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CRITICAL INFORMATION!!!!

Import AES Filing Information (for Live clicks open link)!

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCENSUS/bulletins/1280802?reqfrom=share>

AESDirect Is Now Available in ACE!!!

U.S. Census Bureau sent this bulletin at 11/30/2015 08:33 AM EST
Attention all export filers... the new AESDirect is available in ACE for export filing.

If you have ACE Exporter Account access, you can begin filing using the new system. If you have not yet obtained ACE Exporter Account access, please review the [broadcast message](#) covering ACE registration and exporter access.

Today marks the beginning of the transition from the legacy AESDirect application to the Refactored AESDirect in ACE. During this transition period, both the legacy and the ACE AESDirect application are available for export filing. Take advantage of this time and begin transitioning your users to the new system. **Please ensure proper transition management to avoid duplicate filing.**

For more information, including the new user guide, FAQs, archived broadcast messages, training materials, etc. please check out the [ACE Transition page](#). The [ACE One-Pager](#) also has a wealth of contact information and resource links to assist you with this transition.

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Note: If you have technical issues filing in the new system, please contact the AES Help Desk at askaes@census.gov or 800-549-0595, option 1.

If you have technical issues with your ACE Accounts Access, please contact the ACE Service Desk at ACE.Support@cbp.dhs.gov or 1-866-530-4172, option 1, then option 2.

Guidance on WebLink and EDI batch filing will be provided within the next 2 weeks. This deployment is for Portal and Bulk Upload filing through AESDirect only.

<http://content.govdelivery.com/accounts/USCENSUS/bulletins/1093877>

Worldwide Travel Alert

The State Department alerts U.S. citizens to possible risks of travel due to increased terrorist threats. Current information suggests that ISIL (aka Da'esh), al-Qa'ida, Boko Haram, and other terrorist groups continue to plan terrorist attacks in multiple regions. These attacks may employ a wide variety of tactics, using conventional and non-conventional weapons and targeting both official and private interests. This Travel Alert expires on February 24, 2016.

Authorities believe the likelihood of terror attacks will continue as members of ISIL/Da'esh return from Syria and Iraq. Additionally, there is a continuing threat from unaffiliated persons planning attacks inspired by major terrorist organizations but conducted on an individual basis. Extremists have targeted large sporting events, theatres, open markets, and aviation services. In the past year, there have been multiple attacks in France, Nigeria, Denmark, Turkey, and Mali. ISIL/Da'esh has claimed responsibility for the bombing of a Russian airliner in Egypt.

U.S. citizens should exercise vigilance when in public places or using transportation. Be aware of immediate surroundings and avoid large crowds or crowded places. Exercise particular caution during the holiday season and at holiday festivals or events. U.S. citizens should monitor media and local information sources and factor updated information into personal travel plans and activities. Persons with specific safety concerns should contact local law enforcement authorities who are responsible for the safety and security of all visitors to their host country. U.S. citizens should:

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- *Follow the instructions of local authorities. Monitor media and local information sources and factor updated information into personal travel plans and activities.
- *Be prepared for additional security screening and unexpected disruptions.
- *Stay in touch with your family members and ensure they know how to reach you in the event of an emergency.
- *Register in our [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#).

Foreign governments have taken action to guard against terrorist attacks, and some have made official declarations regarding heightened threat conditions. Authorities continue to conduct raids and disrupt terror plots. We continue to work closely with our allies on the threat from international terrorism. Information is routinely shared between the United States and our key partners in order to disrupt terrorist plotting, identify and take action against potential operatives, and strengthen our defenses against potential threats.

For further information:

- *See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution, Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and Country Specific Information](#).
- *Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- *Call [1-888-407-4747](tel:1-888-407-4747) toll-free in the United States and Canada or [1-202-501-4444](tel:1-202-501-4444) from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays). Follow us on [Twitter](#) and [Facebook](#).

AUDI to Test Self Parking Cars

Imagine in the future that you need to go to the store, but you don't want to worry about parking. So you drop your car off in front of the store and your car parks itself in a nearby parking space.

That could soon become a reality for one Massachusetts city. Audi recently announced that it will be testing that technology in Somerville after Audi CEO [Rupert Stadler](#) and Mayor [Joseph Curtatone](#) signed an agreement that will let the German car maker use Somerville as a testing ground. The two announced the deal at the Smart City Expo World Congress in Barcelona.

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Audi will work with Somerville to test self-parking cars at Assembly Row.



As part of the deal, Audi and Somerville will create "an urban strategy" for applying technologies such as automated parking and networking cars with traffic lights.

"The intelligent car can unfold its enormous potential only in an intelligent city," said Stadler in a statement. "Our joint work on urban innovations and the exchange and analysis of data are the key to beneficial swarm intelligence."

The goal, according to the program, is to develop innovations that both reduce the space requirement of cars in the city and increase the speed of traffic flow.

A key part of the plan is to integrate its traffic-light assistant technology into soon-to-be-redeveloped neighborhoods such as Union Square, helping traffic flow faster. The traffic-light technology shows the ideal speed for reaching the next lights on green.

But a key part of the futuristic Somerville-Audi partnership is the automated parking technology. Audi will test the technology out at the gigantic mixed-use Assembly Square project.

Audi claims a fleet of self-parking cars would save space and reduce costs in Assembly Row "up to a theoretical amount of \$100 million, and could be managed intelligently by means of an exclusive sharing arrangement."

Representatives from Audi and the city of Somerville were not immediately available for comment

U.K. Man Arraigned on Conspiracy to Illegally Export Restricted Chemical Laboratory Equipment to Syria

Ahmad Feras Diri, 42, of London, was arraigned today on charges alleging a conspiracy to illegally export laboratory equipment, including items used to detect chemical warfare agents, from the United States to Syria.

The announcement was made by Assistant Attorney General for National Security John P. Carlin, U.S. Attorney Peter J. Smith of the Middle District of Pennsylvania, Special Agent in Charge John Kelleghan of the U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement-Homeland Security Investigations (ICE-HSI) Philadelphia Office and Special Agent in Charge Sidney Simon of the U.S. Commerce Department's Office of Export Enforcement (OEE) New York Field Office.

The indictment was returned by a Scranton, Pennsylvania, grand jury on Nov. 20, 2012, and charges Diri; Mowea Diri, Ahmad's brother and a citizen of Syria; d-Deri Contracting & Trading, a business located in Syria; and Harold Rinko, a U.S. citizen, with criminal conspiracy, wire fraud, illegal export of goods, money laundering and false statements. On Sept. 16, 2014, Rinko pleaded guilty to the criminal conspiracy charge before U.S. District Judge Edwin M. Kosik of the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

On March 14, 2013, Diri was arrested by the Metropolitan Police in London in connection with the charges in the Middle District of Pennsylvania, and was extradited to the United States by the United Kingdom on Nov. 12, 2015. Diri appeared before U.S. Magistrate Judge Karoline Mehalchick of the Middle District of Pennsylvania today and pleaded not guilty to the indictment.

The indictment alleges that from 2003 until Nov. 20, 2012, the three men conspired to export items from the United States through third party countries to customers in Syria without the required U.S. Commerce Department licenses.

According to the indictment, the conspirators prepared false invoices that undervalued and mislabeled the goods being purchased and listed false information regarding the buyers' identity and geographic location. The indictment alleges that the items were to be shipped from the United States to Jordan, the United Arab Emirates and the United Kingdom, and thereafter transshipped to Syria.

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According to the indictment, the items allegedly included: a portable gas scanner used for detection of chemical warfare agents by civil defense, military, police and border control agencies; a handheld instrument for field detection and classification of chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals; a laboratory source for detection of chemical warfare agents and toxic industrial chemicals in research, public safety and industrial environments; a rubber mask for civil defense against chemicals and gases; a meter used to measure chemicals and their composition; flowmeters for measuring gas streams; a stirrer for mixing and testing liquid chemical compounds; industrial engines for use in oil and gas field operations; and a device used to accurately locate buried pipelines.

“According to the charges in the indictment, Ahmad Feras Diri conspired with his brother and others to evade U.S. export laws and illegally send chemical laboratory equipment to Syria,” said Assistant Attorney General Carlin. “These violations of U.S. export law threaten our national security, and we will continue to hold accountable those who seek to circumvent restrictions. I want to thank the agents, analysts, prosecutors and our U.K. law enforcement counterparts who are responsible for the arrest and charges in this case.”

“This extradition demonstrates HSI’s commitment to use all its resources to prevent sensitive and restricted technology from being exported to Syria through the black market,” said Special Agent in Charge Kelleghan. “No good comes of illegal exports to Syria, especially during this time of gross misgovernment and civil strife. As the principal enforcer of export controls, HSI will continue to do everything in its power to ensure that sensitive technology doesn’t fall into the wrong hands in Syria. I applaud our colleagues at the Department of Commerce, the U.S. Attorney’s Office for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, along with our law enforcement counterparts in the United Kingdom. This coordinated effort helped us make this complex investigation a success.”

“I commend our colleagues from HSI and the United Kingdom, and the U.S. Attorney’s Office, for their outstanding work with the Commerce Department on this case,” said Special Agent in Charge Simon. “Our special agents work tirelessly every day to pursue those who flout our export control laws and attempt to supply rogue regimes with technology that threatens our national security. OEE will seek and arrest violators wherever located, worldwide, and we will continue to leverage our unique authorities as the only federal law enforcement agency exclusively dedicated to enforcing dual-use export violations.”

Pursuant to regulations of the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Export Administration, a license is required to export goods and services from the United States to Syria, excepting limited and certain categories of humanitarian food and medicine.

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Indictments are only allegations. All persons charged are presumed to be innocent unless and until found guilty in court.

The case is being investigated by ICE-HSI and U.S. Commerce Department’s OEE New York Field Office. The Justice Department’s Office of International Affairs also provided significant assistance. The case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney Todd K. Hinkley of the Middle District of Pennsylvania and Trial Attorney Mariclaire Rourke of the National Security Division’s Counterintelligence and Export Control Section.

Anonymous Makes Headlines

The idea/entity called Anonymous has been making international headlines over the last 30 days. In late October they [threatened to reveal 1,000 KKK identities](#) in Twitter OperationKKK (#OpKKK) and Operation HoodsOff (#HoodsOff). Shortly after the threat, Anonymous [revealed a plethora of KKK members](#), organizations and followers.

After November’s [Paris, Beirut](#), and the [Russian airline](#) massacres by ISIS, Anonymous has made a [new video message threatening ISIS](#). The new Operation is called #OpParis. In the video, Anonymous claims they will hunt ISIS down and not let up in avenging the horrific ISIS slaughters. Earlier in the year after ISIS claimed responsibility for the Paris Charlie Hebdo executions, [Anonymous publicly threatened ISIS](#) and reportedly followed through with social media shutdowns meant to cut off the head of the ISIS snake. **Both ISIS and Anonymous are internet experts** and they use cyberspace for the core of their communication and operations.

Monday morning, Anonymous claimed to have taken down thousands of Twitter accounts allegedly linked to ISIS members, affiliates, and followers. The list first appeared on the [Pastebin.com](#) site. It was then removed and transferred to [PadRiseUp](#) site, then removed again. Some of the public and media briefly saw the list. However, the list still needs to be confirmed and verified. Anonymous had some trouble in the past with individuals and groups posing as anons. The impostors have released misinformation most likely to discredit Anonymous. For the most part it hasn’t worked. Though Anonymous has its share of naysayers who are yet to be convinced of the entity’s legitimacy, after OpKKK, more of the public has faith in the intentions of Anonymous.

BBC’s Technology correspondent Roy Cellan-Jones [attempted a live interview](#) with Anonymous:

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I asked the person behind the Operation Paris account for a phone interview. I was told that was impossible - but he (he appears to be an Italian man) agreed to provide written answers to my questions. Bear in mind that it is impossible to know just who is behind the Twitter account and whether they really command a huge army of hackers - but here is how the conversation went:

Here are two of the five questions BBC asked an alleged "Anon."

What are the aims of your operation?

Our main goal in this operation is to identify the perpetrators of the Paris terror attacks and all terrorist organizations linked to them, acquire intel to dig deep into the roots of their manpower, disable their propaganda and stop their reach on social media, release their information to the public, and flag down any threat to mankind.

Isn't it better for the fight against IS if its members talk openly on Twitter where the security services can see them, rather than being driven underground?

The propaganda of ISIS is based on advertising their actions. They want to strike terror with their name, with bloody images, with violent videos. We can not fight them with guns and rifles, stopping their propaganda is an effective way to weaken their manpower and their presence in the Internet. Disrupting their communications makes it difficult to organise their attacks in a fluid manner.

The Anonymous mission statement:

We are Anonymous

We are legion

We do not forgive

We do not forget

Expect us

What most don't know, and some fear, is exactly **what to expect.**



Addition of Certain Persons and Modification of Certain Entries to the Entity List; and Removal of Certain Persons from the Entity List

This rule amends the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) by adding seven persons under ten entries to the Entity List. The seven persons who are added to the Entity List have been determined by the U.S. Government to be acting contrary to the national security or foreign policy interests of the United States. These persons will be listed on the Entity List under the destinations of China and Hong Kong. This final rule also removes two persons from the Entity List. One entity requested removal from the Entity List in accordance with the procedure for requesting removal or modification of an Entity List entity. The End-User Review Committee (ERC) decided to remove this entity following a review of information provided in the removal request. The ERC decided to remove a second person from the Entity List following a proposal submitted by an ERC member agency, in accordance with the procedure for requesting removal or modification of an Entity List entity. Finally, this final rule modifies ten existing entries on the Entity List consisting of one entry under China and nine entries under Hong Kong to provide additional or modified addresses and/or aliases for these persons.

USS Kearsarge Harriers Join Fight Against ISIL

Naval Aviation rejoined the fight against ISIL Nov. 19 when AV-8B Harriers from Marine Medium Tiltrotor Squadron (VMM)162(Reinforced)launched from the amphibious assault ship USS Kearsarge (LHD 3) to conduct their first missions over Iraq in support of Operation Inherent Resolve (OIR).

The last Naval Aviation missions in support of OIR were Oct. 17, from USS Essex (LHD 2).

"We will continue to work with our coalition partners to drive ISIL out of Iraq and Syria," said Lt. Col. Brian T. Koch, commanding officer of VMM-162(REIN). "We operate around the clock to defend America, and to keep our families at home safe."

VMM-162(REIN) is the aviation combat element of the 26th MEU, currently embarked with the Kearsarge ARG.

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Capt. Augustus P. Bennett, commander, Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group (ARG), said the Sailors and Marines under his charge are prepared for what lies ahead.

The Kearsarge Amphibious Ready Group with the embarked 26th MEU along with our coalition partners are here to degrade and destroy ISIL's current operations under OIR," Bennett said. "The combined ARG-MEU team is an expeditionary Navy/Marine Corps force that stands ready and has been trained for these types of operations. We're here to assure our allies, deter any adversaries and provide a persistent U.S. presence here in the U.S. 5th Fleet area of operations."

In addition to Naval Aviation missions against ISIL in support of OIR, the Marines and Sailors of the ARG-MEU team are deployed throughout the region conducting various missions including theater security cooperation and maritime security operations.

The Kearsarge ARG arrived in the U.S. 5th Fleet Nov. 1. The U.S. 5th Fleet's area of operations encompasses about 2.5 million square miles of the Middle East's maritime reaches and includes the Arabian Gulf, Red Sea, Gulf of Oman, Gulf of Aden, Arabian Sea and parts of the Indian Ocean.

. FAA suggests Drone Registration

The task force charged by the FAA to suggest recommendations for drone use in America has just finished its 14-page report. In it, the task force recommends that all drones weighing 9 ounces or more may soon have to be registered with the government via the Web or an app. (Photo: The Federal Aviation Administration | YouTube)

The Federal Aviation Administration's "drone task force" has landed.

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We knew it was coming. The FAA has said that it will come out with recommendations regarding the use of unmanned aerial vehicles (aka drones) flying in American airspace.

Understandably enough, unregulated drone use in American skies does pose security threats especially around airports and even the White House. That being said, the task force set up by the FAA has only come up with [recommendations](#) [pdf] but are not yet official policy.

Nonetheless, however, the recommendations from the task force made up of 25 people from private companies and interest groups may carry a lot of weight when the government's regulators do seal the deal on drone use in America. It's their recommendations along with about 4,500 public comments that will [determine](#) the final rules.

In the 14-page report, the FAA's task force basically suggests that all drones weighing more than 0.55 pounds must be registered with the FAA either through a web form or an app. Upon registration, drone operators would be assigned a registration number. The unique registration number assigned to that specific drone for that specific operator would then have to be attached to the drone itself. There's also an age limit. Those 13 years old and below do not have to register.

The weight standard for registering a drone has hobbyists up in arms. They say the weight requirement pretty much [includes](#) all drone that are little more than plain toys especially since they would be incapable of flying at heights that would interfere with neither commercial airplanes nor any other safety hazard.

But the task force has actually computed mathematical explanations that indeed justify the weight requirement. Where "solving for mass and velocity, this equates to an object weighing 250 grams traveling at a terminal velocity of 25 meters/second or approximately 57 miles per hour," stated the task force in its report.

Other fine print included in the report also [recommends](#) that a basic education course be part of the registration process, requiring only one operator per drone, restricting flying at night, no flying beyond line of sight, and no flying over densely populated areas.

Come and See Our Christmas Tree!
“Christmas Around the World”



**Evolutions and Business is a proud tree donor at this year's
22nd Annual Festival of Trees in Methuen**

Our tree is on the outer circle of trees. The festival runs from
November 21st – December 5th

Location: Valley Office Park, 13 Branch Street, Methuen,
Massachusetts

Hours: Weekdays 5:00 pm-9:00 pm Weekends 10:00 am-9:00 pm
Saturday, December 5 10:00 am-9:00 pm

Admission: Every Day – \$10.00 Children 12 and under are free!

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http://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/forms-documents/doc_download/1379-80-fr-69852

Dickinson man accused of manufacturing several machine guns

BISMARCK, N.D. (AP) — A western North Dakota man is accused of illegally manufacturing several machine guns.

Ronnie Nikodym, who had been living in Dickinson, had pleaded not guilty to possession and manufacture of illegal firearms. Trial is set for Jan. 12 in Bismarck.

Court documents accuse Nikodym of making guns in June and July that resembled M-16s and an Uzi. He faces a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

A federal public defender could not be reached for comment.

Amendment to the Export Administration Regulations to Add XBS Epoxy System to the List of 0Y521 Series; Technical Amendment to Update Other 0Y521 Items

In this interim final rule, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) amends the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to make certain items subject to the EAR and to impose on those items a license requirement for export and reexport to all destinations, except Canada. Specifically, this rule classifies the specified XBS Epoxy System under Export Control Classification Number (ECCN) 0C521 on the Commerce Control List (CCL). As described in the final rule that established the 0Y521 series and that was published in the Federal Register on April 13, 2012, items are added to the 0Y521 series upon a determination by the Department of Commerce, with the concurrence of the Departments of Defense and State, that the items should be controlled for export because the items provide at least a significant military or intelligence advantage to the United States or foreign policy reasons justify control. The items identified in this rule are controlled for regional stability (RS) Column 1 reasons. The only license exception available for these items is for exports, reexports, and transfers (in-country) made by or consigned to a department or agency of the U.S. Government. In this rule, BIS also removes technology and software related to aircraft wing folding systems. *Comments are requested on the addition of the 0C521 item only and must be received by January 15, 2016.*

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