Consequently, effective immediately, it is the policy of the Department of State to deny all applications for licenses and other approvals to export or otherwise transfer defense articles and defense services to Lebanon except as provided for in UNSCR 1701 (2006), until further notice. An exception is made allowing for the export or transfer to Lebanon of defense articles and defense services when authorized by the Government of Lebanon or by UNIFIL in accordance with UNSCR 1701 (2006). In addition, U.S. manufacturers and exporters and any other affected parties (e.g., brokers) are hereby notified that the Department of State has suspended all licenses and approvals authorizing the export or other transfer of defense articles and defense services to Lebanon except those authorized by the Government of Lebanon or UNIFIL. The licenses and approvals that have been suspended include manufacturing licenses and technical assistance agreements involving Lebanon, including any agreement that has Lebanon as a sales territory, with the exclusion of those authorized by the Government of Lebanon or UNIFIL. The action also precludes the use in connection with Lebanon of any exemptions from licensing or other approval requirements included in the ITAR, until further notice, excluding 22 CFR 123.17. Holders of existing licenses or authorizations must submit documentation for review by the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) supporting the authorization of the transaction by the Government of Lebanon or UNIFIL. For future authorizations, exceptions to this policy of denial will be made, in accordance with the ITAR, on a case-by-case basis to determine whether they conform to UNSCR 1701.

United States compliance with UNSCR 1701 is implemented according to 22 CFR 126.1(c) of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) under the authority of the AECA.

This action has been taken pursuant to sections 38 and 42 of the AECA (22 U.S.C. 2778, 2791) and section 126.7 of the ITAR in furtherance of the foreign policy of the United States.

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