

***Improving DoD's Use of ITAR Exemptions***

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The Department of Defense will promulgate new guidance that is intended to make better use of existing authority in the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR) to exempt certain activities from export license requirements. Such exemptions allow the Department of Defense to authorize a range of activities in support of interoperability, coalition warfighting and other national security objectives. The Department is encouraging the Military Departments and Defense Agencies to use such exemptions to facilitate defense cooperation with allies and friends, including with U.S. defense industry where appropriate. To date, these exemptions have been underutilized. The intent of the new guidance is to ensure that these exemptions are being used fully in support of defense cooperation with allies and friends and to ensure that the process for granting exemptions is disciplined so that exporters will have confidence to use the DoD authorizations. In this regard, some exemption activities will require centralized DoD review and approval.

More effective use of the exemptions will serve to reduce the number of export license applications industry is required to submit to gain approval to support DoD activities, thus further focusing the government's review of exports to those where there is a greater risk.