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The Section 809 Panel is a congressionally mandated panel designed to be a catalyst that restores agility and simplicity to defense acquisition through bold and effective recommendations.

Good morning! We found several articles that you may be interested in.

Strict export regulations may be costing US industry billions in foreign sales
June 1, 2018 | Daniel Cebul

A new RAND report assessing the proliferation of unmanned aerial vehicles suggests existing export controls for drones may hurt the U.S. more than it helps.

Limiting U.S. drone exports has left a hole in the global market for the technology, especially in historically U.S.-dominated Middle East markets, which has been readily filled by U.S. competitors — specifically China and Russia. The Trump administration recently unveiled a new set of export policies regarding military technology in an attempt to facilitate the transfer of military technology, but the changes do not change the status of drones under the Missile Technology Control Regime, or MTCR.

How does the MTCR work?

The MTCR is a voluntary export control consortium of 35 nations designed to prevent signatories from proliferating longer-range cruise and ballistic missile technology. The arms control regime was extended to UAVs because early iterations of drones were considered a subset of cruise missile technology due to their active guidance system.

The regime divides missiles into two categories. Category I items are capable of delivering a 500 kg payload more than 300 km. The sale of category I systems is restricted by a "strong presumption of denial," meaning they are only exported in rare circumstances. The MQ-9 Reaper, RQ-4 Global Hawk and MQ-4 Triton are well-known unmanned systems that fall under this category.

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Can Congress finish the defense authorization bill by August?
June 18, 2018 | Leo Shane III and Joe Gould

Senate's NDAA admonishes DoD for failure to obey prior health reform mandates
June 19, 2018 | Jared Serbu

Five debates lawmakers still need to settle in the defense authorization bill
June 18, 2018 | Joe Gould and Leo Shane III

House lawmakers express faith in IT modernization, but send a message too
June 18, 2018 | Jason Miller

GSA Seeks Industry Feedback to Better Harness Tech Spending Data
June 18, 2018 | Frank Konkel

Study: To fix Air Force pilot shortage, look to contractors — and forget about warrant officers
June 18, 2018 | Stephen Losey

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June 18, 2018 | JConnor O'Brien

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