

DEPARTMENT OF STATE**[Public Notice 3039]****Bureau of Nonproliferation; Imposition of Lethal Military Equipment Sanctions Against the Government of Russia and Partial Waiver of These Sanctions****AGENCY:** Department of State.**ACTION:** Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Government has determined that the Government of Russia transferred lethal military equipment to a country determined by the Secretary of State to be a state sponsor of terrorism. The United States Government determined that, despite the transfers, furnishing assistance to the Government of Russia, other than assistance furnished to the three Russian entities specifically involved in the transfer of lethal military equipment, is important to the national interests of the United States. Further, it is the policy of the United States Government to deny U.S. Government assistance to these three entities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 29, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joseph Smaldone, Office of Export Controls and Conventional Arms Nonproliferation Policy, Bureau of Nonproliferation, Department of State, (202-647-4231).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 620H of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2378), section 573 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1994 (Pub. L. 103-87), section 563 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1995 (Pub. L. 103-306), section 552 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1996 (Pub. L. 104-107), section 551 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1997 (Pub. L. 104-208), section 550 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1998 (Pub. L. 105-118), section 551 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 1999 (Pub. L. 105-277), and Executive Order 12163, as amended, on March 29, 1999, the United States Government determined that the Government of Russia has provided lethal military equipment to a country determined by the Secretary of State to be a state sponsor of terrorism. Also on March 29, 1999 and pursuant to the

aforementioned provisions of law, the United States Government determined furnishing assistance restricted by these provisions to the Government of Russia (other than assistance furnished to the three entities named below) is important to the national interests of the United States. Further, it is the policy of the United States Government to deny all types of U.S. Government assistance to the following three entities:

- (1) Tula Instrument Design Bureau (including at Tula 300001, Russia);
- (2) Volsk Mechanical Plant (including at Saratov Region, 412013, Volsk, Russia);
- (3) TZNII Central Scientific Research Institute of Precision Machine-Building (a/k/a Tzniitochmash) (including at 142080 Klimovsk, Russia).

These measures shall remain in place until further notice.

Dated: April 21, 1999.

John P. Barker, Jr.,*Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation Controls.*

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BILLING CODE 4710-25-P**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Coast Guard****[USCG-1999-5550]****Towing Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancies****AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.**ACTION:** Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Towing Safety Advisory Committee (TSAC). TSAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Department of Transportation on matters relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safety.

DATES: Application must reach the Coast Guard on or before July 6, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MSO-1), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street, SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-0229; or by faxing 202-267-4570. Submit application forms to the same address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Mr. Gerald Minate, Assistant Executive Director, telephone 202-267-0229, fax 202-267-4570.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Towing Safety Advisory Committee

(TSAC) is a Federal advisory committee constituted under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It provides advice and makes recommendations to the Secretary of Transportation on matters relating to shallow-draft inland and coastal waterway navigation and towing safely. The advice and recommendations also assist the Coast Guard in formulating the position of the United States in advance of meetings of the International Maritime Organization.

TSAC meets at least once a year at Coast Guard Headquarters, Washington, DC, or another location selected by the Coast Guard. It may also meet for extraordinary purposes. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

The Coast Guard will consider application for six positions that expire or become vacant in October 1999 as follows: Three members from the barge and towing industry, reflecting a geographical balance; one member from port districts, authorities, or terminal operators; one member from maritime labor; and one member from shippers who are engaged in the shipment of oil or hazardous materials by barge.

To be eligible, applicants should have experience in towing operations, marine transportation, occupational safety and health, environmental protection, or business operations associated with the towing industry. Each member serves for a term of three years. A few members may serve consecutive terms. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.

Applicants selected may be required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). Neither the report nor the information it contains may be released to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Dated: April 19, 1999.

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