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THE SATELLITE INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION HAILS ADMINISTRATION'S SPEEDY ISSUANCE OF DRAFT RULES TO REFORM SATELLITE EXPORT CONTROLS

Washington, D.C., May 23, 2013 - The Satellite Industry Association (SIA) applauded the publication today of draft rules to reform the export controls for satellites and related items. The Departments of State and Commerce published draft regulations that would result in the transfer of commercial communications satellites and associated parts, components, and ground equipment from the more restrictive U.S. Munitions List to the Commerce Control List. The publication of these draft rules represents the first step by the Administration toward fully implementing the provisions to reform satellite export controls contained in the FY2013 National Defense Authorization Act that was passed by Congress in December 2012 and signed by President Obama in January 2013.

"SIA is pleased that the Administration has moved quickly to right-size the rules that govern exports of satellites and their parts and components, just a few months after Congress restored their authority to do so," said Patricia Cooper, President of the Satellite Industry Association. "SIA and our member companies will be prominent participants in the public comment process. We view sensible and effective export controls as a vital tool to enhance our nation's space industrial base and encourage the satellite sector's ongoing leadership in innovation and investment."

The two draft regulations, titled "International Traffic in Arms: Revision of U.S. Munitions List Category XV and Definition of Defense Service" and "Export Administration Regulations (EAR): Control of Spacecraft Systems and Related Items the President Determines No Longer Warrant Control Under the United States Munitions List (USML)" are available for download at:

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-24/pdf/2013-11985.pdf>; and

<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2013-05-24/pdf/2013-11986.pdf>.

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