

Sincerely,
Barbara Larkin,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC-43-97
The Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 25, 1997.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to sections 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith certification of a proposed Technical Assistance Agreement and export license for defense articles and services sold commercially under contract to Taiwan in the amount of \$50,000,000.00 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the sale and assembly of eleven helicopters; the integration of all specialized avionics; and, the maintenance/acceptance test flight of the aircraft after shipment.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these services having taken into account the 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.

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Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC-83-97
The Honorable, Newt Gingrich, Speaker of
the House of Representatives.

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

July 18, 1997.

Dear Mr. 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 equipment or services sold commercially under contract to the United Kingdom in the amount of \$50,000,000.00 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the transfer of technical data and launch services for commercial communications satellites.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account the 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,
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Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC-96-97
The Honorable, Newt Gingrich, Speaker of
the House of Representatives.

United States Department of State

Washington, D.C. 20520

September 17, 1997.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting here with certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000.00 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the export to Germany of Radar System Improvement Program (RSIP) hardware.

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,
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Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC-75-97
The Honorable Newt Gingrich, Speaker of the
House of Representatives.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Renewal of Treatment on Government
Procurement of Products From
Countries Designated Under the
Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery
Act**

Under the authority delegated to me by the President in section 1-201 of Executive Order 12269 of December 31, 1980, I hereby direct that products of countries listed below, designed by the President as beneficiaries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act (19 U.S.C. 2701, et. seq.), shall continue to be treated as eligible products for purpose of section 1-101 of Executive Order 12260 until September 30, 1998. Such treatment shall not apply to products originating in these countries that are excluded from duty free treatment under 19 U.S.C. 2703(b). Subsequent renewal of this treatment beyond September 30, 1998, will be subject to beneficiaries' participation

and cooperation in the World Trade Organization (WTO) Working Group on Transparency in Government Procurement, efforts they make to accede to the WTO Agreement on Government Procurement or to support continuing multilateral negotiations in the WTO in the future and their participation in the Free Trade Area of the Americas Working Group on Government Procurement. Countries making significant efforts to comply with these conditions will be considered for future multiple-year renewals of preferential procurement status.

Charlene Barshefsky,
United States Trade Representative.

List of Countries Designated as
Beneficiary Countries for Purpose of the
Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act
(CBERA)

Antigua and Barbuda
Aruba
Bahamas, The
Barbados
Belize
Costa Rica
Dominica
Dominican Republic
El Salvador
Grenada
Guatemala
Guyana
Haiti
Honduras
Jamaica
Nicaragua
Panama
Saint Lucia
Saint Vincent and the Grenadines
Trinidad and Tobago
Montserrat
Netherlands Antilles
Saint Kitts-Nevis
Virgin Islands, British

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE**

**Request for Public Comment With
Respect to the Annual National Trade
Estimate Report on Foreign Trade
Barriers**

AGENCY: Office of the United States
Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to section 303 of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1984, as amended, USTR is required to publish annually the National Trade Estimate Report on Foreign Trade Barriers (NTE). With this notice, the Trade Policy Staff

Committee (TPSC) is requesting interested parties to assist it in identifying significant barriers to U.S. exports of goods, services and overseas direct investment for inclusion in the NTE. Particularly important are impediments materially affecting the actual and potential financial performance of an industry sector. The TPSC invites written comments that provide views relevant to the issues to be examined in preparing the NTE.

DATES: Public comments are due not later than December 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Room 501, Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gregory Gerdes, Office of the General Counsel, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-9493.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The information submitted should relate to one or more of the following nine categories of foreign trade barriers:

(1) Import policies (e.g., tariffs and other import charges, quantitative restrictions, import licensing, and customs barriers);

(2) Standards, testing, labeling, and certification (including unnecessarily restrictive application of phytosanitary standards, refusal to accept U.S. manufacturers' self-certification of conformance to foreign product standards, and environmental restrictions);

(3) Government procurement (e.g., "buy national" policies and closed bidding);

(4) Export subsidies (e.g., export financing on preferential terms and agricultural export subsidies that displace U.S. exports in third country markets);

(5) Lack of intellectual property protection (e.g., inadequate patent, copyright, and trademark regimes);

(6) Services barriers (e.g., limits on the range of financial services offered by foreign financial institutions, regulation of international data flows, restrictions on the use of data processing, quotas on imports of foreign films, and barriers to the provision of services by professionals (e.g., lawyers, doctors, accountants, engineers, nurses, etc.));

(7) Investment barriers (e.g., limitations on foreign equity participation and on access to foreign government-funded R&D consortia, local content, technology transfer and export performance requirements, and restrictions on repatriation of earnings, capital, fees and royalties);

(8) Anticompetitive practices with trade effects tolerated by foreign governments (including anticompetitive activities of both state-owned and private firms that apply to services or to goods and that restrict the sale of U.S. products to any firm, not just to foreign firms that perpetuate the practices; and

(9) Other barriers (e.g., barriers that encompass more than one category, e.g., bribery and corruption, or that affect a single sector).

As in the case of last year's NTE, we are asking that particular emphasis be placed on any practices that may violate U.S. trade agreements. We are also interested in receiving any new or updated information pertinent to the barriers covered in last year's report as well as new information. Please note that the information not used in the NTE will be maintained for use in future negotiations.

It is MOST IMPORTANT that your submission contain estimates of the potential increase in exports that would result from the removal of the barrier, as well as a clear discussion of the method(s) by which the estimates were computed. Estimates should fall within the following value ranges: less than \$5 million; \$5 to \$25 million; \$25 million to \$50 million; \$50 million to \$100 million; \$100 million to \$500 million; or over \$500 million. Such assessments enhance USTR's ability to conduct meaningful comparative analyses of a barrier's effect over a range of industries.

Please note that interested parties discussing barriers in more than one country should provide a separate submission (i.e., one that is self-contained) for each country.

Written Comments

All written comments should be addressed to: Gloria Blue, Executive Secretary, Trade Policy Staff Committee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street N.W., Room 501, Washington, D.C. 20508.

All submissions must be in English and should conform to the information requirements of 15 CFR 2003.

A party must provide ten copies of its submission which must be received at USTR no later than December 5, 1997. If the submission contains business confidential information, ten copies of a non-confidential version must also be submitted. A justification as to why the information contained in the submission should be treated confidentially must be included in the submission. In addition, any submissions containing business confidential information must be clearly marked "Confidential" at the top and

bottom of the cover page (or letter) and of each succeeding page of the submission. The version that does not contain confidential information should also be clearly marked, at the top and bottom of each page, "public version" or "non-confidential."

Written comments submitted in connection with this request, except for information granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, will be available for public inspection shortly after the filing deadline. Inspection is by appointment only with the staff of the USTR Public Reading Room and can be arranged by calling (202) 395-6186.

Frederick L. Montgomery.

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

North American Free Trade Agreement; Invitation for Applications for Inclusion on the Chapter 19 Roster

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Invitation for applications.

SUMMARY: Chapter 19 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) provides for the establishment of a roster of individuals to serve on binational panels convened to review final determinations in antidumping or countervailing duty (AD/CVD) proceedings and amendments to AD/CVD statutes of a NAFTA Party. The United States annually renews its selections for the Chapter 19 roster. Applications are invited from eligible individuals wishing to be included on the roster for the period April 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999.

DATES: Applications should be received no later than December 1, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applications should be sent to Ms. Sybia Harrison, Attn: Chapter 19 Roster Applications, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: With regard to the form of the application, Ms. Sybia Harrison, (202) 395-3419; with regard to eligibility requirements, William L. Busis, Associate General Counsel, (202) 395-3150.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Binational Panel Reviews Under NAFTA Chapter 19

Article 1904 of the NAFTA provides that a party involved in an AD/CVD