



CONGRESSIONAL/INDUSTRY TALKING POINTS

- The President's National Security Advisor, Anthony Lake, and his Science and Technology Advisor, John Gibbons, jointly released a policy statement on the U.S. commercial use of foreign excess strategic ballistic missiles.
- The joint memorandum to Departments and Agencies updates the National Space Transportation Policy, approved by the President on August 5, 1994. That policy statement included policy guidance on the disposition of U.S. excess strategic ballistic missile assets. U.S. policy regarding use of foreign excess ballistic missiles was deferred and further reviewed by an NSC-led Interagency Working Group.
- The joint NSC/OSTP policy statement restates the August 1994 "domestic" policy of using U.S. excess ballistic missiles for government use or destroying them.
- The new policy encourages other nations that possess excess ballistic missile assets to adopt a comparable policy, but states understanding of the desire of these countries to market excess missiles for commercial use.
- The new policy states that the U.S. Government will consider on a case-by-case basis requests from U.S. companies to use foreign excess ballistic missiles for space launch purposes, providing the use is in conformity with arms control agreements, including obligations under the START Treaty, U.S. nonproliferation policies, U.S. technology transfer policies and U.S. policies regarding observance of the guidelines and Annex of the Missile Technology Control Regime.
- It notes the applicability of commercial space launch agreements and states that the effects of case-by-case approvals on relevant U.S. defense industrial base sectors will be monitored and assessed over time.
- The new policy becomes effective immediately. Questions regarding the details of the policy and its implementation should be directed to the Department of State and the Department of Commerce.

