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Export Administration Regulations Service Improved

In an effort to better serve you, our customer, the National Technical Information Service (NTIS) is pleased to announce several improvements to the *Export Administration Regulations* (EAR) service:

1. A more robust and user friendly search engine for the online EAR;
2. An improved search engine for the single search of all prohibited parties databases;
3. Updated pages sent electronically to paper EAR subscribers as soon as a change is made;
4. The changed text clearly identified in the replacement pages.

Online EAR

Starting January 2011, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) will no longer be producing the EAR. But NTIS is filling this need through a joint-venture partnership with OCR Services, Inc. (BIS is still providing the Legal Authority for the EAR to NTIS.) Access to the Online EAR through a Web-based system from anywhere with a username/password will continue as before, but the enhanced software to access the online version will be much more user friendly.

All of the Prohibited Parties databases can still be searched with one search, but with an improved search engine that makes it easier, more accurate, and less time consuming to check clients.

Paper Copy EAR

NTIS will provide the same EAR regulatory content and updates that were traditionally being offered, but the replacement pages for the paper copy EAR will be sent electronically to subscribers as the changes are made by BIS, not on a quarterly basis as before. This means your copy will always be up-to-date with the latest regulatory changes.

In addition, each change will be marked by a solid line in the side margin for the entire length of the new text, making it easier to determine if the changes affect you. All this more frequent, up-to-date additional service is being provided at the same price as last year's EAR.

An optional binder will soon be available at a nominal additional cost.

EAR on CD-ROM or Flash Drive

Because of the nature of the medium, the EAR on CD-ROM will continue to be updated quarterly, but it soon will be available on a Flash Drive at a slightly higher price, since flash drives are more expensive than CD-ROMs. We plan to make the Flash Drive version of the EAR updatable by the user from our Web site, making it an up-to-date service.

To order visit http://www.ntis.gov/products/export-regs.aspx. Current subscribers do not have to re-order unless they want to change media type. For any questions, e-mail John Hounsell at jhounsell@ntis.gov or call 703-605-6184.