

("NRSRO") and provided authority for the Securities and Exchange Commission ("Commission") to implement registration, recordkeeping, financial reporting, and oversight rules with respect to registered credit rating agencies. The regulations implemented by the Commission pursuant to this mandate include Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Exchange Act") Rule 17g-2,² which requires an NRSRO to make and retain certain records relating to its business and to retain certain other business records made in the normal course of business operations.

On February 2, 2009, the Commission adopted amendments to its NRSRO rules imposing additional requirements on NRSROs in order to address concerns about the integrity of their credit rating procedures and methodologies.³ Among other things, the rule amendments added new paragraphs (a)(8) and (d) to Rule 17g-2. New paragraph (a)(8) of Rule 17g-2 requires an NRSRO to make and retain a record for each outstanding credit rating it maintains showing all rating actions (initial rating, upgrades, downgrades, placements on watch for upgrade or downgrade, and withdrawals) "identified by the name of the rated security or obligor and, if applicable, the CUSIP of the rated security or the Central Index Key (CIK) number of the rated obligor."⁴ New paragraph (d) of Rule 17g-2 requires an NRSRO to make publicly available, on a six-month delayed basis, the ratings histories for a random sample of 10% of the credit ratings paid for by the obligor being rated or by the issuer, underwriter, or sponsor of the security being rated ("issuer-paid credit ratings") pursuant to paragraph (a)(8) of Rule 17g-2 for each class of credit rating for which the NRSRO is registered and has issued 500 or more issuer-paid credit ratings.⁵

Paragraph (d) of Rule 17g-2 further requires that this information be made public on the NRSRO's corporate Internet Web site in eXtensible Business Reporting Language ("XBRL") format.⁶ The rule provides that in preparing the XBRL disclosure, an NRSRO must use the List of XBRL Tags for NRSROs as specified on the Commission's Web site.⁷ The Commission established a

compliance date of August 10, 2009 for this provision.

The XBRL tags are not yet available. Therefore, the Commission issued a Notice on August 5, 2009 that an NRSRO subject to the disclosure provisions of Rule 17g-2(d) can satisfy the requirement to make publicly available ratings history information in an XBRL format by using an XBRL format or any other machine readable format until such time as the Commission provides further notice.⁸

As noted above, the required rating actions information includes, if applicable, the CUSIP of each rated security and the CIK number of each rated obligor. Although CIK numbers are available free of charge on the Commission's Web site, CUSIPs are owned and distributed by private parties.

Subsequent to the issuance of the August 5, 2009 Notice, several NRSROs have notified Commission staff that, despite their efforts, they have not been able to resolve certain issues with the managers of the CUSIP program. The Commission believes, however, that users of credit ratings would benefit from having ratings action information available by the August 10, 2009 implementation date for Rule 17g-2(d), even if CUSIP numbers are not included for a limited time. We note that identifying information, such as the name of the security, will be included.

For these reasons, the Commission finds that providing NRSROs a partial temporary exemption from Rule 17g-2(d) (incorporating the provisions of Rule 17g-2(a)(8)) is necessary and appropriate in the public interest and is consistent with the protection of investors.⁹ Therefore, the Commission is providing NRSROs with a 30-day exemption from the requirement in Rule 17g-2(d) (incorporating the provisions of Rule 17g-2(a)(8)) that the CUSIP for each rated security be included with the ratings action information.

II. Conclusion

Accordingly, pursuant to Section 36 of the Exchange Act,

It is hereby ordered that NRSROs are temporarily exempt from the

requirement in Rule 17g-2(d) (incorporating the provisions of Rule 17g-2(a)(8)) that the CUSIP for each rated security be included with the ratings action information for thirty days, until September 9, 2009.

By the Commission.

Elizabeth M. Murphy,
Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 6724]

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls; Notifications to the Congress of Proposed Commercial Export Licenses

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has forwarded the attached Notifications of Proposed Export Licenses to the Congress on the dates indicated on the attachments pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) and in compliance with section 36(f) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776).

DATES: *Effective Date:* As shown on each of the 15 letters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Robert S. Kovac, Managing Director, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State (202) 663-2861.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 36(f) of the Arms Export Control Act mandates that notifications to the Congress pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) must be published in the **Federal Register** when they are transmitted to Congress or as soon thereafter as practicable.

May 21, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense services and defense articles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to Mexico for the manufacture of components for use in Auxiliary Power Units and Propulsion Engines for end use on various U.S. and non-U.A. approved military platforms.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

² 17 CFR 240.17g-2.

³ See *Amendments to Rules for Nationally Recognized Statistical Rating Organizations*, Exchange Act Release No. 59342 (February 2, 2009), 74 FR 6456 ("February 2009 Adopting Release").

⁴ 17 CFR 240.17g-2(a)(8).

⁵ 17 CFR 240.17g-2(d).

⁶ *Id.*

⁷ *Id.* The February 2009 Adopting Release specified a compliance date of 180 days after publication in the **Federal Register**.

⁸ *Notice Regarding the Requirement to Use eXtensible Business Reporting Language Format to Make Publicly Available the Information Required Pursuant to Rule 17g-2(d) of the Exchange Act*, Exchange Act Release No. 60451, August 5, 2009 ("August 5, 2009 Notice").

⁹ Section 36 of the Exchange Act authorizes the Commission, by rule, regulation, or order, to conditionally or unconditionally exempt any person from any rule under the Exchange Act, to the extent that the exemption is necessary or appropriate in the public interest and is consistent with the protection of investors. 15 U.S.C. 78mm.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 011-09.
May 21, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles to Mexico for the manufacture of Military Vehicle Wiring Harnesses for end-use by the U.S. Government.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 015-09.
May 21, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Sections 36(c) and 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services to the United Arab Emirates for the manufacture of the 2.75" Laser Guided Rocket All-Up-Round for the United Arab Emirates Armed Forces.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 019-09.
May 21, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the permanent export of a commercial communications satellite to the United Kingdom. This notification is for the export of the satellite and associated launch support equipment only.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 022-09.
May 21, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical data, defense services, and hardware to support the Proton launch of the SIRIUS-5 Commercial Communication Satellite from the Baikonur Cosmodrome in Kazakhstan.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 023-09.
May 21, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement

for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services for the manufacture of the Personnel Locator System (PLS) in Mexico for end-use by the U.S. Air Force.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 029-09.
May 21, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles and defense services for the manufacture and support of S-70B (SH-60)/K Helicopters, parts and support equipment for end-use by the Japan Maritime Defense Forces.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 031-09.
May 21, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles and defense services for the upgrade of the Iraqi Ministry of Defense communication systems for end-use by the Iraqi Ministry of Defense.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having

taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 032-09.
May 21, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles and defense services for the manufacture and support of the S-70A (UH-60J) Helicopters, parts and support equipment for end-use by Japan's Maritime Defense Forces.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 033-09.
May 21, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services for the manufacture of the AN/APN-217 (V) 2-3-6 Doppler Navigation System in Japan for end-use by the Ministry of Defense of Japan.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 035-09.
May 21, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles, including technical data, and defense services for the manufacture of the advanced Digital Dispensing System I and VII for the Ministry of Defense of Israel for use on the F-15 Aircraft.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 039-09.
June 2, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement for the export of major defense equipment (MDE) and associated technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$25,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to the Commonwealth of Australia of defense services and defense articles, including technical data, to support the export, combat system integration, upgrade, qualification support, operational training, and organizational and intermediate level maintenance training for the Phalanx Close-In Weapon System Block 1A through Block 1B Baseline Weapon Systems.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 041-09.

May 22, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles and defense services for the manufacture and support of AN/SSQ-62, AN/SSQ-53, and AN/SSQ-36 Sonobuoys and Sonobuoy Assemblies in Canada.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 042-09.
May 22, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense articles and defense services for the manufacture of the AN/APG-63(V) 1 Radar System Retrofit Kits for end-use by the Ministry of Japan.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 043-09.
May 21, 2009.

Hon. Nancy Pelosi,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Madam Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed technical assistance agreement to include the export of technical data, defense services, and defense articles regarding major defense equipment in the amount of \$14,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the sale of four C-130J aircraft, associated support equipment, initial logistics support and initial maintenance and operational training to the Government of Qatar.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Richard R. Verma,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 004-09.

Dated: July 1, 2009.

Robert S. Kovac,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

Agency Information Collection Activity Seeking OMB Approval

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The FAA invites public comments about our intention to request the Office of Management and Budget's (OMB) revision of a current information collection. The **Federal Register** Notice with a 60-day comment period soliciting comments on the following collection of information was published on June 5, 2009, 74 FR 27058-27059. Wildlife strike data are collected to develop standards and monitor hazards to aviation. Data identify wildlife strike control requirements and provide in-service data on aircraft component failure.

DATES: Please submit comments by September 14, 2009.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons are invited to submit written comments on the proposed information collection to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget. Comments should be addressed to the attention of the Desk Officer, Department of Transportation/FAA, and sent via electronic mail to oir_submission@omb.eop.gov, or faxed to (202) 395-6974, or mailed to the Office of Information and Regulatory

Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, Docket Library, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Carla Mauney at Carla.Mauneyfaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)

Title: Bird/Other Wildlife Strike Report.

Type of Request: Revision of a currently approved collection.

OMB Control Number: 2120-0045.

Form(s): Form 5200-7.

Affected Public: An estimated 7,666 Respondents.

Frequency: This information is collected on occasion.

Estimated Average Burden per Response: Approximately 5 minutes per response.

Estimated Annual Burden Hours: An estimated 613 hours annually.

Abstract: Wildlife strike data are collected to develop standards and monitor hazards to aviation. Data identify wildlife strike control requirements and provide in-service data on aircraft component failure. The FAA form 5200-7, Bird/Other Wildlife Strike Report, is most often completed by the pilot in charge of an aircraft involved in a wildlife collision or by Air Traffic Control Tower personnel, or other airline or airport personnel who have knowledge of the incident.

Comments are invited on: Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimates of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Issued in Washington, DC, on August 7, 2009.

Carla Mauney,

FAA Information Collection Clearance Officer, IT Enterprises Business Services Division, AES-200.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Surface Transportation Board

Indexing the Annual Operating Revenues of Railroads

The Surface Transportation Board (STB) is publishing the annual inflation-adjusted index factors for 2008. These factors are used by the railroads to adjust their gross annual operating revenues for classification purposes. This indexing methodology insures that railroads are classified based on real business expansion and not from the affects of inflation. Classification is important because it determines the extent to which individual railroads must comply with STB reporting requirements.

The STB's annual inflation-adjusted factors are based on the annual average Railroad's Freight Price Index which is developed by the Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). The STB's deflator factor is used to deflate revenues for comparison with established revenue thresholds.

The base year for railroads is 1991. The inflation index factors are presented as follows:

STB RAILROAD INFLATION-ADJUSTED INDEX AND DEFLATOR FACTOR TABLE

Year	Index	Deflator
1991	409.50	¹ 100.00
1992	411.80	99.45
1993	415.50	98.55
1994	418.80	97.70
1995	418.17	97.85
1996	417.46	98.02
1997	419.67	97.50
1998	424.54	96.38
1999	423.01	96.72
2000	428.64	95.45
2001	436.48	93.73
2002	445.03	91.92
2003	454.33	90.03
2004	473.41	86.40
2005	522.41	78.29
2006	567.34	72.09
2007	588.27	69.52
2008	656.78	62.28

¹ Ex Parte No. 492, *Montana Rail Link, Inc., and Wisconsin Central Ltd., Joint Petition For Rulemaking With Respect To 49 CFR 1201, 8 I.C.C. 2d 625* (1992), raised the revenue classification level for Class I railroads from \$50 million (1978 dollars) to \$250 million (1991 dollars), effective for the reporting year beginning January 1, 1992. The Class II threshold was also raised from \$10 million (1978 dollars) to \$20 million (1991 dollars).

DATES: Effective Date: January 1, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Scott Decker 202-245-0330. [Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) for the hearing impaired: 1-800-877-8339.]