

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9609]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Application for the Permanent Export, Temporary Export, or Temporary Import of Defense Munitions, Defense Services, and Related Technical Data**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to August 19, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the Internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2016-0043" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- *Email:* DDTCTPublicComments@state.gov.

- *Regular Mail:* Send written comments to: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Attn: Managing Director, 2401 E St. NW., Suite H-1205, Washington, DC 20522-0112.

You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Steve Derscheid—Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State, who may be reached at DerscheidSA@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Application for Permanent Export, Temporary Export, or Temporary Import of Defense Munitions, Defense Services, and Related Technical Data.

- *OMB Control Number:* None.
- *Type of Request:* New Collection.

- *Originating Office:* Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Department of State (T/PM/DDTC).

- *Form Number:* DS-7788.
- *Respondents:* Individuals and companies registered with DDTC and engaged in the business of exporting or temporarily importing defense hardware or defense technology data.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,500.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 45,000.

- *Average Time per Response:* 3 hours.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 135,000 hours.

- *Frequency:* On occasion.

- *Obligation to Respond:* Required to obtain or retain benefits.

We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of proposed collection:

The Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), located in the Political-Military Affairs Bureau of the Department of State, has the principal mission of licensing the permanent export, temporary export, and temporary import of defense articles, defense services, and related technical data as enumerated in the United States Munitions List (USML), and to ensure that the sale, transfer, or brokering of such items are in the interest of U.S. national security and foreign policy. To this end, DDTC has historically utilized several form-based submissions to collect information from applicants for export or temporary import licenses. However, as new programmatic requirements have been promulgated, whether in response to changing geopolitical events, legislation, or interagency requirements, many aspects

of the forms used by DDTC have become outdated.

This information collection will supersede forms DSP-5, DSP-6, DSP-61, DSP-62, DSP-71, and DSP-74 which are currently used by DDTC. Over a period of several months, DDTC staff have revised and updated the data collection fields to more closely mirror the needs of industry and federal government partners. Moreover, DDTC has acquired a new case management IT solution to modernize its business processes. As a part of this modernization process, licensing operations will move from the current, largely form-based submissions to an intuitive system which will allow both industry users and DDTC staff to smoothly and securely navigate the submission and review process. In addition, DDTC has worked closely with its interagency partners to construct this new licensing application to collate with the International Trade Data System (ITDS), a cornerstone of President Obama's export control reform initiative. Therefore, this information collection has been designed to both dovetail with the ITDS system in addition to achieving a higher level of usability and security for DDTC's current industry users.

Methodology:

This information will be collected via electronic submission to the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls. In the case of a major system outage, a continuity-of-operations plan has been developed to ensure submissions to DDTC can continue. A paper version of the form may be made available in cases of hardship or to those respondents who do not have internet access.

Dated: June 6, 2016.

Lisa Aguirre,

Managing Director, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 9611]

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Disclosure of Violations of the Arms Export Control Act**ACTION:** Notice of request for public comment.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are

requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB.

DATES: The Department will accept comments from the public up to August 19, 2016.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods:

- *Web:* Persons with access to the Internet may comment on this notice by going to www.Regulations.gov. You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2016-0041" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form.

- *Email:* DDTCTPublicComments@state.gov.

- *Regular Mail:* Send written comments to: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State; 2401 E St. NW., Suite H1205, Washington, DC 20522. You must include the DS form number, information collection title, and the OMB control number in any correspondence.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Steve Derscheid, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State, who may be reached at DerscheidSA@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

- *Title of Information Collection:* Disclosure of Violations of the Arms Export Control Act.

- *OMB Control No.:* 1405-0179.

- *Type of Request:* Revision of a Currently Approved Collection.

- *Originating Office:* T/PM/DDTC.

- *Form No.:* DS-7787.

- *Respondents:* Individuals and companies engaged in the business of exporting or temporarily importing defense hardware or defense technology data.

- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 12,500.

- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,500.

- *Average Time per Response:* 10 hours.

- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 15,000 hours.

- *Frequency:* On occasion.

- *Obligation To Respond:* Voluntary. We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

- Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department.

- Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

- Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of proposed collection: The Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC), located in the Political-Military Affairs Bureau of the Department of State, encourages voluntary disclosures of violations of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) (22 U.S.C. 2751 *et seq.*), its implementing regulations, the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR 120-130), and any regulation, order, license, or other authorization issued thereunder. The information disclosed is analyzed by DDTC to ultimately determine whether to take administrative action concerning any violation that may have occurred. Voluntary disclosure may be considered a mitigating factor in determining the administrative penalties, if any, that may be imposed. Failure to report a violation may result in circumstances detrimental to the U.S. national security and foreign policy interests and will be an adverse factor in determining the appropriate disposition of such violations. Also, the activity in question might merit referral to the Department of Justice for consideration of whether criminal prosecution is warranted. In such cases, DDTC will notify the Department of Justice of the voluntary nature of the disclosure, but the Department of Justice is not required to give that fact any weight.

ITAR § 127.12 enunciates the information which should accompany a voluntary disclosure. Historically, respondents to this information collection submitted their disclosures to DDTC in writing via hard copy documentation. However, as part of an IT modernization project designed to streamline the collection and use of information by DDTC, a discrete form has been developed for the submission of voluntary disclosures. This will allow both DDTC and respondents submitting

a disclosure to more easily track submissions.

Methodology: This information will be collected by electronic submission.

Dated: June 9, 2016.

Lisa Aguirre,

Managing Director, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State.

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 33 (Sub-No. 326X)]

Union Pacific Railroad Company— Abandonment Exemption—in Alameda County, Cal.

Union Pacific Railroad Company (UP) has filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR pt. 1152 subpart F—*Exempt Abandonments* to abandon all of its remaining trackage on Alameda Island in Alameda County, Cal. (the Line). The Line totals approximately 4.3 miles and consists of five rail segments: (1) UP's Alameda Industrial Lead, from milepost 10.0 near Fruitvale to milepost 10.4 near Lincoln Jct.; (2) the Alameda Industrial Lead from milepost 16.0 near Mastic Jct. to milepost 18.2 near West Alameda; (3) the former South Pacific Coast Railway mainline from milepost 5.0 at West Alameda to milepost 6.1 at Pacific Jct.; (4) the connection between the Alameda Industrial Lead at milepost 18.0 and South Pacific Coast milepost 5.4 near West Alameda; and (5) track #7, the connection between the Alameda Belt Line near St. Charles Avenue and the Alameda Industrial Lead at its milepost 16.5 near Constitution Way. The Line also includes all other UP ancillary, industrial, switching, siding, and spur trackage on Alameda Island and traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 94501 and 94601.¹

UP has certified that: (1) No local traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years; (2) no overhead traffic has moved over the Line for at least two years and, therefore, there is no need to reroute any traffic; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the Line (or by a state or local government entity acting on behalf of such user) regarding cessation of service over the Line either is pending with the Surface Transportation Board (Board) or

¹ In its combined environmental and historic report, UP notes that because the Line was used in electric interurban service from 1911 to 1940, it appeared to have been reclassified by then-owner Southern Pacific Railroad and viewed as an unregulated switching spur. UP views the Line as potentially falling under STB jurisdiction and is seeking exempt abandonment authority to clarify the record with regard to the Line.