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New Curtailments on Defense Exports to Venezuela and Lebanon

VENEZUELA

The Department of State announced that effective August 17, 2006, the United States will no longer authorize the export of defense articles and defense services to Venezuela until further notice. Furthermore, all existing licenses and approvals to export or otherwise transfer defense articles and defense services to Venezuela are revoked until further notice.

This action follows the May 15, 2006, announcement by the Department of State to Congress that Venezuela was not fully cooperating with the antiterrorism efforts of the United States. The list of defense articles and defense services can be found on the U.S. Munitions List of the *International Traffic in Arms Regulations*. A copy of the August 17 Federal Register Notice is attached.

LEBANON

On August 11, 2006, the United Nations Security Council voted unanimously in Resolution 1701 to impose an embargo on the export of arms and related material, as well as defense services, to Lebanon. This action is significant because it requires all states prevent the sale or supply to any entity or individual in Lebanon of arms and related materials, including weapons, ammunition, military vehicles and equipment, paramilitary equipment, and spare parts for the aforementioned, whether or not originating in their territories, and the provision to any entity or individual in Lebanon of any technical training or assistance related to the provision, manufacture, maintenance or use of such items.

However, the UN embargo does not apply to arms, related material, training or assistance authorized by the Government of Lebanon or by the United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon ("UNIFIL"). Therefore, U.S. exporters are advised that as of August 11, 2006, no application for the export to Lebanon of defense articles or services subject to the *International Traffic in Arms Regulations* ("ITAR") will be approved except as otherwise provided for in Resolution 1701. Also, any existing license or authorization for the export to Lebanon of ITAR-controlled defense articles or services is suspended unless the end-user is the Government of Lebanon or UNIFIL. All future requests for authorization that are compliant with Resolution 1701 will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis.

A formal notice of the arms embargo against Lebanon, along with the corresponding amendment to the ITAR, will soon be published in the Federal Register. A copy of UN Resolution 1701 is also attached.



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