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## Collecting info on CJ FORM

DEPARTMENT OF STATE [Public Notice 10631] 60-Day Notice of Proposed Information Collection: Request for Commodity Jurisdiction Determination ACTION: Notice of request for public comment. SUMMARY: The Department of State is seeking Office of Management and Budget (OMB) approval for the information collection described below. In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, we are requesting comments on this collection from all interested individuals and organizations. The purpose of this notice is to allow 60 days for public comment preceding submission of the collection to OMB. DATES:

The Department will accept comments from the public up to April 8, 2019.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments by any of the following methods: • Web: Persons with access to the internet may comment on this notice by going to [www.Regulations.gov](http://www.Regulations.gov). You can search for the document by entering "Docket Number: DOS-2018-0058" in the Search field. Then click the "Comment Now" button and complete the comment form. • Email: The public email comments to [DDTCCPublicComments@state.gov](mailto:DDTCCPublicComments@state.gov). Include "ATTN: OMB Approval, Request for Commodity Jurisdiction Determination" in the subject of the email. • Mail: The public may mail comments to the Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State, 2401 E St. NW, Suite H1205, Washington, DC 20522. amozie on DSK3GDR082PROD with NOTICES1 You must include the information collection title (Request for Commodity Jurisdiction Determination), form number (DS-4076), and the OMB control number (1405-0163) in all correspondence.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Direct requests for additional information regarding the collection listed in this notice, including requests for copies of the proposed collection instrument and supporting documents, to Andrea Battista, who may be reached at [battistaal@state.gov](mailto:battistaal@state.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: • Title of Information Collection: Request for Commodity Jurisdiction Determination. • OMB Control Number: 1405–0163. • Type of Request: Revision of a Currently Approved Collection. • Originating Office: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (PM/DDTC). • Form Number: DS–4076. • Respondents: Any person requesting a commodity jurisdiction determination. • Estimated Number of Respondents: 600. • Estimated Number of Responses: 600. • Average Time per Response: 4 hours. • Total Estimated Burden Time: 2,400 annual hours. • Frequency: On occasion. • Obligation to Respond: Voluntary. We are soliciting public comments to permit the Department to: • Evaluate whether the proposed information collection is necessary for the proper functions of the Department. • Evaluate the accuracy of our estimate of the time and cost burden for this proposed collection, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used. • Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected. • Minimize the reporting burden on those who are to respond, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Please note that comments submitted in response to this Notice are public record. Before including any detailed personal information, you should be aware that your comments as submitted, including your personal information, will be available for public review.

Abstract of Proposed Collection Pursuant to ITAR §120.4, a person, as defined by ITAR §120.14, may request a written determination from the Department of State stating whether a particular article or defense service is covered by the United States Munitions List (USML). Form DS–4076 is the means by which respondents may submit this request. Information submitted via DS–4076 will be shared with the Department of Defense, Department of Commerce, and other USG agencies, as needed, during the commodity jurisdiction process. Determinations will be made on a case- by-case basis based on the commodity’s form, fit, function, and performance capability.

Methodology Respondents must submit the DS– 4076 electronically through DDTC’s electronic system. Respondents may access the DS–4076 on DDTC’s website, [www.pmdtcc.state.gov](http://www.pmdtcc.state.gov), under Commodity Jurisdictions (CJs). Anthony M. Dearth, Chief of Staff, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State. [FR Doc. 2019–01309 Filed 2–5–19; 8:45 am] BILLING CODE 4710–25–P

## Justice Department Charges Huawei With Fraud, Ratcheting up U.S. - China Tensions

The case against the world’s largest communications equipment maker and one of its senior executives comes as Washington and Beijing seek to end a months-long trade war.

U.S. prosecutors charge that Huawei lied to bank executives about its relationship with a company in Iran called Skycom, falsely asserting that it was not an affiliate of the larger company.

## Issuance of a New Venezuela-related Executive Order and General Licenses; Venezuela-related Designation

Today, the Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) is designating *Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA)* pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13850 for operating in the oil sector of the Venezuelan economy, following a determination by Secretary of the Treasury Steven T. Mnuchin, in consultation with Secretary of State Michael Pompeo, that persons operating in Venezuela’s oil sector are subject to sanctions pursuant to E.O. 13850. In addition, OFAC is amending General License 3 “Authorizing Transactions Related to, Provisions of Financing for, and Other Dealings in Certain Bonds,” and issuing the following eight new Venezuela-related general licenses in connection with this designation: General License 7 “Authorizing Certain Activities with PDV Holding, Inc. and CITGO Holding, Inc.,” General License 8 “Authorizing Transactions Involving *Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA)* Prohibited by Executive Order 13850 for Certain Entities Operating in Venezuela,” General License 9 “Authorizing Transactions Related to Dealings in Certain Debt,” General License 10 “Authorizing the Purchase in Venezuela of Gasoline from *Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA)*,” General License 11 “Authorizing Certain Activities Necessary to Maintenance or Wind Down of Operations or Existing Contracts with *Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA)*,” General License 12 “Authorizing Certain Activities Necessary to Wind Down of Operations or Existing Contracts with *Petróleos de Venezuela, S.A. (PdVSA)*,” General License 13 “Authorizing Certain Activities Involving Nynas AB,” and General License 14 “Official Business of the United States Government.”

OFAC expects to publish in the near term new FAQs and update existing FAQs, in connection with today’s action and the issuance of these general licenses.

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In addition, on January 25, 2019, the President signed an Executive Order "Taking Additional Steps to Address the National Emergency with Respect to Venezuela." OFAC is publishing a frequently asked question in connection with the issuance of the Executive Order.

## Trump administration announces sanctions on Venezuela's state-owned oil company to try to force President Maduro to step down

The order will affect Citgo, the Venezuelan-owned, Houston-based oil company, and Valero, the American oil refiner that is the largest in the United States. Both import substantial amounts of low-quality crude oil from Venezuela, and can continue to do so as long as the payments do not go to Nicolás Maduro's regime.

U.S. officials said they expect the move to have little to no effect on gas prices.

## Release of OFAC Civil Penalties Information

The U.S. Department of the Treasury's Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC) today announced a settlement of \$996,080 with e.l.f. Cosmetics, Inc. ("ELF") of Oakland, California. ELF has agreed to settle its potential civil liability for 156 apparent violations of the North Korea Sanctions Regulations, 31 C.F.R. part 510 (NKSr). The apparent violations involved the importation of false eyelash kits from two suppliers located in the People's Republic of China that contained materials sourced by these suppliers from the Democratic People's Republic of Korea. OFAC determined that ELF voluntarily self-disclosed the apparent violations and that the apparent violations constitute a non-egregious case.

## Venezuelan officials seek to block U.S.-supported opposition leader Juan Guaidó from leaving the country, freeze his assets

The moves from the pro-government prosecutor's office come one day after the United States issued potentially crippling sanctions on Venezuela's national oil company in an attempt to force President Nicolás Maduro from power

## BUSINESS SECURITY

Connect, Plan, Train, Report

The Department encourages businesses to Connect, Plan, Train, and Report. Applying these four steps in advance of an incident or attack can help better prepare businesses and their employees to proactively think about the role they play in the safety and security of their businesses and communities.

- **CONNECT:** Reach out and develop relationships in your community, including local law enforcement. Having these relationships established before an incident occurs can help speed up the response when something happens.
- **PLAN:** Take the time now to plan on how you will handle a security event should one occur. Learn from other events to inform your plans.
- **TRAIN:** Provide your employees with training resources and exercise your plans often. The best laid plans must be exercised in order to be effective.
- **REPORT:** "If You See Something, Say Something™" is more than just a slogan. Call local law enforcement.

Connect

Reach out and develop relationships in your community, including local law enforcement. Having these relationships established before an incident occurs can help speed up the response when something happens.

- Develop relationships with local law enforcement and businesses in your area. Invite local law enforcement to tour your business.
- Connect with community security and preparedness organizations such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation's public-private partnership program "InfraGard."
- Contact the local DHS Protective Security Advisor who is available to support your efforts. Protective Security Advisors are security subject matter experts who engage with State, local, tribal, and territorial (SLTT) government mission partners and members of the private sector stakeholder community to protect the Nation's critical infrastructure.
- Communicate with your customers and let them know about the security measures you are taking to ensure a positive experience and to maintain public safety.
- If your business is located at or near a Federal facility, connect with DHS's Federal Protective Service at 1-877-4FPS-411.

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Plan

Take the time now to plan on how you will handle a security event should one occur. Learn from other events to inform your plans.

- Be aware of current threats related to your geographic region or impacting your business sector.
- Develop plans, including security, emergency response, emergency communications, and business continuity plans, while considering the protection of your employees and customers, access control, closed-circuit television, signage, suspicious activity reporting, and parking security.
- Evaluate your security requirements and design a monitoring, surveillance, and inspection program that is consistent with your business operations.
- Develop evacuation and shelter-in-place plans, and ensure that multiple evacuation routes are clearly marked with appropriate signage and that rallying points are available.
- Develop and implement a security plan for computer and information systems hardware and software.
- Engage local first responders (police, fire, medical) in all of the above efforts to ensure your efforts are insynergy with theirs.

Train

Provide your employees with training resources and exercise your plans often. The best laid plans must be exercised in order to be effective.

- Train employees on identifying and reporting suspicious activities, active shooter scenarios, and what to do if they suspect an improvised explosive device (IED). Ensure they understand security basics, emergency response, business continuity plans, and increased awareness of potential threats.
- Exercise your emergency communications plan.

Report

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“Your Only Limit Is You.”

- Post details on reporting suspicious activity and encourage employees, tenants, and visitors to report suspicious behavior to property management security or local law enforcement. Things to consider include unattended vehicles; repeat visitors or outsiders who have no apparent business in non-public area; abandoned parcels, suitcases, backpacks, and packages; and other unusual activity.
- Get involved with the Department’s “If You See Something, Say Something®” campaign.

The Rest of the Story

Early aircraft throttles had a ball on the end of it, and in order to go full throttle, the pilot had to push the throttle all the way forward into the wall of the instrument panel. Hence "balls to the wall" for going very fast. And now you know the rest of the story.

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During WWII, U.S. Airplanes were armed with belts of ammo, which they would shoot during dogfights and on strafing runs. These belts were folded into the wing compartments that fed their machine guns. These belts measured 27 feet and contained hundreds of cartridges. Often times, the pilots would return from their missions having expended all of their bullets on various targets. They would say, "I gave them the whole nine yards," meaning they used up all of their ammunition.

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