License Agreement with the United Kingdom for the co-production of the AV-8B Harrier 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-47-98

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



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

APR 22 1998

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 manufacture of F/A-18, F/A-18 B, C, and D model aircraft in Switzerland.

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,

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Barbara Larkin
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DTC-49-98

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



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

APR 28 1998

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 defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves a manufacturing license agreement with Turkey for the manufacture of F110 aircraft engine components for use in U.S. and Turkish F-16 aircraft, as well as the assembly of kits into complete F110 engines for use in Turkish F-16 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.

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Barbara Larkin
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DTC-60-98

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



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

APR 22

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 \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the manufacture of components and spare parts for the ALQ-88AK Electronic Countermeasures System in the Republic of Korea.

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
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DTC-61-98

The Honorable

Newt Gingrich,

Speaker of the House of Representatives.



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

APR 22 1998

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 contained in the attached certification involves a technical assistance agreement with Sweden for the design of a Ka to S-band downconverter for the Teledesic Commercial Communication Satellite Network.

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,

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Barbara Larkin
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DTC-62-98

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



United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

APR 22 1998

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 \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense services to Finland for the final assembly and ramp flight checkout operations and fabrication and assembly of selected co-production items to include dorsal cover fabrication and assembly of the F/A-18 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,

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Barbara Larkin
Assistant Secretary
Legislative Affairs

Enclosure:

Transmittal No. DTC-63-98

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

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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 of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requests (ICRs) abstracted below has been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICRs describes the nature of the information collection and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on March 23, 1998 [63 FR, 13903-13904].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 6, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara Davis, U.S. Coast Guard, Office of Information Management, telephone (202) 267-2326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

United States Coast Guard (USCG)

(1) *Title:* Alternate Compliance—International/Inland Navigation Rules.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0073.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Vessel owners, operators, builders and agents.

Abstract: The information collected provides an opportunity for those with unique vessels to present their reasons why the vessel cannot comply with existing regulations and how alternate compliance can be achieved.

Need: Certain vessels cannot comply with the International Regulations (33 U.S.C. 1601) and Inland Navigation Rules (33 U.S.C. 2001). The Coast Guard thus provides an opportunity for alternate compliance. However, it is not possible to determine whether alternate compliance is appropriate or what kind of alternative procedures might be necessary without this collection.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 135 hours annually.

(2) *Title:* Inflatable Personal Flotation Devices (PFDs) for Recreational Vessels.

OMB Control Number: 2115-0619.

Affected Public: PFD manufacturers.

Abstract: The information collected concerns the labeling and preparation of

manuals for inflatable PFDs. In keeping with this requirement the Coast Guard has established a system for approval of PFDs for use on such vessels? To facilitate the approval and inspection process, the Coast Guard requires that manufacturers label their devices and publish users manuals to help the end user.

Need: Title 46 U.S.C. 4302(a) prescribes regulations to: (a) establish minimum safety standards for recreational vessels, (b) require the installation and carrying or use of associated equipment and require or permit the display of seals, labels, plates, insignia or other devices for certifying or evidencing compliance with safety regulations. The labels are important for a number of reasons. First, they are essential to the user; they indicate the chest size of the PFD and also display printed and pictographic instructions for proper use and care of the PFD. Secondly, because they include a specific product number and the manufacturer's name they are central to the Coast Guard's mission of identifying faulty equipment and then notifying the responsible producer. The manuals also serve a dual purpose. On the one hand they give the user information they will need to properly use and maintain the device, and on the other they keep the Coast Guard informed as to the specifications and design of new PFDs.

Burden Estimate: The estimated burden is 503.33 hours annually.

Addressee: Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503, Attention USCG Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: the need for the proposed collection of information for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives the comment within 30 days of publication.

Issued in Washington, DC, on May 29, 1998.

Phillip A. Leach,

Clearance Officer, United States, Department of Transportation.

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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 of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the Information Collection Requests (ICR) abstracted below have been forwarded to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval. The ICR describe the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following information collection was published on February 19, 1998 [63 FR 8517].

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before July 6, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Robinson, NHTSA Information Collection Clearance Officer at (202) 366-9456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHTSA).

Title: Consolidated Labeling Requirements for 49 CFR 571.115, and Parts 565, 541 and 567.

OMB Control Number: 2127-0510.

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Abstract: NHTSA's statute at 15 U.S.C. 1392, 1397, 1401, 1407, and 1412 (Attachment 3-9) of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act of 1966 authorizes the issuance of Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard (FMVSS) and the collection of data which support their implementation. The agency, in prescribing a FMVSS, is to consider available relevant motor vehicle safety data and to consult with other agencies as it deems appropriate. Further, the Act mandates, that in issuing any FMVSS, the agency should consider whether the standard is reasonable, practicable and