
Expedited License Review Process for Defense Capabilities Initiatives

Q. The list of munitions related to DCI is rather short. Aren't you worried that you have missed some important program or system that supports a key DCI-related capability?

A. No, based on a survey of requests over the past year, we have crafted a list that strikes a balance between the goals of the DCI and our desire to expedite license processing.

Q: How will state and DoD process these cases?

A: DoD will provide State a list of the defense articles that are to be granted expedited processing. Industry will be requested to identify cases when submitted to State's Office of Defense Trade Controls (ODTC) permitting State and Defense to make necessary changes to their internal review process to ensure expedited staffing and review.

Q. Won't this system just make it easier for foreigners to get US secrets?

A. No, the system makes no changes to the current review and approval processes, including those governing security issues. What it does is ensure that DCI-related license requests are handled about twice as fast as the norm.

Q. What about items not on the list? How will the system handle this?

A. If an item is not on the list, it does not get expedited treatment. However, we will evaluate the item for inclusion on the list for the next year.