preventing, minimizing, or remedying the risk of harm to individuals, the recipient agency or entity (including its information systems, programs, and operations), the Federal Government, or national security, resulting from a suspected or confirmed breach.

The Department of State periodically publishes in the **Federal Register** its standard routine uses which apply to all of its Privacy Act systems of records. These notices appear in the form of a Prefatory Statement (published in Volume 73, Number 136, Public Notice 6290, on July 15, 2008). All these standard routine uses apply to Family Liaison Office Records, State-50.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR STORAGE OF RECORDS:

Records are stored both in hard copy and on electronic media. A description of standard Department of State policies concerning storage of electronic records is found here https://fam.state.gov/FAM/05FAM/05FAM/0440.html. All hard copies of records containing personal information are maintained in secured file cabinets in restricted areas, access to which is limited to authorized personnel only.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETRIEVAL OF RECORDS:

By individual name of the family member, name of the U.S. direct-hire employee sponsor, his/her agency and current post.

POLICIES AND PRACTICES FOR RETENTION AND DISPOSAL OF RECORDS:

Records are retired or destroyed in accordance with published Department of State Disposition Schedules as approved by the National Archives and Records Administration (NARA) and outlined here https://foia.state.gov/Learn/RecordsDisposition.aspx. More specific information may be obtained by writing to the Director, Office of Information Programs and Services, A/GIS/IPS; SA–2, Department of State; 515 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20522–8100.

ADMINISTRATIVE, TECHNICAL, AND PHYSICAL SAFEGUARDS:

All users are given cyber security awareness training which covers the procedures for handling Sensitive But Unclassified (SBU) information, including personally identifiable information (PII). Annual refresher training is mandatory. In addition, all Foreign Service and Civil Service employees and those Locally Engaged Staff who handle PII are required to take the Foreign Service Institute distance learning course, PA 459, instructing employees on privacy and security

requirements, including the rules of behavior for handling PII and the potential consequences if it is handled improperly.

Access to the Department of State, its annexes and posts abroad is controlled by security guards and admission is limited to those individuals possessing a valid identification card or individuals under proper escort. All paper records containing personal information are maintained in secured file cabinets in restricted areas, access to which is limited to authorized personnel only. Access to computerized files is password-protected and under the direct supervision of the system manager. The system manager has the capability of printing audit trails of access from the computer media, thereby permitting regular and ad hoc monitoring of computer usage. When it is determined that a user no longer needs access, the user account is disabled.

Before being granted access to Family Liaison Office Records, a user must first be granted access to the Department of State computer system. Remote access to the Department of State network from non-Department owned systems is authorized only to unclassified systems and only through a Department approved access program. Remote access to the network is configured with the authentication requirements contained in the Office of Management and Budget Circular Memorandum A-130. All Department of State employees and contractors with authorized access have undergone a thorough background security investigation.

RECORD ACCESS PROCEDURES:

Individuals who wish to gain access to or amend records pertaining to them should write to the Director; Office of Information Programs and Services, A/GIS/IPS; SA–2 Department of State; 515 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20522–8100.

CONTESTING RECORD PROCEDURES:

See above.

NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES:

Individuals who have reason to believe that the Family Liaison Office might have records pertaining to him or her should write to the following address: Director; Office of Information Programs and Services, A/GIS/IPS; SA–2 Department of State; 515 22nd Street NW, Washington, DC 20522–8100.

The individual must specify that he or she request the records of the Family Liaison Office to be checked. At a minimum, the individual must include the following: Name, date and place of birth, current mailing address and zip code, agency, current post, signature, and any other information helpful in identifying the record.

EXEMPTIONS PROMULGATED FOR THE SYSTEM:

None.

HISTORY:

The Department of State proposes to consolidate two record systems: Family Liaison Office Centralized Data Bank of Family Member Skills and Direct Communication Network Records, State-50 (previously published at 43 FR 45958) and Skills Catalogue Records, State-49 (previously published at 43 FR 45957).

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice PN 10579]

Notice of Department of State Sanctions Actions Pursuant To Section 231(a) of the Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act of 2017 (CAATSA) and Executive Order 13849 of September 20, 2018, and Notice of Additions To the CAATSA Section 231(d) Guidance

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Secretary of State has determined, pursuant to CAATSA Section 231(a), that the Chinese entity **Equipment Development Department of** the Central Military Commission (EDD), formerly known as the General Armaments Department (GAD), has knowingly, on or after August 2, 2017, engaged in a significant transaction with a person that is part of, or operates for or on behalf of, the defense or intelligence sectors of the Government of the Russian Federation. The Secretary of State has selected certain sanctions to be imposed upon EDD and Li Shangfu, EDD's Director, who has been determined to be a principal executive officer of EDD, or to perform similar functions with similar authorities as such an officer.

The Secretary of State is also updating previously issued guidance pursuant to CAATSA Section 231(d) to specify additional persons that are part of, or operate for or on behalf of, the defense and intelligence sectors of the Government of the Russian Federation.

DATES: The Secretary of State's determination that EDD has knowingly, on or after August 2, 2017, engaged in a significant transaction with a person that is part of, or operates for or on behalf of, the defense or intelligence sectors of the Government of the Russian Federation, and the Secretary of State's selection of certain sanctions to be imposed upon EDD and Li Shangfu, are effective on September 20, 2018. The Secretary of State's updates to previously issued guidance pursuant to CAATSA Section 231(d) to specify additional persons that are part of, or operate for or on behalf of, the defense and intelligence sectors of the Government of the Russian Federation are effective on September 20, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Thomas W. Zarzecki, Director, Task Force 231, Bureau of International Security and Nonproliferation, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520, tel.: 202–647–7594, ZarzeckiTW@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 231(a) of CAATSA and Executive Order 13849 the Secretary of State has selected the following sanctions to be imposed upon EDD:

- United States Government departments and agencies shall not issue any specific license or grant any other specific permission or authority under any statute that requires the prior review or approval of the United States Government as a condition for the export or re-export of goods or technology to EDD;
- A prohibition on any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and in which EDD has any interest;
- A prohibition on any transfers of credit or payments between financial institutions, or by, through, or to any financial institution, to the extent that such transfers or payments are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and involve any interest of EDD;
- All property and interests in property of EDD that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person are blocked and may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in; and
- Imposition on the principal executive officer or officers of EDD, or on persons performing similar functions and with similar authorities as such officer or officers, certain sanctions, as selected by the Secretary of State and described below.

The Secretary of State has selected the following sanctions to be imposed upon Li Shangfu, EDD's Director, who has been determined to be a principal executive officer of EDD, or to perform similar functions with similar authorities as such an officer:

- A prohibition on any transactions in foreign exchange that are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and in which Li Shangfu has any interest;
- A prohibition on any transfers of credit or payments between financial institutions, or by, through, or to any financial institution, to the extent that such transfers or payments are subject to the jurisdiction of the United States and involve any interest of Li Shangfu;
- All property and interests in property of Li Shangfu that are in the United States, that hereafter come within the United States, or that are or hereafter come within the possession or control of any United States person are blocked and may not be transferred, paid, exported, withdrawn, or otherwise dealt in; and
- The Secretary of State shall deny a visa to Li Shangfu, and the Secretary of Homeland Security shall exclude Li Shangfu from the United States, by treating Li Shangfu as a person covered by section 1 of Proclamation 8693 of July 24, 2011 (Suspension of Entry of Aliens Subject to United Nations Security Council Travel Bans and International Emergency Economic Powers Act Sanctions).

Also, pursuant to the authority in CAATSA Section 231(d), the Secretary of State is issuing updated guidance specifying the following additional persons that are part of, or operate for or on behalf of, the defense and intelligence sectors of the Government of the Russian Federation:

Section 231(d) List Regarding the Defense Sector of the Government of the Russian Federation

- Komsomolsk-na-Amur Aviation Production Organization (KNAAPO)
- Oboronlogistika, OOO
- PMC Wagner

Section 231(d) List Regarding the Russian Intelligence Sector of the Government of the Russian Federation

- Antonov, Boris Alekseyevich
- Aslanov, Dzheykhun Nasimi Ogly
- Badin, Dmitriy Sergeyevich
- Bogacheva, Anna Vladislavovna
- Bovda, Maria Anatolyevna
- Bovda, Robert Sergeyevich
- Burchik, Mikhail Leonidovich
- Bystrov, Mikhail Ivanovich
- Concord Catering
- Concord Management and Consulting LLC

- Gizunov, Sergey Aleksandrovich
- Internet Research Agency LLC
- Kaverzina, Irina Viktorovna
- Korobov, Igor Valentinovich
- Kovalev, Anatoliy Sergeyevich
- Kozachek, Nikolay YuryevichKrylova, Aleksandra Yuryevna
- Lukashev, Aleksey Viktorovich
- Malyshev, Artem Andreyevich
- · Morgachev, Sergey Aleksandrovich
- Netyksho, Viktor Borisovich
- Osadchuk, Aleksandr Vladimirovich
- · Podkopaev, Vadim Vladimirovich
- Polozov, Sergey Pavlovich
- Potemkin, Aleksey Aleksandrovich
- Prigozhin, Yevgeniy Viktorovich
- Vasilchenko, Gleb Igorevich
- · Venkov, Vladimir
- Yermakov, Ivan Sergeyevich
- Yershov, Pavel Vyacheslavovich

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SURFACE TRANSPORTATION BOARD

[Docket No. AB 497 (Sub-No. 7X)]

Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc.— Abandonment Exemption—in Norman and Polk Counties, MN

Minnesota Northern Railroad, Inc. (MNN) filed a verified notice of exemption under 49 CFR 1152 subpart F—Exempt Abandonments to abandon approximately 5.8 miles of its "P Line" Subdivision between milepost 40.2 at the north end of the Marsh River Bridge, near Shelly, MN, and milepost 46.0 at Second Street in Nielsville, MN, in Norman and Polk Counties, MN (the Line). The Line traverses United States Postal Service Zip Codes 56561, 56568, and 56581.

MNN has certified that: (1) No local freight 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; (3) no formal complaint filed by a user of rail service on the line (or a state or local government acting on behalf of any such user) regarding cessation of service over the line either is pending before the Surface Transportation Board or any U.S. District Court or has been decided in favor of the complainant within the twoyear period; and (4) the requirements at 49 CFR 1105.7(c) (environmental report), 49 CFR 1105.11 (transmittal letter), 49 CFR 1105.12 (newspaper publication), and 49 CFR 1152.50(d)(1) (notice to governmental agencies) have been met.

As a condition to this exemption, any employee adversely affected by the