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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

July 5, 2006.

The Department of Agriculture has submitted the following information collection requirement(s) to OMB for review and clearance under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13. Comments regarding (a) whether the collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of burden including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology should be addressed to: Desk Officer for Agriculture, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget (OMB), OIRA_Submission@OMB.EOP.GOV or fax (202) 395-5806 and to Departmental Clearance Office, USDA, OCIO, Mail Stop 7602, Washington, DC 20250-7602. Comments regarding these information collections are best assured of having their full effect if received within 30 days of this notification. Copies of the submission(s) may be obtained by calling (202) 720-8681.

An agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless the collection of information displays a currently valid OMB control number and the agency informs potential persons who are to respond to the collection of information that such persons are not required to respond to

the collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number.

Farm Service Agency

Title: Farm Storage Facility Loan Program.

OMB Control Number: 0560-0204.

Summary Of Collection: 7 CFR part 1436 authorizes the Farm Service Agency (FSA) to administer the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) Farm Storage Facility Loan Program (FSFLP). The regulations provide terms and conditions in which CCC may provide low-cost financing for producers to build or upgrade on-farm storage and handling facilities. Producers requesting loans must provide information regarding the need for farm storage capacity and the storage facility they propose to construct. The information is needed to determine if the farmer has a need for the proposed capacity and the proposed structure. FSA will collect information using several forms.

Need and Use of the Information: FSA will collect following the information from producers to establishes their eligibility for the program: financial information, credit rating, and information establishing that the structure they propose is not in conflict with local land use laws. The information is needed by CCC to make loans to farmers who have a bonafide storage need and to make loans that will be repaid on time. If the information is not collected, the producer may not receive the full benefits of the program.

Description of Respondents: Farms; Individuals or households; Business or other for-profit; State, Local or Tribal Government.

Number of Respondents: 2,000.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting: Other (once).

Total Burden Hours: 3,820.

Ruth Brown,

Departmental Information Collection Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Siskiyou County Resource Advisory Committee (RAC) will meet in Yreka, California, July 17, 2006. The meeting will include routine business, and presentation, discussion, and recommendation of project submissions for RAC funding.

DATES: The meeting will be held July 17, 2006, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Yreka High School Library, Preece Way, Yreka, California.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bob Talley, Forest RAC coordinator, Klamath National Forest, (530) 841-4423 or electronically at rtalley@fs.fed.us.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting is open to the public. Public comment opportunity will be provided and individuals will have the opportunity to address the Committee at that time.

Dated: June 29, 2006.

Margaret J. Boland,
Designated Federal Official.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Notice

DATE AND TIME: Wednesday, July 12, 2006, 2:30-3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20237.

CLOSED MEETING: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This

meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b. (c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b. (c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b. (c)(2) and (6))

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Carol Booker at (202) 203-4545.

Dated: July 5, 2006.

Carol Booker,

Legal Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 05-BIS-14]

In the Matter of: Ihsan Medhat Elashi, a/k/a I. Ash; a/k/a Haydee Herrera; a/k/a Abdullah Al Nasser; a/k/a Samer Suwwan; a/k/a Sammy Elashi, Respondent; Decision and Order

In a charging letter filed on July 29, 2005, the Bureau of Industry and Security ("BIS") alleged that respondent Ihsan Medhat Elashi ("Ihsan") committed 32 violations of the Export Administration Regulations (Regulations)¹, issued under the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420) (the Act).²

¹ 15 CFR parts 730-774 (2006). The charged violations occurred from 1998 to 2002. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 1998 through 2002 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 CFR Parts 730-774 (1998-2002)). The 2006 Regulations establish the procedures that apply to this matter.

² From August 21, 1994 through November 12, 2000, the Act was in lapse. During that period, the President, through Executive Order 12924, which had been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the last of which was August 3, 2000 (3 CFR, 2000 Comp. 397 (2001)), continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1701-1706) ("IEEPA"). On November 13, 2000, the Act was reauthorized by Pub. L. 106-508 (114 Stat. 2360 (2000)) and it remained in effect through August 20, 2001. Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 CFR, 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), which has been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the most recent being that of August 6, 2004 (69 FR 48763, August 10, 2004), continues the Regulations in effect under IEEPA.

The charges against Ihsan are as follows:

Charge 1 alleges that beginning in or about May 1998 and continuing through in or about February 2002, Ihsan conspired and acted in concert with others, known and unknown, to do or bring about acts that violate the Regulations. The purpose of the conspiracy was to export computer equipment and software, items subject to the Regulations and classified under Export Control Classification Numbers ("ECCN") 4A994 and 5D002 respectively, from the United States to Syria without the U.S. Department of Commerce licenses required by Section 742.9 of the Regulations, and to export computers and computer accessories to various destinations in violation of orders temporarily denying his export privileges.

Charge 2 alleges that on or about August 2, 2000, Ihsan engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations by exporting or causing to be exported a computer, an item classified under ECCN 4A994, to Syria without the Department of Commerce license required by Section 742.9 of the Regulations.

Charge 3 alleges that with respect to the export described above, Ihsan sold a computer with the knowledge that a violation of the Regulations was about to occur or was intended to occur in connection with the computer. At all relevant times, Ihsan knew or had reason to know that the computer in question required a Department of Commerce license for export to Syria, and that the required license had not been obtained.

Charges 4-15 allege that on 12 occasions from on or about September 17, 2001 through on or about February 5, 2002, Ihsan took action prohibited by a denial order by exporting computers, clothes, printers, strobes, network equipment, SCSI kit, and computer accessories, items subject to the Regulations, to Syria, Saudi Arabia, Jordan, and Egypt. Ihsan was denied his export privileges on September 6, 2001. See 66 FR. 47,630 (September 13, 2001). The temporary denial order prohibited Ihsan from "participat[ing] in any way in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology (hereafter collectively referred to as "item") exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the [Regulations]."

Charge 16 alleges that on or about October 12, 2001, Ihsan took action prohibited by a denial order by carrying on negotiations concerning a transaction involving computers, items subject to the Regulations, to Saudi Arabia. Ihsan

was denied export privileges on September 6, 2001. See 66 FR 47,630 (September 13, 2001). The temporary denial order prohibited Ihsan from "carrying on negotiations concerning * * * any transaction involving any item to be exported from the United States that is subject to the [Regulations]."

Charges 17-29 allege that with respect to the 13 occasions listed in charges 4-16, Ihsan sold computers and computer accessories with knowledge that a violation of the Regulations was about to occur or was intended to occur in connection with the computers, clothes, printers, strobes, network equipment, SCSI kit, or computer accessories. At all relevant times, Ihsan knew or had reason to know that he was denied his export privileges, that authorization from the Department of Commerce was required for any export subject to the Regulations, and that such authorization had not been obtained.

Charges 30-32 allege that on three of the occasions described in charges 4-15 above Ihsan took actions with the intent of evading the order temporarily denying his export privileges. Specifically, Ihsan continued to export or cause the export of computer accessories and a SCSI kit under the names Mynet.net, Kayali Corporation, and Samer Suwwan to disguise the fact that he was the exporter of the items.

In a letter dated August 10, 2005, Ihsan answered the charging letter by denying any wrongdoing. Pursuant to a modified Scheduling Order issued by the Administrative Law Judge (ALJ), on March 16, 2006, BIS filed its Memorandum and Submission of Evidence to Supplement the Record. On March 27, 2006, Respondent filed his defense to the record. On April 28, 2006, BIS filed the Bureau of Industry and Security's Rebuttal to Respondent's Filing and Memorandum and Submission of Evidence to Supplement the Record.

Based on the record, on June 5, 2006, the ALJ issued a Recommended Decision and Order in which he found that Ihsan committed 30 violations of the Regulations. Specifically, the ALJ found that Ihsan committed charges 1-11, 13-24, and 26-32. The ALJ found that BIS did not prove by a preponderance of the evidence charges 11 and 25. The ALJ recommended that Ihsan be assessed a \$330,000 civil penalty and a denial of Ihsan's export privileges for fifty (50) years.

The ALJ's Recommended Decision and Order, together with the entire record in this case, has been referred to me for final action under Section 766.22 of the Regulations. I find that the record