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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

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60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: DS-4048, Projected Sales of Major Weapons in Support of Section 25(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act; OMB Control Number 1405-0156.

ACTION: Notice of request for public comments.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for information collection described below. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment in the *Federal Register* preceding submission to OMB. We are conducting this process in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

Title of Information Collection: Projected Sales of Major Weapons in Support of Section 25(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act.

OMB Control Number: 1405-0156.

Type of Request: Extension of currently approved collection.

Originating Office: Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, PM/DDTC.

Form Number: DS-4048.

Respondents: Business organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 25 (total).

Estimated Number of Responses: 25 (per year).

Average Hours Per Response: 60 hours.

Total Estimated Burden: 1,500 hours (per year).

Frequency: Once a Year.

Obligation to Respond: Voluntary.

DATE: The Department will accept comments from the public up to 60 days from [insert date of publication in the *Federal Register*].

ADDRESSES: Comments and questions should be directed to Mary F. Sweeney, Office of Defense Trade Controls Policy, Department of State, who may be reached via the following methods:

E-mail: Sweeneymf@state.gov.

Mail: Mary F. Sweeney, SA-1, 12th Floor, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20522-0112.

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You must include the information collection title in the subject line of your message/letter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including a copy of the supporting document, to Mary F. Sweeney, PM/DDTC, SA-1, 12th Floor, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political Military Affairs, U.S. Department of State, Washington, D.C. 20522-0112, who may be reached via phone at (202) 663-2865, or via e-mail at sweeneymf@state.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to:

Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of our functions.

Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the burden of the proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used.

Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected.

Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of technology.

Abstract of proposed collection: Section 25(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act requires an annual report to Congress on projected sales of major weapons and weapons-related defense equipment (if \$7M or more) and non-major weapons or weapons-related defense equipment (if \$25M or more). In order to prepare this report, the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC) requests information from major defense companies by

publishing a Federal Register notice and by placing a notice on its website. DDTC is requesting relevant projected sales that include the foreign country to which the item is to be sold, a description of the item, the item's quantity, and its value. Methodology: This information collection is collected electronically.

Date: December 14, 2009.

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