

## US GOVERNMENT MAKES AEROVEL'S FLEXROTOR ITAR-FREE

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As 2015 deliveries approach for *Flexrotor*, Aerovel's exceptional long-endurance VTOL UAV, the US Government has ruled that it can be exported free of restrictions under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (ITAR, which in recent years have been applied to unmanned aircraft regardless of application). This means that *Flexrotor*, with its unprecedented combination of 40+ hr endurance, small size, and light footprint, can now be exported from the United States

under a much simpler licensing regime administered by the Department of Commerce. This will facilitate service with civil operators around the globe, ashore and afloat in vessels ranging from seiners to yachts to freighters.

*Flexrotor* represents a marked advance in the state of the art in miniature robotic aircraft, and in the ability

to deploy high-quality video and other kilogram-scale instruments with unprecedented flexibility and autonomy. It offers economy sufficient to enable long-promised civil applications including geological survey, weather reconnaissance, fishery surveillance, environmental monitoring, and offshore patrol.



Aerovel is a privately-held company based in the northwest United States. It was founded in 2006 to develop autonomous aircraft, primarily for civil applications. More information on Aerovel and *Flexrotor* can be found at [www.aerovelco.com](http://www.aerovelco.com).