results of this review by 60 days to March 7, 2012.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 21, 2011.

# Gary Taverman,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

# International Trade Administration

[C-570-980]

Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, From the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

# FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Gene Calvert, Jun Jack Zhao, or Emily Halle, AD/CVD Operations, Office 6, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–3586, (202) 482–1396 or (202) 482–0176, respectively.

# SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

# Background

On November 8, 2011, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated the countervailing duty investigation of crystalline silicon photovoltaic cells, whether or not assembled into modules, from the People's Republic of China. <sup>1</sup> Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than January 12, 2012.

# Postponement of Due Date for the Preliminary Determination

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation within 65 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation. However, section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act permits the Department to postpone making the

preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which it initiated the investigation if, among other reasons, the petitioner makes a timely request for an extension. In the instant investigation, the petitioner, SolarWorld Industries America, Inc., made a timely request on December 16, 2011, requesting a postponement of the preliminary countervailing duty determination to 95 days from the initiation date.<sup>2</sup>

The Department notes that 95 days from the initiation date is February 11, 2012. February 11, 2012 falls on a Saturday, and it is the Department's long-standing practice to issue a determination the next business day when the statutory deadline falls on a weekend, federal holiday, or any other day when the Department is closed.3 Therefore, pursuant to the discretion afforded to the Department under section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Act, and because the Department does not find any compelling reason to deny the request, we are extending the due date for the preliminary determination to no later than February 13, 2012, the first business day after the 95th day from initiation.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: December 21, 2011.

## Paul Piquado,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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# **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

# International Trade Administration [Application No. 97–11A03]

# **Export Trade Certificate of Review**

**ACTION:** Notice of application (97–11A03) to amend the Export Trade Certificate of Review issued to Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc. (AARQ).

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Competition and Economic Analysis ("OCEA") of the International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review ("Certificate"). This notice summarizes

the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the amended Certificate should be issued.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Monica Barnes, Office of Competition and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration, (202) 482–5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or email at etca@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. An Export Trade Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from State and Federal government antitrust actions and from private treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the Federal Register identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

## **Request for Public Comments**

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether an amended Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked as privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential.

An original and five (5) copies, plus two (2) copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 7021–X, Washington, DC 20230.

Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the Certificate. Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 97–11A03."

AARQ's original Certificate was issued on January 21, 1998 (63 FR 4220, January 28, 1998). A summary of the current application for an amendment follows.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> See Crystalline Silicon Photovoltaic Cells, Whether or Not Assembled Into Modules, From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation, 76 FR 70966 (November 16, 2011).

 $<sup>^2</sup>$  See 19 CFR 351.205(e) and the petitioner's December 16, 2011 letter requesting postponement of the preliminary determination.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005).

# **Summary of the Application**

Applicant: Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc., c/o Marvin Baden, AARQ Chairman, Producers Rice Mill, Inc., 518 East Harrison Street, Stuttgart, Arkansas, 72160.

Contact: M. Jean Anderson, Counsel, Weil, Gotshal & Manges LLP, 1300 Eye Street NW., Suite 900, Washington, DC 20005, Telephone: (202) 682–7217. Application No.: 97–11A03.

Date Deemed Submitted: December 16, 2011.

Proposed Amendment: AARQ seeks to amend its Export Trade Certificate to update the list of Members to reflect changes in ownership, corporate structures, names and locations:

1. "American Rice, Inc., Houston, Texas (a subsidiary of SOS Corporation Alimentaria, SA)" should be amended to read "American Rice, Inc., Houston, Texas (a subsidiary of Ebro Foods, S.A. (Spain))"

2. "Associated Rice Marketing Cooperative, Durham, California" should be amended to read "Associated Rice Marketing Cooperative (ARMCO),

Richvale, California"

- 3. "Busch Agricultural Resources, LLC, St. Louis, Missouri, and its subsidiary, Pacific International Rice Mills, LLC, Woodland, California" should be amended to read "Bunge Milling, Saint Louis, Missouri (a subsidiary of Bunge North America, White Plains, New York), dba PIRMI (Pacific International Rice Mills), Woodland, California"
- 4. "Gulf Rice Arkansas, LLC (a subsidiary of Ansera Marketing, Inc.), Houston, Texas" should be deleted, as Gulf Rice Arkansas II, LLC, a successor to Gulf Rice Arkansas, LLC, is now a subsidiary of another member, TRC Trading Corporation (see below)
- 5. "Louis Dreyfus Corporation, Wilton, Connecticut" should be amended to read "LD Commodities Rice Merchandising LLC, Wilton, Connecticut, and LD Commodities Interior Rice Merchandising LLC, Kansas City, Missouri (subsidiaries of Louis Dreyfus Commodities LLC, Wilton, Connecticut)"
- 6. "Nidera, Inc., Wilton, Connecticut (a subsidiary of Nidera Handelscompagnie BV (Netherlands))" should be amended to read "Nidera US LLC, Wilton, Connecticut (a subsidiary of Nidera Handelscompagnie BV (Netherlands))"

7. "Noble Logistics USA Inc.,
Portland, Oregon" should be corrected
to read "Noble Logistic USA Inc.,
Portland, Oregon"

8. "PS International, Ltd., Chapel Hill, North Carolina" should be amended to

- read "PS International LLC dba PS International, Ltd., Chapel Hill, North Carolina (jointly owned by Seaboard Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri, and PS Trading Inc., Chapel Hill, North Carolina)"
- 9. "Riviana Foods Inc., Houston, Texas (a subsidiary of Ebro Puleva, S.A. (Spain)" should be amended to read "Riviana Foods Inc., Houston, Texas (a subsidiary of Ebro Foods, S.A. (Spain))"
- 10. "TRC Trading Corporation, Roseville, California (a subsidiary of The Rice Company)" should be amended to read "TRC Trading Corporation, Roseville, California (a subsidiary of TRC Group, Inc., Roseville, California) and its subsidiary, Gulf Rice Arkansas II, LLC, Houston, Texas"
- 11. "Veetee Rice, Inc., Springfield, Virginia (a subsidiary of Veetee Investments (Bahamas))" should be amended to read "Veetee Rice Inc., Great Neck, New York (a subsidiary of Veetee Investments Corporation (Bahamas))"

Dated: December 22, 2011.

## Joseph E. Flynn,

Director, Office of Competition and Economic Analysis.

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# **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

# Minority Business Development Agency

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Awards Program Requirements

**AGENCY:** Minority Business Development Agency.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before February 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Venice Harris, MED Week Awards Manager, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5063, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC, 20230; telephone: (202) 482–1617, and email: vharris@mbda.gov.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### I. Abstract

The Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is the only federal agency created exclusively to foster the establishment and growth of minorityowned businesses in the United States. For this purpose, a minority-owned business must be owned or controlled by one of the following persons or groups of persons: African American, American Indian, Alaska Native, Asian, Hispanic, Native Hawaiian, Pacific Islander, Asian Indian, and Hasidic Jew. MBDA actively promotes the growth and competitiveness of large, medium, and small minority business enterprises by offering management and technical assistance through a network of regional and local business centers throughout the United States.

One of MBDA's largest initiatives is the annual Regional and National Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week Conferences. The conferences recognizes the role that minority entrepreneurs play in building the Nation's economy through the creation of jobs, products and services, in addition to supporting their local communities. It includes the private, non-profit, and government sectors and provides a venue to discuss critical business issues affecting minority business as well as strategies to foster the growth and competitiveness of the minority business community. The MED Week Awards Program is a key element of the conferences and celebrates the outstanding achievements of minority entrepreneurs. MBDA may make awards in the following categories: Minority Construction Firm of the Year, Minority Manufacturer of the Year, Minority Retail Energy Firm of the Year, Minority Global Technology Firm of the Year, Minority Global Supplier Distributer of the Year, Advocate of the Year, Media Award, Distinguished Supplier Diversity Award, Access to Capital Award, Ronald H. Brown Leadership Award, and the Abe Venable Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement. All awards with the exception of the Ronald H. Brown Leadership Award and the Abe Venable Legacy Award for Lifetime