

section 6(b) of the Act⁴ in general, and furthers the objectives of section 6(b)(5)⁵ in particular, in that it is designed to facilitate transactions in securities, to remove impediments to and perfect the mechanism of a free and open market and a national market system, and, in general, to protect investors and the public interest by removing outdated provisions.

B. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Burden on Competition

The Phlx does not believe that the proposed rule change will impose any inappropriate burden on competition.

C. Self-Regulatory Organization's Statement on Comments on the Proposed Rule Change Received From Members, Participants or Others

No written comments were either solicited or received.

I. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The proposed rule change has been filed by the Exchange as a "non-controversial" rule change pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁶ and subparagraph (f)(6) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder.⁷ Because the foregoing proposed rule change: (1) Does not significantly affect the protection of investors or the public interest; (2) does not impose any significant burden on competition; and (3) does not become operative for thirty days from the date on which it was filed, or such shorter time as the Commission may designate if consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest, it has become effective pursuant to section 19(b)(3)(A) of the Act⁸ and Rule 19b-4(f)(6)⁹ thereunder.¹⁰

A proposed rule change filed under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)¹¹ normally does not become operative prior to thirty days after the date of filing. However, pursuant to Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), the Commission may designate a shorter time if such action is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest. The Phlx has requested that the proposed rule change become operative immediately upon filing so that the

Exchange may remain competitive with other exchanges with similar rules in effect.

The Commission believes that it is consistent with the protection of investors and the public interest to designate the proposed rule change immediately operative. Accelerating the operative date should permit the Exchange's rules to reflect current business practices.¹² At any time within 60 days of the filing of such proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate such proposed rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposal is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the Phlx. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-Phlx-2003-24 and should be submitted by May 29, 2003.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹³

Margaret H. McFarland,

Deputy Secretary.

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SELECTIVE SERVICE SYSTEM

Form Submitted to the Office of Management and Budget for Extension of Clearance

The form described below has been submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for extension of clearance in compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35):

SSS Form 22

Title: Claim Documentation Form—Conscientious Objector.

Purpose: Is used to document a claim for classification as a conscientious objector.

Respondents: Registrants who claim to be conscientious objectors.

Frequency: One-time.

Burden: The reporting burden is one hour per individual.

Copies of the above identified form can be obtained upon written request to the Selective Service System, Reports Clearance Officer, Arlington, Virginia 22209-2425.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed extension of clearance of the form should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to the Selective Service System, Reports Clearance Officer, Arlington, Virginia, 22209-2425.

A copy of the comments should be sent to Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Desk Officer, Selective Service System, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 3235, Washington, DC 20435.

Dated: March 11, 2003.

Lewis C. Brodsky,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4359]

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls; Notifications to the Congress of Proposed Commercial Export Licenses

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has forwarded the attached Notifications of Proposed Export Licenses to the Congress on the dates shown on the attachments pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) and

⁴ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b).

⁵ 15 U.S.C. 78f(b)(5).

⁶ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁷ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

⁸ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A).

⁹ 17 CFR 240-19b-4(f)(6).

¹⁰ As required under Rule 19b-4(f)(6)(iii), the Exchange provided the Commission with written notice of its intent to file the proposed rule change at least five business days prior to the filing date or such shorter period as designated by the Commission.

¹¹ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(6).

¹² For purposes of only accelerating the operative date of this proposal, the Commission has considered the proposed rule's impact on efficiency, competition, and capital formation. 15 U.S.C. 78c(f).

¹³ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

in compliance with section 36(f) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776).

EFFECTIVE DATE: As shown on each of the ten letters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter J. Berry, Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls Licensing, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State (202-663-2700).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 36(f) of the Arms Export Control Act mandates that notifications to the Congress pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) must be published in the **Federal Register** when they are transmitted to Congress or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Dated: May 2, 2003.

Terry L. Davis,

Acting Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls Licensing, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transactions contained in the attached certification concern future commercial activities with Russia and Kazakhstan related to the Proton Space Launch Vehicle beyond those specified in DTC 001-03 dated January 24, 2003; DTC 147-02 dated July 26, 2002; DTC 182-02 dated June 27, 2002; DTC 124-02 dated May 22, 2002; DTC 022-02 dated May 1, 2002; DTC 038-01 dated April 30, 2001; DTC 034-01 dated March 1, 2001; DTC 014-01 dated March 7, 2000; DTC 098-99 dated August 5, 1999; and DTC 039-98 dated March 19, 1998.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 022-03.
The Honorable Richard G. Lugar,
Chairman Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate.

Dear Mr. Chairman: Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold

commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transactions contained in the attached certification concern future commercial activities with Russia, Ukraine and Norway related to the launch of commercial satellites from the Pacific Ocean utilizing a modified oil platform beyond the period specified in DTC 002-03 dated January 24, 2003; DTC 148-02 dated July 26, 2002; DTC 123-02 dated May 22, 2002; DTC 023-02 dated May 1, 2002; DTC 048-01 dated April 30, 2001; DTC 026-00 dated May 19, 2000; DTC 124-99 dated November 10, 1999; DTC 006-99 dated April 16, 1999; and DTC 016-97 dated July 25, 1997.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 023-03.
The Honorable Richard G. Lugar,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Relations, United States Senate.

Dear Mr. Chairman: Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transition contained in the attached certification concerns exports of technical data and defense services for cooperation in the co-development of Japan's Galaxy Express (formerly J-1) space launch vehicle program beyond the period specified in DTC 003-03.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 024-03.
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad.

The transition contained in the attached certification involves the transfer of technical

data, assistance and manufacturing know-how to Jordan for the modernization and upgrade of 1,200 M113A1 vehicles to the M113A2Mk1 Armored Personnel Carrier configuration for the Jordan Armed Forces.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 005-03.
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are firearms controlled under category I of the United States Munitions List sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more.

The transition contained in the attached certification involves the transfer of export of 132 .50 caliber semi-automatic sniper rifles and associated equipment to the Greek Army.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 006-02.
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of major defense equipment and defense articles in the amount of \$25,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the sale of three S-70B helicopters with enhanced configuration (previously S-70B-6 configuration) to the Government of Greece.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 007-03.
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification concerns exports of technical data and defense services to France and its subcontractors in Germany, Switzerland, Sweden, Spain and the United Kingdom for the launch of two commercial communications satellites to be owned and operated by a U.S. firm.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 008-03.
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the transfer of technical data, defense services, and hardware to Germany for the manufacture of components for the Standard Advanced Dewar Assembly II Thermal Imaging System for end-use by the Ministries of Defense in Germany, Switzerland, Belgium, Australia, Canada, Denmark, Greece, Italy, The Netherlands, Norway, Spain, Sweden, and Turkey.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 011-03.
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am

transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to the United Kingdom of technical data, defense articles and defense services for demonstration, manufacturing and in-service support phases of the Airborne Electronic Reconnaissance System known as Project EXTRACT for end-use by the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,
Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 014-03.
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert,
Speaker of the House of Representatives.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (AECA), I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction described in the attached certification consists of the export of Sentinel radar assemblies and related equipment to the U.S. Armed Forces in Kuwait.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Pursuant to a Presidential delegation of authority, and authority delegated by the Secretary of State under section 36(c) of the AECA, I wish to notify you that the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security has determined that an emergency exists which requires that the export license pertaining to the proposed transfer will become effective immediately in the national interests of the United States.

Sincerely,
Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4360]

Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs; Certifications Pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law 101-162

SUMMARY: On April 30, 2003, the Department of State certified, pursuant to section 609 of Public Law 101-162 ("Section 609"), that 15 nations have adopted programs to reduce the incidental capture of sea turtles in their shrimp fisheries comparable to the program in effect in the United States. The Department also certified that the fishing environments in 24 other countries and one economy, Hong Kong, do not pose a threat of the incidental taking of sea turtles protected under section 609. Shrimp imports from any nation not certified were prohibited effective May 1, 2003 pursuant to section 609.

EFFECTIVE DATE: On Publication.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David Hogan, Office of Marine Conservation, Bureau of Oceans and International Environmental and Scientific Affairs, Department of State, Washington, DC 20520-7818; telephone: (202) 647-2335.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 609 of Public Law 101-162 prohibits imports of certain categories of shrimp unless the President certifies to the Congress not later than May 1 of each year either: (1) That the harvesting nation has adopted a program governing the incidental capture of sea turtles in its commercial shrimp fishery comparable to the program in effect in the United States and has an incidental take rate comparable to that of the United States; or (2) that the fishing environment in the harvesting nation does not pose a threat of the incidental taking of sea turtles. The President has delegated the authority to make this certification to the Department of State. Revised State Department guidelines for making the required certifications were published in the **Federal Register** on July 2, 1999 (Vol. 64, No. 130, Public Notice 3086).

On April 30, 2003, the Department certified 15 nations on the basis that their sea turtle protection program is comparable to that of the United States: Belize, Colombia, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Guatemala, Guyana, Mexico, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Suriname, Thailand, and Trinidad and Tobago.

The Department also certified 24 shrimp harvesting nations and one economy as having fishing