

Currency Conversion

Pursuant to section 773A(a) of the Act, we made currency conversions into U.S. dollars based on the exchange rates in effect on the dates of the U.S. sales as certified by the Federal Reserve Bank.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that a 4.41 percent dumping margin exists for Atlas for the period December 1, 1998, through May 31, 1999.

The Department will disclose calculations performed within five days of the date of publication of this notice to the parties of this proceeding in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). An interested party may request a hearing within thirty days of publication of these preliminary results. *See* 19 CFR 351.310(c). Any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the date of publication, or the first working day thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs and/or written comments no later than 30 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results of review. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to issues raised in such briefs or comments, may be filed no later than 37 days after the date of publication. The Department will issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results.

Upon completion of this administrative review, the Department shall determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. There was only one importer during the POR for merchandise sold by Atlas. We have calculated an importer-specific duty assessment rate based on the ratio of the total amount of antidumping duties calculated for the examined sales to the total entered value of examined sales. Atlas reported entered value by subtracting discounts, freight, and brokerage and handling costs from the its reported U.S. price. This rate will be assessed uniformly on all entries made during the POR. The Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to Customs.

Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective upon completion of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of OCTG from Canada entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by

section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for Atlas will be the rate established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation or a previous review, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, or the original LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous review, the cash deposit rate will be 16.65 percent, the "all-others" rate established in the LTFV investigation.

These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of administrative review for a subsequent review period.

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1).

Dated: June 1, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of an Amended Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No.97-3A003.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has issued an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review to The Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc. ("AARQ") on June 1, 2000. Notice of issuance of the original Certificate

was published in the **Federal Register** on January 28, 1998 (63 FR 4223).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Morton Schnabel, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. Sections 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325 (1998).

The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA") is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Department of Commerce to publish a summary of a Certificate in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Amended Certificate

Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 97-00003, was issued to The Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc. ("AARQ") on January 21, 1998 (63 FR 4223, January 28, 1998) and lastly amended on September 25, 1998 (63 FR 53013, October 2, 1998).

AARQ's Export Trade Certificate of Review has been amended to:

1. Add the following companies as new "Members" of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): ADM Latin, Inc., Decatur, Illinois, and ADM Rice, Inc., Tarrytown, New York (subsidiaries of Archer Daniels Midland Company); AFE (USA), Inc., Houston, Texas; California Commodity Traders, LLC, Sacramento, California; California Pacific Rice Milling, Ltd., Arbuckle, California; Family & Sons, Inc., Miami, Florida; Far West Rice, Inc., Durham, California; Glencore Ltd., Stamford, Connecticut (a subsidiary of Glencore International AG), for the activities of Glencore Grain Division and Glencore Ltd.'s subsidiary, LaGrain International Inc., Baton Rouge, Louisiana; Incomar Texas, Ltd. and its subsidiary, Gulf Rice Arkansas, LLC, Houston, Texas; International Grain Brokerage, LLC, Yuba City, California; JFC International Inc., San Francisco, California (a subsidiary of Kikkoman Corp.); Kitoku America, Inc., Davis, California (a subsidiary of Kitoku Co., Ltd.);

Mermentau Rice, Inc., Mermentau, Louisiana; Nishimoto Trading Company, Ltd., Los Angeles, California (a subsidiary of Nishimoto Trading Company, Ltd. (Japan)); PS International, Ltd., Durham, North Carolina; Texana Rice, Inc., Houston, Texas; Wehah Farm, Inc., dba Lundberg Family Farms, Richvale, California;

2. Delete the following companies as "Members" of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): Broussard Rice Mill, Inc.; Cargill, Inc., for the activities of its division, Cargill Rice Milling; Cargill Rice, Inc.; and Gulf Rice Arkansas, Inc.;

3. Change the listings of the current Members as follows: "AC HUMKO, Corp. for the activities of AC HUMKO Rice Specialties, Brinkley Rice Milling Company, and El Campo Rice Milling Company, Dallas, Texas" should be amended to read "AC HUMKO Corp., Cordova, Tennessee;" "Busch Agricultural Resources, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri" and "Pacific International Rice Mills, Inc., Woodland, California" should be amended to read "Busch Agricultural Resources, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri, and its subsidiary, Pacific International Rice Mills, Inc., Woodland, California;" "Continental Grain Company, New York, New York" should be amended to read "ContiGroup Companies, Inc., New York, New York;" "Gulf Rice Milling, Inc." and "Gulf Pacific Rice Co., Inc." should be amended to read "Gulf Pacific, Inc., and its subsidiaries, Gulf Pacific Rice Co., Inc., and Gulf Rice Milling, Inc., Houston, Texas;" and "The Connell Company for the activities of Connell Rice & Sugar Co. and Connell International Co." should be amended to read "The Connell Company, Westfield, New Jersey.;" and

4. Include as export markets for the purpose of distributing tariff-rate quota auction proceeds the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

A copy of the amended certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4102, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: June 1, 2000.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Performance Review Board; Announcement of New Members

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Announcement of new members for the performance review board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LaVerne H. Hawkins, Department of Commerce, Office of Human Resources, Room 4803, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces the appointment by the Acting Under Secretary for International Trade, Robert LaRussa, of the Performance Review Board (PRB). This is a revised list of new members and the reappointment of previous board members as listed in the September 3, 1998, **Federal Register** 63 FR 47000. The appointments are for a period of 2 years. The purpose of the International Trade Administration's Performance Review Board (PRB) is to review and make recommendations to the appointing authority on performance management issues such as appraisals, and bonuses, ES-level Increases and Presidential Rank Awards for members of the Senior Executive Service (SES). The members are:

Eleanor Roberts	Non-ITA career.
Lewis, Chief Counsel for International Trade.	
Stephen Jacobs, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Agreements Compliance, Market Access & Compliance.	Career.
Elizabeth Sears, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Domestic Operations, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service.	Non-career
Barbara Tillman, Senior Director, Import Administration.	Career.
Jonathan C. Menes, Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, Trade Development.	Career.
Tong S. Chung, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Service Industries and Finance, Trade Development.	Non-Career.

Linda Moyer Career.

Cheatham, Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration.

LaVerne H. Hawkins, Executive Secretary. Office of Human Resources Management, 202-482-2537.

Dated: June 2, 2000.

James T. King, Jr.,

Human Resources Manager, ITA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

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Solicitation of Applications for the Minority Business Capital Access Policy Institute

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Executive Order 11625 and 15 U.S.C. 1512, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications from organizations seeking to establish a Minority Business Capital Access Policy Institute. All information required for submission of a grant application by eligible applicants is contained in this announcement.

The MBDA provides business development services to minority entrepreneurs through different types of programs. Each program is designed to focus on the unique business problems of a specific market. MBDA's programs form a national business delivery network that addresses the needs of minority entrepreneurs throughout the United States. Currently, there is very limited information on the minority business community, especially with respect to capital demand and usage. To support the development of minority businesses and encourage informed decision-making by both the public and private sectors, it is critical to collect and analyze quantitative information on the capital needs of these businesses. MBDA will therefore provide seed funding for the planning, development and establishment of the Minority Business Capital Access Policy Institute ("MBCAPI" or "Institute"), a research and advocacy institute focused on