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The President's Announcement of Revised Export Control Regula-
            tions for General Aviation Air craft

Effective today, all Department of Commerce export license re-
quirements will be eliminated for general aviation aircraft in-
corporating only standard communications equipment, and destined
to most nations.

Standard equipment refers to communications equipment limited
to 108-136 MHz (megahertz) communication equipment with not
more than 720 channels at not less than 25 KHz (kilohertz) spacing.

For foreign policy reasons, licenses will still be required for
exports to certain Arab countries, the Republic of South Africa,
Southwest Africa (Namibia), Gabon, Angola, and to those coun-
tries to which there are trade restrictions (i.e., Rhodesia,
Cambodia, Vietnam, the Soviet Bloc, etc.).

Exporters of aircraft with more sophisticated electronics
equipment will be able to obtain large volume distribution
licenses for non-military aircraft designed to carry no more
than 25 persons, including crew, regardless of the communications
and navigation equipment installed. The distribution licenses
will permit exporters to ship products freely to named distri-
butors with the same exceptions listed above.

With these new export regulations, some three to four thousand
license applications annually will be replaced by a dozen or so.
This action is intended to remove hindrances to exports of gen-
eral aviation aircraft, expand domestic employment in the aviation
industry as a result of increased foreign sales, and reduce the
cost of government.

The President made announcement of this change to the Board of
Directors of the General Aviation Manufacturers Association (GAMA).
GAMA represents the 35 companies that manufacture 99 percent
of the aircraft, engines, avionics, component parts, and pilot
supplies in general aviation.

The general aviation industry employs over 250,000 people in
the United States. Net billings in 1975 were $1.03 billion.
Historically, about 25 percent of the production has been
exported.

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