

("Certificate"). This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the amended Certificate should be issued.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Morton Schnabel, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration by phone at (202) 482-5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or E-mail at oetca@ita.doc.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. A 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 Act 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 privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential. An original and five copies, plus two copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice in writing to: Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1104H, Washington, D.C. 20230, or transmitted by E-mail to oetca@ita.doc.gov. 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 97-3A003."

The Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc. ("AARQ") original Certificate was issued on January 21, 1998 (63 FR 4223,

January 28, 1998) and lastly amended on September 4, 1998 (63 FR 53013 October 2, 1998). A summary of the application for an amendment follows.

*Summary of the Application*

*Applicant:* The Association for the Allocation of Rice Quotas, Inc. ("AARQ"), c/o Thomas Ferrara, AC HUMKO CORP., 7171 Goodlett Farms Parkway, Cordova, Tennessee 38018-4909.

*Contact:* M. Jean Anderson, Esquire; Telephone: (202) 682-7217.

*Application No.:* 97-3A003.

*Date Deemed Submitted:* March 10, 2000.

*Proposed Amendment:* AARQ seeks to amend its Certificate 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. Amend the portion of its Certificate entitled "Export Markets" to reflect that, because of the dissolution of the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands and the formation of several independent nations therefrom, export markets that will serve as the basis for distribution of bid proceeds may include the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau.

Dated: March 20, 2000.

**Morton Schnabel,**

*Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Export Trade Certificate of Review

**ACTION:** Notice of application.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application for an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the conduct for which certification is sought and requests comments relevant to whether the Certificate should be issued.

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#### Summary of the Application

**Applicant:** North America Export Trading, LLC ("NAXT"), 28746 Calle Vista, Laguna Niguel, California 92677. Contact: Sharleen Maldonado, President, Telephone: (562) 434–5408.

**Application No.:** 00–00001.

**Date Deemed Submitted:** March 13, 2000.

**Members (in addition to applicant):** None.

North America Export Trading, LLC seeks a Certificate to cover the following specific Export Trade, Export Markets, and Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operations.

#### Export Trade

1. *Products*—All products.
2. *Services*—All services.
3. *Technology Rights*—Technology Rights, including, but not limited to, patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets that relate to Products and Services.
4. *Export Trade Facilitation Services (as they Relate to the Export of Products, Services and Technology Rights)*—Export Trade Facilitation Services, including, but not limited to: professional services in the areas of government relations and assistance with state and federal export programs; foreign trade and business protocol; consulting; market research and analysis; collection of information on trade opportunities; marketing; negotiations; joint ventures; shipping and export management; export licensing; advertising; grantsmanship; documentation and services related to compliance with customs requirements; insurance and financing; bonding; warehousing; export trade promotion; trade show exhibitions and organization; organizational development; management and labor strategies; transfer of technology; transportation; and facilitating the formation of shippers' associations.

#### Export Markets

The Export Markets include all parts of the world except the United States, (the fifty states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands).

The proposed Export Trade Certificate of Review would extend antitrust protection to NAXT to conduct the following export trade activities:

1. Provide and/or arrange for the provision of Export Trade Facilitation Services;
2. Engage in promotion and marketing activities and collect and distribute information on trade opportunities in Mexico, Latin America, and all other Export Markets allowable;
3. Enter into exclusive and/or non-exclusive agreements with distributors, foreign buyers, and/or sales representatives in Export Markets;
4. Enter into exclusive or non-exclusive sales agreements with Suppliers, Export Intermediaries, or other persons for the sale of Products, and Services;
5. Enter into exclusive or non-exclusive licensing agreements with Suppliers, Export Intermediaries, or

other persons for licensing Technology Rights in Export Markets;

6. Allocate export orders among Suppliers;
7. Allocate the sales, export order and/or divide Export Markets, among Suppliers, Export Intermediaries, or other persons for the sale and maintenance of Products and Services;
8. Allocate the licensing of Technology Rights among Suppliers, Export Intermediaries, or other persons;
9. Establish the price of Products and Services for sale in Export Markets;
10. Establish the fee for licensing of Technology Rights in Export Markets, as well as maintenance and financing commitments;
11. Negotiate, enter into, and/or manage licensing agreements and long-term purchase arrangements involving the export of Technology;
12. Provide extensive intergovernmental services to facilitate the grants and funding involvement of public and nongovernmental funding sources for private sector benefits in term of export activity for goods and services.

Dated: March 20, 2000.

**Morton Schnabel,**

*Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DoC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

**Agency:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**Title:** Northwest Region Federal Fisheries Permits.

**Agency Form Number(s):** None.

**OMB Approval Number:** 0648–0203.

**Type of Request:** Revision of a currently approved collection.

**Burden Hours:** 605.

**Number of Respondents:** 796.

**Average Hours Per Response:** Ranges between 20 minutes and 1 hour depending on the requirement.

**Needs and Uses:** This submission supports a request for renewal of the