



**U.S. Department of State
Directorate of Defense Trade Controls**



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Authorization Requests Submitted in Support of U.S. Operations (USOP)

a. It is the policy of the Department of State to expedite all requests for exports when made in direct support of U.S. Operations (USOP), either independent or in coalition with our allies.

b. To ensure priority operations are fully supported, the Department of State has updated its procedures to ensure only requests directly related to USOP are afforded this expedited review. Henceforth, authorization requests in support of USOP that may undergo expedited review are limited to those that provide:

(1) Defense articles and defense services to deployed forces or organizations; or

(2) Defense articles and defense services to forces or organizations within 90 days of a scheduled deployment.

c. Submissions requesting expedited handling not meeting these criteria may be returned without action.

c. Requests meeting the criteria stated above must be clearly marked to prevent delayed processing. The Transaction ID should begin with the letters "USOP-". All requests must note USOP in the first line of the purpose block (Block 20 of the DSP-5 vehicle) and, for agreements, the attached cover page of the Transmittal Letter should clearly identify the agreement is in support of a U.S. operation. These cases will automatically be expeditiously routed to the appropriate analyst.

d. Supporting Documentation: The following must be included in USOP requests:

(1) For licenses and agreements, the transmittal letter must provide a clear explanation of the transaction, along with justification to support expedited processing as USOP based on the above criteria.

(2) A complete copy of the contract or purchase order applicable to the proposed export.

(3) For agreements in support of U.S. government contracts, a letter from the appropriate service or agency identifying the specific export to be an urgent requirement in support of USOP.

(4) For exports to coalition partners, a letter from the partner government confirming the transaction and that it is in support of USOP.

(5) A copy of product specifications/descriptive literature that clearly details the commodities requested for export.