

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 minority-owned 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 Distributor 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

Achievement will be presented at both MBDA Regional and National MED Weeks. The Ronald H. Brown Leadership Award and the Abe Venable Legacy Award for Lifetime Achievement will be presented only at National MED Week.

Nominations for these awards are open to the public. MBDA must collect two types of information: (a) Information identifying the nominee and nominator, and (b) information explaining why the nominee should be given the award. The information will be used to determine those applicants best meeting the preannounced evaluation criterion. Use of a nomination form standardizes and limits the information collected as part of the nomination process. This makes the competition fair and eases the burden on applicants and reviewers. Participation in the MED Week Awards Program competition is voluntary and the awards are strictly honorary.

II. Method of Collection

The form may be submitted electronically or in paper format.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0640-0025.

Form Number(s): Not applicable.

Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved information collection).

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, Not-for-profit institutions, State, Local, or Tribal government, and Federal government.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time per Response: 2 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or

included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: December 22, 2011.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XA772

Marine Mammals; File No. 16685

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a permit has been issued to Thomas A. Jefferson, Ph.D., Clymene Enterprises, 5495 Camino Playa Malaga, San Diego, CA 92124 to conduct research on nine cetacean species off the California coast.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376; and Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562) 980-4001; fax (562) 980-4018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laura Morse or Carrie Hubbard, (301) 427-8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 24, 2011, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (76 FR 65697) that a request for a permit to conduct research on nine cetacean species off of the California coast had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The permit authorizes photo-identification, behavioral studies and biopsy sampling of bottlenose (*Tursiops truncatus*), Risso's (*Grampus griseus*), short-beaked common (*Delphinus delphis*), long-beaked common (*D. capensis*), Pacific white-sided

(*Lagenorhynchus obliquidens*), and northern right whale dolphins (*Lissodelphis borealis*); killer whale (*Orcinus orca*, excluding Southern resident stock); Dall's porpoise (*Phocoenoides dalli*) and harbor porpoise (*Phocoena phocoena*) along the California coast. The permit expires on January 1, 2017.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: December 22, 2011.

Tammy C. Adams,

Acting Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Agency Information Collection Activities: Notice of Intent To Renew Collection, Regulations Governing Bankruptcies of Commodity Brokers

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (CFTC) is announcing an opportunity for public comment on the proposed collection of certain information by the agency. Under the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA), 44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*, Federal agencies are required to publish notice in the **Federal Register** concerning each proposed collection of information, including each proposed extension of an existing collection of information, and to allow 60 days for public comment in response to the notice. This notice solicits comments on collections of information provided for by Regulations Governing Bankruptcies of Commodity Brokers.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before February 27, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to Robert Wasserman, Division of Clearing & Risk, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Wasserman, (202) 418-5092; FAX: (202) 418-5547; email: rwasserman@cftc.gov.