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**COMMERCE STRENGTHENS CONTROLS AGAINST RUSSIA AND BELARUS IN  
RESPONSE TO RUSSIA'S CONTINUED WAR AGAINST UKRAINE**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Today, the Commerce Department's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) strengthened its existing controls under the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) against Russia and Belarus in response to the Russian Federation's (Russia's) ongoing aggression against Ukraine and Belarus's complicity in the invasion.

Today's action expands the scope of the EAR's Russian and Belarusian Industry Sector Sanctions by adding 94 6-digit Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) codes to the list of items requiring a license for export, reexport, or transfer (in-country) to Russia or Belarus. The expanded list of items includes certain chemicals, lubricants, and metals, and it covers the entirety of Chapter 88 of the HTS (aircraft, spacecraft, and parts thereof), thereby further restricting Russia's access to inputs for its defense industrial base and better aligning U.S. controls with those implemented by U.S. partners and allies.

The rule also expands controls on certain EAR99 antennas, antenna reflectors, and parts thereof to further restrict these items from going to Iran and Russia, including when produced abroad with U.S. technology or software.

Today's action also removes the lowest-level military and spacecraft-related items (*i.e.*, .y items) from being eligible for *de minimis* treatment when incorporated into foreign-made items for export from abroad or reexport to Russia or Belarus.

Finally, the new rule makes several clarifying changes, including by adding an exclusion from BIS license requirements in situations involving transactions that are related to deployments by the Armed Forces of Ukraine to or within the temporarily occupied Crimea region of Ukraine and covered regions of Ukraine.

"Today's action reflects the U.S. government's continuing commitment to respond to Russia's invasion of Ukraine and Belarus's complicity in the invasion, in concert with our allies and partners in the Global Export Control Coalition," said **Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security Alan F. Estevez**. "Russia's continued aggression against Ukraine undermines global order, peace, and security."

“Export controls are more durable and effective when imposed on a multilateral basis, and today’s rule better aligns U.S. controls with the stringent measures implemented by our allies and partners,” said **Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Administration Thea D. Rozman Kendler**. “In doing so, it will enhance the effectiveness of existing controls to further limit Russia’s access to items that enable its military capabilities.”

***Additional Information:***

In response to Russia’s war against Ukraine, BIS has imposed extensive sanctions on Russia and Belarus under the EAR. During the last two years, BIS has published a number of additional final rules strengthening the export controls on Russia and Belarus, including measures undertaken in coordination with the 38 U.S. allies and partners of the Global Export Control Coalition.

Taken together, these actions under the EAR reflect the U.S. government’s position that Russia’s war against Ukraine and Belarus’s complicity in the war flagrantly violate international law, are contrary to U.S. national security and foreign policy interests, and undermine global order, peace, and security.

Additional information on BIS’s efforts to respond to Russia’s war against Ukraine is available on BIS’s website at: <https://www.bis.doc.gov/index.php/policy-guidance/country-guidance/russia-belarus>.

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