

Parties, a proposal to amend the CITES Appendices. However, there may be species that qualify for inclusion in CITES Appendices I or II for which we decide not to submit a proposal to CoP20. Our decision will be based on several factors, including the priorities we outlined above in the United States' approach to CoP20. We will consult range countries for foreign species, and for species whose range the United States shares with one or more other countries.

One important function of the CITES Scientific Authority of each Party country is monitoring international trade in plant and animal species, and ongoing scientific assessments of the impact of such trade on species. For United States native species included in Appendices I and II, we monitor trade through export permits issued so that we can prevent over-utilization and restrict exports if necessary. We work closely with States and Native American Tribes to ensure that species are appropriately listed in the CITES Appendices. For these reasons, we actively seek information about United States and foreign species subject to international trade.

#### **Request for Information and Recommendations on Resolutions, Decisions, and Agenda Items**

Although we have not yet received formal notice of the provisional agenda for CoP20, we invite your input on possible agenda items that the United States could recommend for inclusion on the agenda, and on possible resolutions and decisions of the CoP that the United States could submit for consideration. Copies of the agenda and the results of the last meeting of the CoP (CoP19), as well as copies of all currently valid Resolutions and Decisions of past CoPs, are available on the CITES Secretariat's website (<http://www.cites.org/>) or from the Division of Management Authority (contact information provided above in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

#### **Future Actions**

As stated above, CoP20 is tentatively scheduled to be held in the second half of 2025, with a location to be determined. The United States must submit all proposals to amend Appendix I or II, and draft resolutions, decisions, or agenda items for discussion at CoP20, to the CITES Secretariat 150 days prior to the start of the meeting. To meet this deadline and to prepare for CoP20, we plan to keep the public informed about the CoP through a series of additional **Federal**

**Register** notices and website postings in advance of CoP20. We will announce the tentative species proposals and proposed resolutions, decisions, and agenda items that the United States is considering submitting to CoP20 and solicit further information and comments on them. We will post on our website an announcement of the species proposals, draft resolutions, draft decisions, and agenda items submitted by the United States to the CITES Secretariat for consideration at CoP20. Finally, we will inform you about preliminary negotiating positions on resolutions, decisions, and amendments to the Appendices proposed by other Parties for consideration at CoP20, and about how to obtain observer status. We will also publish an announcement of a public meeting tentatively to be held approximately 2–3 months prior to CoP20, which will provide an opportunity to receive public input on our positions regarding CoP20 issues. The procedures for developing United States' documents and negotiating positions for a meeting of the Conference of the Parties to CITES are outlined in 50 CFR 23.87. As noted, we may modify or suspend the procedures outlined there if they would interfere with the timely or appropriate development of documents for submission to the CoP and U.S. negotiating positions.

#### **Public Availability of Comments**

Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, please be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available. If you submit a hardcopy comment that includes personal identifying information, you may request at the top of your document that we withhold this information from public review; however, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so.

#### **Author**

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#### **Authority**

The authority for this action is the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*).

#### **Martha Williams,**

*Director, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service.*

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## **DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR**

### **Bureau of Indian Affairs**

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#### **Indian Gaming; Approval by Operation of Law of Tribal-State Class III Gaming Compact (Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North & South Dakota and the State of South Dakota)**

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Indian Affairs, Interior.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This notice publishes the approval by operation of law of the Tribal-State Gaming Compact between the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North & South Dakota and the State of South Dakota.

**DATES:** The Compact takes effect on March 22, 2024.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ms. Paula L. Hart, Director, Office of Indian Gaming, Office of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Washington, DC 20240, (202) 219-4066.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988, 25 U.S.C. 2701 *et seq.*, (IGRA) provides the Secretary of the Interior (Secretary) with 45 days to review and approve or disapprove the Tribal-State compact governing the conduct of Class III gaming activity on the Tribe's Indian lands. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8). If the Secretary does not approve or disapprove a Tribal-State compact within the 45 days, IGRA provides the Tribal-State compact is considered to have been approved by the Secretary, but only to the extent the compact is consistent with IGRA. *See* 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(D). The IGRA also requires the Secretary to publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the approved Tribal-State compacts for the purpose of engaging in Class III gaming activities on Indian lands. *See* 25 U.S.C. (d)(8)(D). The Department's regulations at 25 CFR 293.4 require all compacts and amendments to be reviewed and approved by the Secretary prior to taking effect. The Secretary took no action on the Compact between the Standing Rock Sioux Tribe of North & South Dakota and the State of South Dakota within the 45-day statutory review period. Therefore, the Compact is considered to have been approved,

but only to the extent it is consistent with IGRA. See 25 U.S.C. 2710(d)(8)(C).

**Wizipan Garriott,**

*Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs, Exercising by delegation the authority of the Assistant Secretary—Indian Affairs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

**National Institute of Corrections**

**Advisory Board; Notice of Meeting**

This notice announces a forthcoming meeting of the National Institute of Corrections (NIC) Advisory Board. At least one portion of the meeting will be closed to the public.

*Name of the Committee:* NIC Advisory Board.

*General Function of the Committee:* To aid the National Institute of Corrections in developing long-range plans, advise on program development, and recommend guidance to assist NIC's efforts in the areas of training, technical assistance, information services, and policy/program development assistance to Federal, state, and local corrections agencies.

*Date and Time:* 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m. ET on Wednesday, April 3, 2024; 8:30 a.m.–12:00 p.m. ET on Thursday, April 4, 2024; (approximate times).

*Location:* NIC Offices, 901 D Street SW, Room 901-3, Washington, DC 20024.

*Contact Person:* Leslie LeMaster, Designated Federal Official (DFO) to the NIC Advisory Board, The National Institute of Corrections, 320 First Street NW, Room 901-3, Washington, DC 20534. To contact Ms. LeMaster, please call (202) 305-5773 or [llemaster@bop.gov](mailto:llemaster@bop.gov).

*Agenda:* On April 3–4, 2024, the Advisory Board will: (1) receive a brief Agency Report from the NIC Acting Director, (2) receive project-specific updates from all NIC divisions, and (3) updates from association and agency partners to the Board. Time for questions and counsel from the Board is built into the agenda.

*Procedure:* On Wednesday, April 3, 2024, 8:30 a.m.–4:30 p.m., and April 4, 2024, 8:30 a.m.–11:00 a.m., the meeting is open to the public. Interested persons may request to attend in person and/or virtually, and present data, information, or views, orally or in writing, on issues pending before the committee. Such requests must be made to the contact person on or before March 27, 2024. The public comment period is scheduled for approximately 10:40 a.m.–10:50 a.m. on

April 4, 2024. The time allotted for each presentation may be limited. Those who wish to make formal oral presentations should notify the contact person and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the evidence or arguments they wish to present, the names, titles, agencies, addresses, and email addresses of proposed participants, and an indication of the approximate time requested to make their presentation on or before March 27, 2024.

*Closed Committee Deliberations:* On April 4, 2024, between 11:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m., the meeting will be closed to permit discussion of information that (1) relates solely to the internal personnel rules and practices of an agency (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(2)), and (2) is of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy (5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6)). The Advisory Board will discuss the outcomes of continuing efforts to make recommendations to the Attorney General for the NIC Director vacancy.

*General Information:* NIC welcomes the attendance of the public at its advisory committee meetings and will make every effort to accommodate persons with physical disabilities or special needs. If you require special accommodations due to a disability, please contact Leslie LeMaster at least 7 days in advance of the meeting. Notice of this meeting is given under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2).

**Leslie LeMaster,**

*Designated Federal Official, National Institute of Corrections.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF LABOR**

**Employee Benefits Security Administration**

**[Prohibited Transaction Exemption 2024-01; Exemption Application No. D-12096]**

**Exemption From Certain Prohibited Transaction Restrictions Involving TT International Asset Management Ltd (TTI or the Applicant) Located in London, United Kingdom**

**AGENCY:** Employee Benefits Security Administration, Labor.

**ACTION:** Notice of exemption.

**SUMMARY:** This document contains a notice of exemption issued by the Department of Labor (the Department) from certain of the prohibited transaction restrictions of the Employee

Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA or the Act) and/or the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (the Code). This exemption allows TTI to continue to rely on the exemptive relief provided by Prohibited Transaction Class Exemption 84-14 (PTE 84-14 or the QPAM Exemption), notwithstanding the judgment of conviction against SMBC Nikko Securities, Inc. (Nikko Tokyo), as described below.

**DATES:** The exemption will be in effect for a period of five years, beginning on February 13, 2024, and ending on February 12, 2029.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Joseph Brennan of the Department at (202) 693-8456. (This is not a toll-free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On December 20, 2023, the Department published a notice of proposed exemption in the **Federal Register**<sup>1</sup> that would permit TTI to continue its reliance on the exemptive relief provided by the QPAM Exemption<sup>2</sup> for a period of five years, notwithstanding the judgment of conviction against TTI's affiliate, Nikko Tokyo for attempting to peg, fix or stabilize the prices of certain Japanese equity securities that Nikko Tokyo was attempting to place in a block offering (the Conviction).<sup>3</sup> After considering the Applicant's comment on the proposal, the Department is granting this exemption to protect the interests of participants and beneficiaries of ERISA-covered Plans and IRAs managed by TTI (together, Covered Plans).<sup>4</sup>

This exemption provides only the relief specified in the text of the exemption and does not provide relief from violations of any law other than the prohibited transaction provisions of Title I of ERISA and the Code expressly stated herein.

<sup>1</sup> 88 FR 88115 (December 20, 2023).

<sup>2</sup> 49 FR 9494 (March 13, 1984), as corrected at 50 FR 41430 (October 10, 1985), as amended at 70 FR 49305 (August 23, 2005), and as amended at 75 FR 38837 (July 6, 2010).

<sup>3</sup> Section I(g) of PTE 84-14 generally provides that "[n]either the QPAM nor any affiliate thereof . . . nor any owner . . . of a 5 percent or more interest in the QPAM is a person who within the 10 years immediately preceding the transaction has been either convicted or released from imprisonment, whichever is later, as a result of" certain crimes.

<sup>4</sup> The term "Covered Plan" means a plan subject to Part IV of Title I of ERISA (an "ERISA-covered plan") or a plan subject to Code section 4975 (an "IRA"), in each case, with respect to which TTI relies on PTE 84-14, or with respect to which TTI has expressly represented that the manager qualifies as a QPAM or relies on PTE 84-14. A Covered Plan does not include an ERISA-covered plan or IRA to the extent that TTI has expressly disclaimed reliance on QPAM status or PTE 84-14 in entering into a contract, arrangement, or agreement with the ERISA-covered plan or IRA.