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Numerous exporters have expressed interest in establishing an automatic calculation through the Automated Export System (AES) of the shipping tolerance for licenses issued by the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) to enhance exporter compliance with the Export Administration Regulations (EAR).

In addition, automatic calculation would assist in achieving the goals of the President's Export Control Reform (ECR) initiative to harmonize the control lists of the Departments of Commerce and State, and with the transfer of militarily less significant defense articles from the United States Munitions List (USML) to the Commerce Control List (CCL). Automatic calculation could make the transfer smoother for exporters, since automatic calculation of shipping tolerances is already in place for the primary licenses issued by the Department of State (DSP-5 licenses).

The Bureau of Industry and Security has issued a request for public comments to help it ascertain if changes should be made to its shipping tolerance regulations in order to make automatic calculation in AES feasible. BIS is particularly interested in whether a flat percentage should be applied to the dollar value of all controlled items to calculate shipping tolerance or whether another method of calculation should be employed.

Comments may be submitted to teresa.telesco@bis.doc.gov, and must be received no later than August 20, 2012. The entire request can be found at https://federalregister.gov/a/2012-16401

