



# U.S. Munitions List Final Rule Published August 27, 2025

On August 27, 2025, the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) is scheduled to publish a final rule to amend the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) by making revisions throughout the U.S. Munitions List (USML), adding and updating definitions, and creating a new license exemption. The rule updates the interim final rule published on January 17, 2025 ([90 FR 5594](#)), and makes other changes based on DDTC's ongoing assessments and periodic review of the USML. The rule was placed on [public inspection](#) on August 26.

**Effective Date and Licensing Transition Guidance:** The revisions and the new exemption will take effect on September 15, 2025. For guidance on certain licensing scenarios, see the “Timeline for Amendments, Applications, and Grandfathering” section of the rule and on DDTC's website in “*Export Control Reform as Related to Agreements and Licenses*” under [Licenses, Agreements, and Other Authorizations](#)

## **Removals from the USML:**

- Global Navigation Satellite System (GNSS) anti-jam and GNSS anti-spoofing systems are removed from USML Category XI(a)(4)(iii)
- Certain antijam antennas are removed from USML Category XI(c)(10)
- Airborne Collision Avoidance System antennas are removed from USML Category XI(c)(10)
- Tungsten- and steel-based lead-free birdshot projectiles are removed from USML Category III(d)(6)

## **Other Updates:**

- The rule makes permanent existing temporary controls on items specially designed for the F-47 Next Generation Air Dominance Platform.
- The rule revises definitions and USML text for improved clarity and ease-of-use.

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## New ITAR 126.9(u) license exemption for uncrewed underwater vessels (UUVs)

Effective September 15, 2025, USML Category XX(a)(10) will describe “Uncrewed, untethered vessels with a gross weight rating exceeding three-thousand pounds (3,000 lb), that are designed to operate without human interaction for longer than 24 hours or for more than seventy nautical miles (70 nmi).”

The final rule retains this control because such UUVs provide a critical military or intelligence advantage due to their potential for significant weaponization. However, it also adds a new exemption from ITAR licensing requirements to facilitate U.S. participation and collaboration in certain civil tasks.

### **Overview of the new license exception:**

#### UUVs Eligible

- UUVs described ONLY in USML Category XX(a)(10)
- 8,000 pounds gross weight rating or less

#### Eligible Transactions

- Temporary export, reexport, or temporary import
- Furnishing assistance to a foreign person in the maintenance, repair, operation
- Brokering activities to facilitate temporary export, reexport, or permanent import; or the furnishing of assistance to a foreign person in maintenance, repair, operation, or use

#### Eligible Activities

- Scientific research or natural resource exploration
- Commercial or civil infrastructure maintenance, installation, or repair (e.g., oil and gas pipelines, telecommunication cables)
- Search and Rescue operations

Activities undertaken under the exemption MUST NOT transfer registration, control, or ownership of the vessel to a foreign person.

