

## DDTC Response to SARS-CoV-2

In response to the national emergency President Trump declared on March 13, 2020, as a result of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, the Department of State has taken a number of steps to mitigate the impact of the pandemic on U.S. companies and supply chains overseas. The measures described below reflect the current status of DDTC's mitigation efforts.

**TEMPORARY MODIFICATIONS, SUSPENSIONS, AND EXCEPTIONS TO THE ITAR FOR TELEWORK:** The Deputy Assistant Secretary for Defense Trade Controls ordered temporary modifications, suspensions, and exceptions to the ITAR to allow telework operations during the current SARS-CoV-2 public health emergency ([85 FR 45513, July 29, 2020](#) and [85 FR 79836, Dec. 11, 2020](#)). *Effective until June 30, 2021.*

See notice in [News and Events](#) dated 07/28/20 and 12/11/2020

**TEMPORARY REDUCTION OF REGISTRATION FEES:** DDTC temporarily reduced registration fees for registrants in Tier I and Tier II to \$500 for registrations whose original expiration date is between May 31, 2020 and April 30, 2021. Also, DDTC reduced registration fees to \$500 for new applicants who submit their registration application between May 1, 2020 and April 30, 2021 ([85 FR 26847, May 6, 2020](#)). *Effective through April 30, 2021.*

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**LICENSING:** A temporary suspension, modification, and exception to the limitations on the duration of ITAR licenses contained in ITAR parts 120-130, including but not necessarily limited to ITAR §§ 123.5(a), 123.21(a), and 129.6(e), to extend any license that expires between March 13, 2020 and May 31, 2020 for six (6) months from the original date of expiration so long as there is no change to the scope or value of the authorization and no Name/Address changes are required. ([85 FR 25287, May 1, 2020](#))

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**GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE AND DSP-85 RESPONSES:** DDTC implemented new procedures to send to the contact listed on the application email scanned copies of final action letters in response to General Correspondence requests submitted in writing. If email information was not provided, final actions are mailed back to the applicant.

DDTC implemented new procedures to send to the contact listed on the applicant email scanned copies of unclassified final action letters for DSP-85s submitted in writing. If email information was not provided, final actions will be mailed back to the applicant. The Defense Counterintelligence and Security Agency (DCSA) will continue to receive original sealed copies through the mail.

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**DISCLOSURES:** The Office of Defense Trade Controls Compliance (DDTC) established a new option for industry to submit disclosures and related information pursuant to ITAR section 127.12. Persons submitting a disclosure and/or related information (e.g., exhibits, extension requests, responses to DTCC inquiries) are encouraged to send such information via email to [DTCC-CaseStatus@state.gov](mailto:DTCC-CaseStatus@state.gov). Please email material on company letterhead and in PDF format. It is not necessary to send a duplicate hardcopy to DTCC through the mail. In the event that a disclosure cannot be submitted via email, please use regular U.S. mail to send a hardcopy to DTCC following the normal submission process.

DDTC Compliance is granting an additional 30 days for responses to its request-for-information letters related to voluntary and directed disclosure matters. DDTC Compliance is also considering extensions for the submission of full voluntary disclosures on a case-by-case basis. Extension requests should be sent via email to [DTCC-CaseStatus@state.gov](mailto:DTCC-CaseStatus@state.gov) on company letterhead in PDF format.

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## **MERGERS, ACQUISITIONS, AND DIVESTITURES**

*Electronic Submissions of 60-Day Advance Notifications of Mergers, Acquisitions, and Divestitures:* To facilitate Mergers, Acquisitions, and Divestitures (MAD)-related submissions, DDTC has established a new mechanism for electronically submitting 60-

day advance notifications of foreign acquisitions of ITAR registrants. (See also, announcement dated 07/16/20, “Addition of DS-6004 ‘Other’ Type”.)

### [Electronic submission 60-Day MAD notifications](#)

*FAQs on Mergers, Acquisitions, and Divestitures:* DDTC updated its Registration FAQs page to include a new subheading titled ‘Mergers, Acquisitions, and Divestitures’. Users will find new questions and answers to aid registrants in submission of registration notifications related to those topics.

### [Consolidated MAD FAQs](#)

See notice in [News and Events](#) dated 07/23/20

**CONGRESSIONAL NOTIFICATIONS:** The Department moved to electronic submissions of Congressional Notifications of proposed Direct Commercial Sales (DCS) and Foreign Military Sales (FMS) to the Congress. This action was taken with the cooperation of Congress and the Department of Defense.

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**FMS PART 130 SUBMISSIONS:** DDTC now accepts electronic submissions of FMS Part 130 reports via email at [DDTC-Part130Notices@state.gov](mailto:DDTC-Part130Notices@state.gov).

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