

Legacy as a Defense Contractor 8 April 2025

Stavatti Aerospace proudly affirms its long standing status as a registered manufacturer, exporter, and broker of defense articles and services listed on the U.S. Munitions List (USML) under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR), administered by the U.S. Department of State's Directorate of Defense Trade Controls (DDTC). With a continuous registration history and an impeccable record of no ITAR violations in over three decades, Stavatti stands as a compliant, and trusted defense contractor committed to advancing aerospace innovation.

DDTC Registration History and Compliance

- **Initial Registration (1994):** Stavatti's journey as a defense contractor began with its first DDTC registration under its predecessor, Stavatti Corporation, in 1994. This marked the start of a 30+ year commitment to compliance with the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) and ITAR, enabling the design, manufacture, and export of military systems.
- **Continuous Renewals:** Stavatti has maintained uninterrupted DDTC registrations through annual renewals, as evidenced by:
 - **2001 and 2004 Confirmations:** Early registrations under Stavatti Corporation, demonstrating consistent compliance during the company's formative years.
 - **Manufacturer/Exporter (Code M45748):** Renewed annually, with documented approvals on January 24, 2022 (exp. January 31, 2023), February 10, 2023 (exp. February 28, 2024), February 1, 2024 (exp. February 28, 2025), and January 27, 2025 (exp. February 28, 2026). This registration authorizes Stavatti to manufacture and export USML items, such as tactical aircraft (e.g., SM-31 Stiletto, SM-39 Razor) and commercial airliners with military applications (e.g., SM-920E, SM-940K).
 - **Broker (Code K-8265):** Renewed annually, with approvals on February 10, 2023 (exp. February 28, 2024), February 1, 2024 (exp. February 28, 2025), and January 27, 2025 (exp. February 28, 2026). This enables Stavatti to broker defense articles/services, facilitating Direct Commercial Sales (DCS) to U.S. allies.
 - **No ITAR Violations:** Throughout its history, Stavatti has maintained a pristine compliance record, with no documented ITAR violations, penalties, or enforcement actions by DDTC, U.S. Customs Service, or other authorities. This reflects rigorous adherence to ITAR requirements, including record keeping (ITAR § 122.5, § 129.10), designation of empowered officials (direct employees only), and restrictions on transfers to proscribed countries (e.g., China, Syria).

Operational Legitimacy

- **Headquarters at 9400 Porter Road:** Stavatti's DDTC registrations are tied to its operations at 9400 Porter Road, Niagara Falls, NY 14304, a 19.52-acre, 180,113 sq ft facility owned outright since October 30, 2020. This serves as the company's **Headquarters and Operations Center**, supporting the design, prototyping, development and initial production of advanced aerospace systems.
- **Scope of Work:** As a registered contractor, Stavatti develops ITAR-controlled defense articles, including military aircraft and related systems, for potential DCS to allied nations, subject to DDTC licensing. The company's compliance ensures alignment with U.S. national security and foreign policy objectives.
- **Compliance Program:** Stavatti maintains a robust ITAR compliance program, as required by DDTC, with trained employees, secure record keeping for manufacturing and brokering activities, and oversight by CEO Christopher Beskar, the senior officer designated in all registration letters. Records are available for inspection by DDTC or Customs, ensuring transparency and accountability.

Commitment to Excellence

Stavatti's unbroken DDTC registration since 1994 and clean ITAR compliance record underscore its legitimacy as a trusted partner in the defense industry. Operating without reliance on public incentive funding (e.g., no grants or loans from Empire State Development), Stavatti remains dedicated to advancing aerospace innovation from Niagara Falls, contributing to the region's economic and technological future.