

Delegation of Authority No. 236-1 of November 9, 1999, I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition "Golden Years of Faberge: Objects and Drawings from the Wigstrom Workshop," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. These objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with foreign lenders. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at the A La Vieille Russie Gallery, New York, NY from on or about April 12, 2000 to on or about May 19, 2000, and at the New Orleans Museum of Art, from on or about June 17, 2000 to on or about August 20, 2000 is in the national interest. Public Notice of these determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of exhibit objects, contact Paul Manning, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619-5997). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44, 301 4th Street, S.W., Room 700, Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

Dated: March 6, 2000.

William B. Bader,

Assistant Secretary for Educational and Cultural Affairs, United States Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3247]

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: "O'Keeffe on Paper"

DEPARTMENT: United States Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985, 22 U.S.C. 2459), the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, *et seq.*), Delegation of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, and Delegation of Authority No. 236 of October 19, 1999, as amended, I hereby determine that the object to be included in the exhibition "O'Keeffe on Paper," imported from abroad for the temporary exhibition without profit within the United States, are of cultural significance. This object is imported pursuant to a loan agreement with the foreign lender. I also determine that the

exhibition or display of the exhibit object at the National Gallery of Art, Washington, DC from April 9, 2000 through July 9, 2000, and at the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, Santa Fe, CA from July 29, 2000 through October 29, 2000 is in the national interest. Public Notice of these Determinations is ordered to be published in the **Federal Register**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including the exhibit object, contact Jacqueline Caldwell, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202/619-6982). The address is U.S. Department of State, SA-44; 301 4th Street, S.W., Room 700, Washington, D.C. 20547-0001.

Dated: March 6, 2000.

William B. Bader,

Assistant Secretary of State, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, U.S. Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3245]

Statutory Debarment Under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations Involving Orbit/FR, Inc.

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Orbit/FR, Inc. is statutorily debarred pursuant to section 127.7 (c) of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR parts 120-130). It shall be the policy of the Department of State to deny all export license applications and other requests for approval involving Orbit/FR, Inc. directly or indirectly.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 10, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eva O. Tyler, Acting Chief, Compliance Enforcement Branch, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State (703-875-6644, Ext. 3).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 10, 1999, Orbit/FR, Inc. pled guilty to two (2) counts of violating the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) (22 U.S.C. 2778) in the U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania. The information charges Orbit/FR, Inc. with illegally exporting components for an antenna and radome measurement system, AL-8098, also known as AL-8099 to the People's Republic of China and illegally furnishing a defense service involving the modification of the antenna measurement software so that the antenna measurement system would

have sufficient accuracy to measure antennas on a Patriot-type missile system to the People's Republic of China. *United States v. Orbit/FR, Inc.*, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, Criminal Docket No. CR 99-560.

Section 38(g)(4)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), 22 U.S.C. 2778, prohibits licenses or other approvals for the export of defense articles and defense services to be issued to a person, or any party to the export, who has been convicted of violating certain U.S. criminal statutes, including the AECA. The term "person", as defined in 22 CFR 120.14 of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), means a natural person as well as a corporation, business association, partnership, society, trust, or any other entity, organization or group, including governmental entities. The ITAR, specifically 126.7(e), defines the term "party to the export" to include the president, the chief executive officer, and other senior officers and officials of the license applicant; the freight forwarders or designated exporting agent of the license applicant; and any consignee or end-user of any item to be exported.

The ITAR, Section 127.7, authorizes the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs to prohibit certain persons convicted of violating, or conspiring to violate, the AECA, from participating directly or indirectly in the export of defense articles or in the furnishing of defense services for which a license or approval is required. Such a prohibition is referred to as a "statutory debarment," which may be imposed on the basis of a judicial proceeding that resulted in a conviction for violating, or of conspiring to violate, the AECA. See 22 CFR 127.7(c). The period for debarment will normally be three years from the date of conviction. At the end of the debarment period, and possibly after a period of one year, licensing privileges may be reinstated at the request of the debarred person following the necessary interagency consultations, after a thorough review of the circumstances surrounding the conviction, and a finding that appropriate steps have been taken to mitigate any law enforcement concerns, as required by the AECA, 22 U.S.C. 2778(g)(4).

Statutory debarment is based solely upon a conviction in a criminal proceeding, conducted by a United States court. Thus, the administrative debarment procedures, as outlined in the ITAR, 22 CFR part 128, are not applicable in such cases.

The Department of State will not consider applications for licenses or

requests for approvals that involve any person or any party to the export who has been convicted of violating, or of conspiring to violate, the AECA during the period of statutory debarment. Persons who have been statutorily debarred may appeal to the under Secretary for International Security Affairs for reconsideration of the ineligibility determination. A request for reconsideration must be submitted in writing within 30 days after a person has been informed of the adverse decision. 22 CFR 127.7(d).

The Department of State policy permits debarred persons to apply for reinstatement of export privileges one year after the date of the debarment, in accordance with the AECA, 22 U.S.C. 2778(g)(4)(A), and the ITAR, Section 127.7. A reinstatement request is made to the Director of the Office of Defense Trade Controls. Any decision to reinstate export privileges can be made only after the statutory requirements under Section 38(g)(4) of the AECA have been satisfied through a process administered by the Office of Defense Trade Controls. If reinstatement is granted, the debarment will be suspended.

Pursuant to the AECA, 22 U.S.C. 2778(g)(4)(A), and the ITAR, 22 CFR 127.7, the Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs has statutorily debarred Orbit/FR, Inc. which has been convicted of violating the AECA. On November 10, 1999, Orbit/FR, Inc. was convicted of two counts of violating section 38 of the AECA.

Exceptions may be made to this denial policy on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Office of Defense Trade Controls. However, such an exception would be granted only after a full review of all circumstances, paying particular attention to the following factors: whether an exception is warranted by overriding U.S. foreign policy or national security interest; whether an exception would further law enforcement concerns which are not inconsistent with the foreign policy or national security interests of the United States; or, whether other compelling circumstances exist which are not inconsistent with the foreign policy or national security interests of the United States, and which do not conflict with law enforcement concerns.

This notice involves a foreign affairs function of the United States encompassed within the meaning of the military and foreign affairs exclusion of the Administrative Procedure Act. Because the exercise of this foreign affairs function is discretionary, it is excluded from review under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Dated: March 6, 2000.

Michael T. Dixon,

*Acting Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs
Department of State.*

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 195; Flight Information Services Communications (FISC)

Pursuant to section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee (SC)-195 meeting to be held March 28, 29, and 30, 2000, starting at 8:30 a.m. each day. The meeting will be held at RTCA, Inc., 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Suite 1020, Washington, DC., 20036.

The agenda will include: March 28: Plenary convenes for 30 minutes: (1) Welcome and Introductions; (2) Agenda Overview; (3) Working Group (WG) 1, Aircraft Cockpit Weather Display, Work on Comparison Between Aircraft and Ground Weather Radar Document and the design Guidelines & Recommended Standards for Airborne Processing & Display of FIS-B Section for Change 1 to the FIS-B Minimum Aviation System Performance Standards (MASPS); 1:00 p.m. Plenary Reconvenes: (4) Review of Previous Meeting Minutes; (5) Report from WG-1 on Activities; (6) Report on ICAO METLINK Study Group and Program Management Committee Meetings; (7) Report on Concept of Operations for Cockpit Display of Weathers and Airspace Information Documents Development. March 29: (8) Work on FIS-B MASPS Section 4.0, Procedures for Performance Requirement Verification, Development; (9) Work on FIS-B MASPS Appendix E, Application Payload Encoding. March 30: (10) Review Issues (Action Items) and Address Future Work; (11) Dates and Location of Future Meetings; (12) Other Business; (13) Closing.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to space availability. With the approval of the chairman, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons wishing to present statements or obtain information should contact the RTCA Secretariat, 1140 Connecticut Avenue, NW., Suite 1020, Washington, DC, 20036; (202) 833-9339 (phone); (202) 833-9434 (fax); or <http://www.rtca.org> (web site). Members of the public may

present a written statement to the committee at any time.

Issued in Washington, DC, on March 2, 2000.

Janice L. Peters,

Designated Official.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

RTCA Special Committee 196; Night Vision Goggle (NVG) Appliances & Equipment

Pursuant to section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, 5 U.S.C., Appendix 2), notice is hereby given for Special Committee (SC)-196 meeting to be held March 28-29, 2000, starting at 8 a.m. The meeting will be held at FAA Rotorcraft Directorate, (4th Floor, Don Watson Room), FAA Southwest Region Headquarters, 2601 Meacham Blvd, Ft. Worth, TX. 76139.

The agenda will include: (1) Welcome and Introductory Remarks; (2) Agenda Overview; (3) Review/Approval of Previous Minutes; (4) Action Item Status Review; (5) Bell Helicopters Training Program; (6) WAMCO NVG External Lighting Brief; (7) FAA Medical Certification Brief; (8) BAE NVG Heads-Up Display Systems; (9) Overview SC-196 Working Group (WG) Activities: (a) WG-1, Operational Concept/Requirements; (b) WG-2, NVG MOPS; (c) WG-3, Night Vision Imaging System Lighting; (d) WG-4, Maintenance/Serviceability; (e) WG-5, Training Guidelines/Considerations; (10) Open Forum; (11) WG Breakout Sessions; (12) Other Business; (13) Establish Agenda for Next Meeting; (14) Date and Location of Next Meeting; (15) Closing.

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