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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Economic Development Administration

#### Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice and opportunity for public comment.

**SUMMARY:** The Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received

petitions for certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below.

Accordingly, EDA has initiated investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each of the firms contributed importantly to the total or partial separation of the firms' workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

### LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE

[5/7/2021 through 5/20/2021]

Firm name	Firm address	Date accepted for investigation	Product(s)
Ramar-Hall, Inc .....	26 Old Indian Trail, Middlefield, CT 06455.	5/12/2021	The firm manufactures miscellaneous metal parts for aircraft.
Criterion Technology, Inc .....	101 McIntosh Parkway, Thomaston, GA 30286.	5/18/2021	The firm manufactures plastic covers and miscellaneous plastic parts and assemblies.
Edward Segal, Inc .....	360 Reynolds Bridge Road, Thomaston, CT 06787.	5/20/2021	The firm manufactures industrial machinery for setting eyelets, grommets, and rivets.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 71030, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice. These petitions are received pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended.

Please follow the requirements set forth in EDA's regulations at 13 CFR 315.8 for procedures to request a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official number and title for the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance for Firms.

**Bryan Borlik,**

*Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

#### In the Matter of: Behzad Pourghannad, NY11 AR Gandhi, Tehran, Iran; Order Denying Export Privileges

On November 13, 2019, in the U.S. District Court for the Southern District of New York, Behzad Pourghannad ("Pourghannad") was convicted of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701, *et seq.*) ("IEEPA"). Specifically, Pourghannad was convicted of IEEPA by conspiring to unlawfully export carbon fiber from the United States to Iran without having first obtained the required U.S. Government authorization. Pourghannad was sentenced to 20 months in prison and a \$100 assessment.

Pursuant to Section 1760(e) of the Export Control Reform Act ("ECRA"),<sup>1</sup> the export privileges of any person who has been convicted of certain offenses, including, but not limited to, IEEPA, may be denied for a period of up to ten (10) years from the date of his/her conviction. 50 U.S.C. 4819(e) (Prior

Convictions). In addition, any Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) licenses or other authorizations issued under ECRA, in which the person had an interest at the time of the conviction, may be revoked. *Id.*

BIS received notice of Pourghannad's conviction for violating IEEPA, and has provided notice and opportunity for Pourghannad to make a written submission to BIS, as provided in Section 766.25 of the Export Administration Regulations ("EAR" or the "Regulations"). 15 CFR 766.25.<sup>2</sup> BIS has not received a written submission from Pourghannad.

Based upon my review of the record and consultations with BIS's Office of Exporter Services, including its Director, and the facts available to BIS, I have decided to deny Pourghannad's export privileges under the Regulations for a period of 10 years from the date of Pourghannad's conviction. The Office of Exporter Services has also decided to revoke any BIS-issued licenses in which Pourghannad had an interest at the time of his conviction.<sup>3</sup>

Accordingly, it is hereby *ordered*:

<sup>2</sup> The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 CFR parts 730–774 (2021).

<sup>3</sup> The Director, Office of Export Enforcement, is now the authorizing official for issuance of denial orders, pursuant to recent amendments to the Regulations (85 FR 73411, November 18, 2020).

<sup>1</sup> ECRA was enacted as part of the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, and as amended is codified at 50 U.S.C. 4801–4852. Pourghannad's conviction post-dates ECRA's enactment on August 13, 2018.