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STATE DEPARTMENT
Statement by the State Department Spokesperson

As you are aware, the BATF has the statutory responsibility to grant or deny licenses for imports of munitions. In carrying out this function, BATF is guided by the views of the Secretary of State on matters affecting world peace, and the external security and foreign policy of the United States. At present, there are over 250 pending license requests from American firms wishing to import munitions from the states of the former Soviet Union (FSU). These requests are valued at over \$1 billion in potential sales, including over seven billion rounds of ammunition and 7.6 million rifles and pistols.

Because of the dramatic increase in the volume of potential imports from the FSU, the Secretary of State has ordered the Department to undertake a thorough study of the foreign policy and national security considerations involved in these munitions trade issues. The study will also examine existing statutory and regulatory authorities for managing the importation of guns into the United States with a view to determining whether any changes are needed to manage such imports in a more orderly manner, consistent with our foreign policy and national security interests.

The Secretary has asked that this study be completed expeditiously. Until these issues can be addressed, we will not recommend approval of any munitions import licenses from the FSU. Accordingly, I would also like to announce that the Department is sending to the Treasury Department's Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms our recommendation that the BATF deny approval to pending license requests from American firms wishing to import firearms and ammunition from Russia and other states of the FSU.

We anticipate that many of the license applicants will resubmit applications in the near future. Clearing away all pending FSU license applications will enable the Department to have an accurate understanding of the current magnitude of the potential imports as we conduct our review.

Lastly, I want to make clear that some of the speculation that went on in press reports concerning this issue was completely off base. At no point did we consider the idea of "compensating" Russia for halting arms sales to Iran by approving these licenses. That sort of linkage was never even discussed.

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