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#### **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Bureau of Industry and Security** 

15 CFR Parts 734, 740, 742, 744, 746, and 774

[Docket No. 241030-0286]

RIN 0694-XC109

Public Briefing on Revisions to Space-Related Export Controls Under Export Administration Regulations and International Traffic in Arms Regulations

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce. **ACTION:** Notification of public briefing on regulatory actions.

SUMMARY: On October 23, 2024, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) published in the Federal Register related rules: a final rule, "Export Administration Regulations: Removal of License Requirements for Certain Spacecraft and Related Items for Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom," and an interim final rule, "Export Administration Regulations: Revisions to Space-Related Export Controls." This document announces that, on November 6, 2024, BIS will host a public briefing on these rules. This document also provides details on the procedures for participating in the public briefing. Elsewhere in this issue of the **Federal Register**, BIS is publishing notification of the public briefing on related proposed rulemaking.

#### DATES:

Public briefing: The public briefing will be held on November 6, 2024. The public briefing will begin at 1 p.m. Eastern Standard Time (EST) and conclude at 3 p.m. EST.

Deadline to register: Register no later than November 1, 2024, to attend in person. Register by November 5, 2024, for virtual participation. Deadline for submitting questions for the public briefing: Questions for the briefing must be received no later than 5 p.m. EST, November 4, 2024. ADDRESSES:

In-Person: The public briefing will be held at the Commerce Research Library at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230. Register at: space.commerce.gov/export24. Inperson attendance is limited to the capacity of the room.

Virtual: To attend this event virtually, register at space.commerce.gov/export24.

Submitting questions: Submit questions in writing through the registration links at space.commerce.gov/export24.

Recordkeeping: A summary of the briefing and Q&A will be posted for the record at space.commerce.gov/export24 and at regulations.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions, contact Joseph A. Cristofaro, Director, Sensors, Aerospace and Marine Division, Office of National Security Controls, Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce, at (202) 482–2440 or by email: Joseph. Cristofaro@bis.doc.gov.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On October 23, 2024, BIS published the final rule "Export Administration Regulations: Removal of License Requirements for Certain Spacecraft and Related Items for Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom" (89 FR 84766), which amended the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) (15 CFR 730 through 774) by removing controls for certain spacecraft and related items for exports and reexports to Australia, Canada, and the United Kingdom. These spacecraft and related items involve remote sensing or spacebased logistics, assembly, or servicing. Taking into account the close relations with these three allied countries, including in space collaboration, as well as their inclusion in the National Technology and Industrial Base, this final rule removed the license requirement for the export, reexport and transfer (in-country) to these countries for the specified spacecraft and related items.

On the same day, BIS published the interim final rule "Export

Administration Regulations: Revisions to Space-Related Export Controls" (89 FR 84770), which made changes to controls for spacecraft and related items under the EAR. This interim final rule reduced license requirements on less sensitive items to reflect the close relations with certain countries and to better facilitate space collaboration with those countries; and made refinements and clarifications to existing controls. These changes will better enable a globally competitive U.S. space industrial base while continuing to protect U.S. national security and foreign policy interests.

#### **Public Briefing**

On November 6, 2024, the Bureau of Industry and Security will host a public briefing to address the details of and answer questions on these related rules and the proposed rules discussed elsewhere in this issue of the Federal Register. The Department of Commerce, the State Department, and other U.S. Government agencies, as appropriate, will participate in the public briefing. The public briefing will be held on November 6, 2024, at the Commerce Research Library of the U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230. The public briefing will begin at 1 p.m. EST and conclude at 3 p.m. EST.

# **Procedure for Requesting Participation**

To participate in the public meeting virtually or in-person, register at: space.commerce.gov/export24 no later than November 1, 2024, to attend in person, or by November 5, 2024, for virtual participation, for virtual participation. Note that due to space limitations, the capacity for in-person participation is limited. Once in-person capacity is reached, additional registrants will be directed to participate virtually. This web page will also display the agenda of the public meeting and any other necessary information. This web page will also display the agenda of the public meeting and any other necessary information.

# **Procedure for Submitting Questions**

In-person and virtual attendees are encouraged to submit written questions in advance of the briefing through the registration links at *space.commerce.gov/export24*. Questions must be received by 5 p.m. EST on Monday, November 4, 2024.

Note that while public questions will also be accepted during the public briefing if there is available time, written questions will be prioritized.

All questions and answers from the public meeting will be posted at space.commerce.gov/export24 and at the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov under the docket numbers BIS–2018–0029 or BIS 2024–0031. Related records are made accessible in accordance with the regulations published in 15 CFR part 4.

## **Special Accommodations**

For any special accommodation needs, please send an email to: space.commerce@noaa.gov.

#### Matthew S. Borman,

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#### **DEPARTMENT OF THE TREASURY**

#### Internal Revenue Service

26 CFR Part 301

[TD 10011]

RIN 1545-BQ34

# Modernizing Regulations on Sales of Seized Property

AGENCY: Internal Revenue Service (IRS),

Treasury.

**ACTION:** Final regulation.

SUMMARY: This document contains final regulations regarding the sale of a taxpayer's property that the IRS seizes by levy. The final regulations amend existing regulations to better allow the IRS to maximize sale proceeds for the benefit of the taxpayer whose property the IRS has seized and the public fisc. The final regulations affect all sales of property the IRS seizes by levy.

#### DATES:

Effective date: These regulations are effective November 5, 2024.

Applicability date: For date of applicability, see § 301.6335–1(f).

# **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Micah A. Levy, (202) 317–6832 (not a toll-free number).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Authority

This document contains amendments to the Procedure and Administration Regulations (26 CFR part 301) issued by the Secretary of the Treasury or her delegate (Secretary) under the authority granted by sections 6335(e)(2) and 7805(a) of the Internal Revenue Code regarding the sale of property that is seized by levy by the IRS (seized property).

Section 6335(e)(2) provides an express delegation of authority, stating that the Secretary shall by regulations prescribe the manner and other conditions of the sale of property seized by levy. If one or more alternative methods or conditions are permitted by regulations, the Secretary shall select the alternatives applicable to the sale. Sections 6335(e)(2)(A) through (F) expressly provide that such regulations shall provide: (i) that the sale shall not be conducted in any manner other than by public auction or by public sale under sealed bids; (ii) in the case of the seizure of several items of property, whether such items shall be offered separately, in groups, or in the aggregate and whether such property shall be offered both separately (or in groups) and in the aggregate, and sold under whichever method produces the highest aggregate amount; (iii) whether the announcement of the minimum price determined by the Secretary may be delayed until the receipt of the highest bid; (iv) whether payment in full shall be required at the time of acceptance of a bid, or whether a part of such payment may be deferred for such period (not to exceed 1 month) as may be determined by the Secretary to be appropriate; (v) the extent to which methods (including advertising) in addition to those prescribed in section 6335(b) may be used in giving notice of the sale; and (vi) under what circumstances the Secretary may adjourn the sale from time to time (but such adjournments shall not be for a period to exceed in all 1 month).

Finally, section 7805(a) authorizes the Secretary to "prescribe all needful rules and regulations for the enforcement of [the Code], including all rules and regulations as may be necessary by reason of any alteration of law in relation to internal revenue."

#### **Background**

On October 16, 2023, the Department of the Treasury (Treasury Department) and the IRS published in the Federal Register (88 FR 71323) a notice of proposed rulemaking (REG-127391-16) proposing amendments to regulations under 26 CFR part 301 (proposed regulations). The proposed regulations conformed the prescribed manner and conditions of sales of seized property with modern practices. The proposed amendments included changes to facilitate online sales, give greater flexibility in grouping property and specifying terms of payment, and provide clarity to the IRS in making

decisions about which employees can be assigned to conduct sales or perform related ministerial duties. *See* the Explanation of Provisions section of REG-127391-16 at 88 FR 71324-71326 for a discussion of the proposed regulations.

The Treasury Department and the IRS received one comment in response to the notice of proposed rulemaking, but the comment did not address the proposed regulations. The comment is available at <a href="https://www.regulations.gov">https://www.regulations.gov</a> or upon request. No public hearing was requested or held on the proposed regulations. These final regulations therefore adopt the text of the proposed regulations with only minor, nonsubstantive changes.

# **Special Analyses**

# I. Regulatory Planning and Review

Pursuant to the Memorandum of Agreement, Review of Treasury Regulations under Executive Order 12866 (June 9, 2023), tax regulatory actions issued by the IRS are not subject to the requirements of section 6(b) of Executive Order 12866, as amended. Therefore, a regulatory impact assessment is not required.

#### II. Regulatory Flexibility Act

Pursuant to the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. chapter 6), it is hereby certified that this regulation will not have a significant economic impact on a substantial number of small entities. This certification is based on the fact that the regulations solely conform the prescribed manner and conditions of sales of seized property with modern practices by making the sales process both more efficient and more likely to produce higher sales prices.

Pursuant to section 7805(f) of the Code, the notice of proposed rulemaking preceding these regulations was submitted to the Chief Counsel for the Office of Advocacy of the Small Business Administration for comment on its impact on small business, and no comments were received.

# III. Unfunded Mandates Reform Act

Section 202 of the Unfunded Mandates Reform Act of 1995 (UMRA) requires that agencies assess anticipated costs and benefits and take certain other actions before issuing a final rule that includes any Federal mandate that may result in expenditures in any one year by a State, local, or Tribal government, in the aggregate, or by the private sector, of \$100 million in 1995 dollars, updated annually for inflation. These final regulations do not include any Federal mandate that may result in expenditures