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## **DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

### **[Public Notice 9610]**

60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Statement of Material Change, Merger, Acquisition, or Divestment of a Registered Party

**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 **[THE FR WILL INSERT DATE 60 DAYS FROM DATE OF PUBLICATION IN THE FEDERAL REGISTER]**.

**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](http://www.Regulations.gov). You can search for the document by entering “Docket Number: DOS-2016-0042” in the Search field. Then click the “Comment Now” button and complete the comment form.
- **E-mail:** [DDTCPublicComments@state.gov](mailto:DDTCPublicComments@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 (if applicable), 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 – Management Analyst, who may be reached at DerscheidSA@state.gov

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

- *Title of Information Collection:* Statement of Material Change, Merger, Acquisition, or Divestiture of a Registered Party
- *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-7789
- *Respondents:* Individuals and companies registered with DDTC and engaged in the business of manufacturing, brokering, exporting, or temporarily importing defense hardware or defense technology data.
- *Estimated Number of Respondents:* 1,700
- *Estimated Number of Responses:* 1,700
- *Average Time Per Response:* 2 hours
- *Total Estimated Burden Time:* 3,400 hours
- *Frequency:* On occasion
- *Obligation to Respond:* Mandatory

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), Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, in accordance with the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) (22 U.S.C. 2751 et seq.) and the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) (22 CFR Parts 120-130), has the principal missions of taking final action on license applications and other requests for defense trade transactions via commercial channels, ensuring compliance with the statute and regulations, and collecting various types of reports. By statute, Executive Order, regulation, and delegation of authority, DDTC is charged with controlling the export and temporary import of defense articles, the provision of defense services, and the brokering thereof, which are covered by the U.S. Munitions List.

ITAR §§ 122.4 and 129.8 requires registrants to notify DDTC in the event of a change in registration information or if the registrant is a party to a merger, acquisition, or divestiture of an entity producing or marketing ITAR-controlled items. Based on certain conditions enunciated in the ITAR, respondents must notify DDTC of these changes at differing intervals – no less than 60 days prior to the event, in the event that a foreign person is acquiring a registered entity, and/or within 5 days of its culmination. This information is necessary for DDTC to ensure registration records are accurate and to determine whether the transaction is in compliance with the regulations (e.g. with respect to ITAR § 126.1); assess the steps that need to be taken with respect to existing authorizations (e.g. transfers); and to evaluate the implications for US national security and foreign policy.

This information collection is estimated to take an average of 2 hours to execute, and DDTC expects to receive approximately 1,700 responses per year; therefore, the total burden for this collection will be 3,400 hours per year.

Methodology:

This information will be collected by DDTC's electronic case management system and respondents will certify the data via electronic signature.

Dated: June 9, 2016

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