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MEMORANDUM FOR U.S. Principal Parties, Freight Forwarders, and Common Carriers

FROM:

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Subject:

Request for Export Documentation by Foreign Entities and Foreign Governments

There have been many requests by foreign entities or foreign governments for copies of the Electronic Export Information (EEI) for exports from the United States. The information contained in the EEI is confidential. The confidentiality provisions, on the release of information in the EEI is contained in the Foreign Trade Regulations (FTR), Title 15, Code of Federal Regulations, Section 30.60. That provision states that the information in the EEI may not be disclosed to anyone except the U.S. Principal Party in Interest (USPPI) or their authorized agent and only when such a copy is needed to comply with United States official legal and regulatory export control requirements. The official report of EEI shall not be disclosed by the USPPI, authorized agent, or representative of the USPPI, either in whole or in part, or in any form including but not limited to electronic transmission, paper printout, or certified reproduction to foreign entities or foreign governments.

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