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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Rural Business-Cooperative Service

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Notice of Extension of Application Deadline for Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program

AGENCY: Rural Business-Cooperative Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Rural Business-Cooperative Service (RBCS, Agency), a Rural Development (RD) agency of the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) is announcing the extension and re-opening of the Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program (9003 Program) loan guarantee application deadline through December 31, 2024 at 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time (ET).

DATES: Complete applications must be submitted by December 31, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. ET.

ADDRESSES: Questions on 9003 Program may be directed to the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue SW, Stop 3225, Washington, DC 20250-3201; telephone (202) 205-2421 or email EnergyPrograms@rd.usda.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Campbell; telephone: (202) 205-2421; or by email: james.campbell3@usda.gov. Program information may be made available in languages other than English.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The 9003 Biorefinery, Renewable Chemical, and Biobased Product Manufacturing Assistance Program provides loan guarantees up to \$250 million to assist in the development, construction, and retrofitting of new and emerging technologies.

Unless otherwise specified by the Agency in a notice published in the **Federal Register**, application deadlines are typically October 1 and April 1 of each year. If the application deadline falls on a weekend or an observed holiday, the deadline will be the next federal business day. As provided for in 7 CFR 4279.260(b), RBCS, by this notice, is specifying a new application deadline.

With this notice, RBCS is re-opening the October 1 deadline and extending it until 4:30 p.m. ET on December 31, 2024.

Additionally, the Lender or the Borrower generally must submit to the Agency a non-binding letter of intent to apply for loan guarantee not less than 30 calendar days prior to the application deadline. However, RBCS, at its discretion, may accept applications that do not submit a letter of intent as provided for in 7 CFR 4279.260(a)(1).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Order Renewing Temporary Denial of Export Privileges; Nordwind Airlines, Leningradskaya Str., Building 25, Office 27. 28, Moscow Region, Khimki City, 141402, Russia

Pursuant to Section 766.24 of the Export Administration Regulations, 15 CFR parts 730-774 ("EAR" or "the Regulations"),¹ I hereby grant the

¹ On August 13, 2018, the President signed into law the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, which includes the Export Control Reform Act of 2018, 50 U.S.C. 4801-4852 ("ECRA"). While Section 1766 of ECRA repeals the provisions of the Export Administration Act, 50 U.S.C. App. 2401 *et seq.* ("EAA"), (except for three sections which are inapplicable here), Section 1768 of ECRA provides, in pertinent part, that all orders, rules, regulations, and other forms of administrative action that were made or issued under the EAA, including as continued in effect pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* ("IEEPA"), and were in effect as of ECRA's date of enactment (August 13, 2018), shall continue in effect according to their terms until modified, superseded, set aside, or revoked through action undertaken pursuant to the authority provided under ECRA. Moreover, Section 1761(a)(5) of ECRA

request of the Office of Export Enforcement ("OEE") to renew the temporary denial order ("TDO") issued in this matter on December 11, 2023. I find that renewal of this order is necessary in the public interest to prevent an imminent violation of the Regulations and that renewal for an extended period is appropriate because Nordwind Airlines ("Nordwind") has engaged in a pattern of repeated, ongoing and/or continuous apparent violations of the EAR.

I. Procedural History

On June 24, 2022, I signed an order denying Nordwind export privileges for a period of 180 days on the ground that issuance of the order was necessary in the public interest to prevent an imminent violation of the Regulations. The order was issued *ex parte* pursuant to Section 766.24(a) of the Regulations and was effective upon issuance.² The temporary denial order was subsequently renewed on December 20, 2022,³ June 15, 2023⁴ and December 11, 2023⁵ in accordance with Section 766.24(d) of the Regulations.⁶

On November 14, 2024, BIS, through OEE, submitted a written request for a fourth renewal of the TDO. The written request was made more than 20 days before the TDO's scheduled expiration and, given the temporary suspension of international mail service to Russia, OEE has attempted to deliver a copy of the renewal request to Nordwind by alternative means in accordance with

authorizes the issuance of temporary denial orders. 50 U.S.C. 4820(a)(5).

² The TDO was published in the **Federal Register** on June 29, 2022 (87 FR 38704).

³ The December 20, 2022 renewal order was published in the **Federal Register** on December 27, 2022 (87 FR 79725).

⁴ The June 15, 2023 renewal order was published in the **Federal Register** on June 21, 2023 (88 FR 40202). The renewal order was subsequently modified on June 27, 2023 and published in the **Federal Register** on June 30, 2023 (88 FR 42290). The June 27, 2023 modification made no changes to the scope or length of prohibitions against Nordwind.

⁵ The December 11, 2023 renewal order was published in the **Federal Register** on December 14, 2023 (88 FR 86623).

⁶ Section 766.24(d) provides that BIS may seek renewal of a temporary denial order for additional 180-day renewal periods if it believes that renewal is necessary in the public interest to prevent an imminent violation. In cases demonstrating a pattern of repeated, ongoing and/or continuous apparent violations, BIS may request the renewal of a temporary denial order for an additional period not exceeding one year.