

Agency may not authorize or obligate funding for a program of record for the production of satellites or ground systems associated with the operation of such satellites.

(b) **PROTOTYPE SATELLITES.**—(1) The Director, with the concurrence of the Space Acquisition Council established by section 9021 of this title, may authorize the production of one or more prototype satellites, consistent with the requirements of the Missile Defense Agency.

(2) Not later than 30 days after the date on which the Space Acquisition Council concurs with the Director with respect to authorizing the production of a prototype satellite under paragraph (1), the chair of the Council shall submit to the congressional defense committees a report explaining the reasons for such concurrence.

(3) The Director may not obligate funds for the production of a prototype satellite under paragraph (1) before the date on which the Space Acquisition Council submits the report for such prototype satellite under paragraph (2).

(Added Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVI, § 1649(a), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2197.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in Pub. L. 117–81, div. A, title XVI, § 1662(a), Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2103, which was set out in a note under section 4022 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVI, § 1649(b)(2), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2199.

SUBCHAPTER IV—MISSILE DEFENSE INFORMATION

§ 5551. Prohibitions relating to missile defense information and systems

(a) **CERTAIN “HIT-TO-KILL” TECHNOLOGY AND TELEMETRY DATA.**—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for any fiscal year for the Department of Defense may be used to provide the Russian Federation or the People’s Republic of China with “hit-to-kill” technology and telemetry data for missile defense interceptors or target vehicles.

(b) **OTHER SENSITIVE MISSILE DEFENSE INFORMATION.**—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for any fiscal year for the Department of Defense may be used to provide the Russian Federation or the People’s Republic of China with—

- (1) information relating to velocity at burn-out of missile defense interceptors or targets of the United States; or
- (2) classified or otherwise controlled missile defense information.

(c) **EXCEPTION.**—The prohibitions in subsections (a) and (b) shall not apply to the United States providing to the Russian Federation or the People’s Republic of China information regarding ballistic missile early warning.

(d) **INTEGRATION.**—None of the funds authorized to be appropriated or otherwise made available for any fiscal year for the Department of Defense may be obligated or expended to integrate a missile defense system of the Russian Federation or a missile defense system of the

People’s Republic of China into any missile defense system of the United States.

(Added and amended Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVI, §§ 1641, 1649(a), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2182, 2198.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 130h of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVI, § 1649(b)(1), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2199.

AMENDMENTS

2024—Subsec. (a). Pub. L. 118–159, § 1641(1), inserted “or the People’s Republic of China” after “the Russian Federation”.

Subsec. (b). Pub. L. 118–159, § 1641(2), inserted “or the People’s Republic of China” after “the Russian Federation” in introductory provisions.

Subsec. (c). Pub. L. 118–159, § 1641(3), inserted “or the People’s Republic of China” after “the Russian Federation”.

Statutory Notes and Related Subsidiaries

CERTIFICATION REQUIRED FOR RUSSIA AND CHINA TO TOUR CERTAIN MISSILE DEFENSE SITES

Pub. L. 117–81, div. A, title XVI, § 1667, Dec. 27, 2021, 135 Stat. 2106, provided that:

“(a) **CERTIFICATION.**—Before the Secretary of Defense makes a determination with respect to allowing a foreign national of Russia or China to tour a covered site, the Secretary shall submit to the congressional defense committees [Committees on Armed Services and Appropriations of the Senate and the House of Representatives] a certification that—

“(1) the Secretary has determined that such tour is in the national security interest of the United States, including the justifications for such determination; and

“(2) the Secretary will not share any technical data relating to the covered site with the foreign nationals.

“(b) **TIMING.**—The Secretary may not conduct a tour described in subsection (a) until a period of 45 days has elapsed following the date on which the Secretary submits the certification for that tour under such subsection.

“(c) **CONSTRUCTION WITH OTHER REQUIREMENTS.**—Nothing in this section shall be construed to supersede or otherwise affect [former] section 130h of title 10, United States Code [see 10 U.S.C. 5551].

“(d) **COVERED SITE.**—In this section, the term ‘covered site’ means any of the following:

“(1) The combat information center of a naval ship equipped with the Aegis ballistic missile defense system.

“(2) An Aegis Ashore site.

“(3) A terminal high altitude area defense battery.

“(4) A ground-based midcourse defense interceptor silo.”

§ 5552. Biannual briefing on missile defense and related activities

(a) **IN GENERAL.**—On or about June 1 and December 1 of each year, the officials specified in subsection (b) shall provide to the Committees on Armed Services of the Senate and the House of Representatives a briefing on matters relating to missile defense policies, operations, technology development, and other similar topics as requested by such committees.

(b) **OFFICIALS SPECIFIED.**—The officials specified in this subsection are the following:

- (1) The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Acquisition.
- (2) The Assistant Secretary of Defense for Space Policy.
- (3) The Director of the Missile Defense Agency.
- (4) The Director for Strategy, Plans, and Policy of the Joint Staff.

(c) DELEGATION.—An official specified in subsection (b) may delegate the authority to provide a briefing required by subsection (a) to a member of the Senior Executive Service who reports to the official.

(d) TERMINATION.—The requirement to provide a briefing under subsection (a) shall terminate on January 1, 2028.

(Added Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVI, § 1649(a), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2198.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in section 487 of this title prior to repeal by Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVI, § 1649(b)(1), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2199.

§ 5553. Provision of information on flight testing of ground-based midcourse national missile defense system

(a) INFORMATION TO BE FURNISHED TO CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES.—The Director of the Missile Defense Agency shall provide to the congressional defense committees information on the results of each flight test of the ground-based midcourse national missile defense system.

(b) CONTENT.—Information provided under subsection (a) on the results of a flight test shall include the following matters:

- (1) A thorough discussion of the content and objectives of the test.
- (2) For each such test objective, a statement regarding whether or not the objective was achieved.
- (3) For any such test objective not achieved—
 - (A) a thorough discussion describing the reasons that the objective was not achieved; and
 - (B) a discussion of any plans for future tests to achieve that objective.

(Added Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVI, § 1649(a), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2199.)

Editorial Notes

PRIOR PROVISIONS

Provisions similar to those in this section were contained in Pub. L. 107–314, div. A, title II, § 224, Dec. 2, 2002, 116 Stat. 2485, which was set out in a note under section 4205 of this title, prior to repeal by Pub. L. 118–159, div. A, title XVI, § 1649(b)(10), Dec. 23, 2024, 138 Stat. 2200.

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2018—Pub. L. 115–232, div. A, title VIII, § 808(f)(2), Aug. 13, 2018, 132 Stat. 1839, redesignated items for chapters 301 to 453 as 701 to 783 and redesignated section numbers 3001 to 4831 as 7001 to 7831. Section numbers were conformed to the first section appearing in each chapter after renumbering by Pub. L. 115–232 to reflect the probable intent of Congress.

2011—Pub. L. 112–81, div. A, title V, § 591(a)(2), Dec. 31, 2011, 125 Stat. 1441, added item for chapter 446.

2003—Pub. L. 108–136, div. A, title V, § 576(a)(2), Nov. 24, 2003, 117 Stat. 1487, added item for chapter 375.

2000—Pub. L. 106–398, § 1 [[div. A], title III, § 344(a)(2)], Oct. 30, 2000, 114 Stat. 1654, 1654A–71, added item for chapter 434.

1999—Pub. L. 106–65, div. A, title VII, § 721(c)(7), Oct. 5, 1999, 113 Stat. 695, substituted “Disposition” for “Inquests; Disposition” and “4712” for “4711” in item for chapter 445.