

**DEPARTMENT OF STATE****[Public Notice 4493]****Bureau of Nonproliferation; Imposition of Missile Proliferation Sanctions Against a Chinese Entity****AGENCY:** Department of State.**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** A determination has been made that a Chinese entity has engaged in missile technology proliferation activities that require imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, and the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (as carried out under Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** September 19, 2003.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Vann H. Van Diepen, Office of Chemical, Biological and Missile Nonproliferation, Bureau of Nonproliferation, Department of State (202-647-1142).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 73(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2797b(a)(1)); Section 11B(b)(1) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. app. 2401b(b)(1)), as carried out under Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (hereinafter cited as the "Export Administration Act of 1979"); and Executive Order 12851 of June 11, 1993; a determination was made on August 29, 2003, that the following foreign person has engaged in missile technology proliferation activities that require the imposition of the sanctions described in Section 73(a)(2)(A) and (C) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2797b(a)(2)(A) and (C)) and Section 11B(b)(1)(B)(i) and (iii) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. app. 2410b(b)(1)(B)(i) and (iii)) on the following entity and its sub-units and successors: China North Industries Corporation.

Accordingly, the following sanctions are imposed on this entity:

(A) New individual licenses for exports to the entity described above of MTCR Annex-controlled equipment or technology controlled pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979 will be denied for two years;

(B) New licenses for export to the entity described above of MTCR Annex-controlled equipment or technology controlled pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act will be denied for two years;

(C) No new United States Government contracts relating to MTCR Annex-controlled equipment or technology involving the entity described above will be entered into for two years; and

(D) The importation into the U.S. of products produced by the entity described above is prohibited for a period of two years.

With respect to items controlled pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, the export sanction only applies to exports made pursuant to individual export licenses.

Additionally, because China is a country with a non-market economy that is not a former member of the Warsaw Pact (as referenced in the definition of "person" in section 74(a)(8)(B) of the Arms Export Control Act), the sanctions described in Section 73(a)(2)(A) and (C) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2797b(a)(2)(A) and (C)) are also applicable to all activities of the Chinese government relating to the development or production of any missile equipment or technology and all activities of the Chinese government affecting the development or production of electronics, space systems or equipment, and military aircraft.

However, a further determination was made on August 29, 2003, pursuant to section 73(e) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2797b(e)), that it is essential to the national security of the United States to waive for a period of one year from the date of publication of this notice the import sanction described in Section 73(a)(2)(C) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2797b(a)(2)(C)) to the extent that this sanction applies to activities described in section 74(a)(8)(B) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2797c(a)(8)(B))—i.e., activities of the Chinese government relating to the development or production of any missile equipment or technology and activities of the Chinese government affecting the development or production of electronics, space systems or equipment, and military aircraft.

Accordingly, the following sanctions are imposed on all activities of the Chinese government relating to the development or production of missile equipment or technology and all activities of the Chinese government affecting the development or production of electronics, space systems or equipment, and military aircraft:

(A) New licenses for export to the government activities described above of MTCR Annex-controlled equipment or technology controlled pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act will be denied for two years; and

(B) No new United States Government contracts relating to MTCR Annex-controlled equipment or technology involving the government activities

described above will be entered into for two years.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible agencies as provided in Executive Order 12851 of June 11, 1993.

Dated: September 12, 2003.

**Susan F. Burk,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary of State for Nonproliferation, Department of State.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Federal Aviation Administration****Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee**

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**SUMMARY:** The FAA is issuing this notice to advise the public that a meeting of the Federal Aviation Administration Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee (ATPAC) will be held to review present air traffic control procedures and practices for standardization, clarification, and upgrading of terminology and procedures.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held from Monday, October 20, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday, October 21 to Thursday, October 23, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at David J. Hurley, Air Traffic System Command Center, 13600 EDS Drive, Café Room B, Herndon, Virginia 20171.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. John A. Clayborn, Executive Director, ATPAC, Air Traffic Planning and Procedures, 800 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 267-3725.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463; 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the ATPAC to be held Monday, October 20, from 1 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Tuesday, October 21, to Thursday, October 23, from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

The agenda for this meeting will cover: A continuation of the Committee's review of present air traffic control procedures and practices for standardization, clarification, and upgrading of terminology and procedures. It will also include:

1. Approval of Minutes.
2. Submission and Discussion of Areas of Concern.
3. Discussion of Potential Safety Items.

4. Report from Executive Director.
5. Items of Interest.
6. Discussion and agreement of location and dates for subsequent meetings.

Attendance is open to the interested public but limited to the space available. With the approval of the Chairperson, members of the public may present oral statements at the meeting. Persons desiring to attend and persons desiring to present oral statements should notify the person listed above not later than October 17, 2003. The next quarterly meeting of the FAA ATPAC is planned to be held from January 26–29, 2004, in Sacramento, California.

Any member of the public may present a written statement to the Committee at any time at the address given above.

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**John A. Clayborn,**

*Executive Director, Air Traffic Procedures Advisory Committee.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

#### Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee—Open Meeting

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee open meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to Section 10(a)(2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92–463, 5 U.S.C. App. 2), notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Commercial Space Transportation Advisory Committee (COMSTAC). The meeting will take place on Thursday, October 30, 2003, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Federal Aviation Administration Headquarters Building, 800 Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, in the Bessie Coleman Conference Center, 2nd Floor. This will be the thirty-eighth meeting of the COMSTAC.

The proposed agenda for the meeting will include a briefing from members of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board focusing on the post-Columbia implications for all United States space sectors, updates on current commercial space transportation legislation, and an activities report from FAA's Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation. Meetings of the

COMSTAC Working Groups (Technology and Innovation, Reusable Launch Vehicle, Risk Management, and Launch Operations and Support) will be held on Wednesday, October 29, 2003. For specific information concerning the times and locations of these meetings, contact the Contact Person listed below.

Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation or other reasonable accommodations, should inform the Contact Person listed below in advance of the meeting.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Brenda Parker (AST–200), Office of the Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation (AST), 800 Independence Avenue SW., Room 331, Washington, DC 20591, telephone (202) 385–4713; e-mail [brenda.parker@faa.dot.gov](mailto:brenda.parker@faa.dot.gov).

Issued in Washington, DC, September 11, 2003.

**Patricia G. Smith,**

*Associate Administrator for Commercial Space Transportation.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Federal Aviation Administration

[Policy Statement No. ANM–2003–115–30]

#### Policy Statement on Side-Facing Seats on Transport Category Airplanes

**AGENCY:** Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed policy; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of proposed policy that clarifies certification policy on § 25.785(a), Amendment 25–64, for side-facing seats.

**DATES:** Send your comments on or before October 20, 2003.

**ADDRESSES:** Address your comments to the individual identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Michael T. Thompson, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Airframe and Cabin Safety Branch, ANM–115, 601 Lind Avenue SW., Renton, WA 98055–4056; telephone (425) 227–1157; fax (425) 227–1100; e-mail: [michael.t.thompson@faa.gov](mailto:michael.t.thompson@faa.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### Comments Invited

The proposed policy is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.airweb.faa.gov/rgl>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the policy by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The FAA invites your comments on this proposed policy. We will accept your comments, data, views, or arguments by letter, fax, or e-mail. Send your comments to the person indicated in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Mark your comments, "Comments to Policy Statement No. ANM–2003–115–30." Use the following format when preparing your comments:

- Organize your comments issue-by-issue.
  - For each issue, state what specific change you are requesting to the proposed policy.
  - Include justification, reasons, or data for each change you are requesting.
- We also welcome comments in support of the proposed policy.

We will consider all communications received on or before the closing date for comments. We may change the proposed policy because of the comments received.

### Background

The proposed policy memorandum will provide Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) certification policy on the occupant protection requirements of § 25.785(a), Amendment 25–64, for side-facing seats. Specifically, it provides guidance used to establish the minimum acceptable testing and human injury criteria for obtaining special conditions for single occupant side-facing seats and an exemption for multiple occupant side-facing seats.

Issued in Renton, Washington, on September 8, 2003.

**Vi L. Lipski,**

*Manager, Transport Airplane Directorate, Aircraft Certification Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Surface Transportation Board

[STB Ex Parte No. 290 (Sub No. 5) (2003–4)]

### Quarterly Rail Cost Adjustment Factor

**AGENCY:** Surface Transportation Board, DOT.

**ACTION:** Approval of rail cost adjustment factor.