

District of Pennsylvania charging Armscor and Kentron with violating and conspiring to violate the AECA. Denel, which is related to Armscor, was included in the policy of denial (see 59 FR 33811, June 30, 1994).

Armscor and Kentron have entered pleas of nolo contendere to charges of violating the AECA. Pursuant to the Agreement between the Government of the United States and the Government of the Republic of South Africa concerning cooperation of defense trade controls, Armscor, Denel, and Kentron will be subject to statutory debarment until further notice.

This notice involves a foreign affairs function of the United States encompassed within the meaning of the military and foreign affairs exclusion of the Administrative Procedure Act. Because the exercise of this foreign affairs function is discretionary, it is excluded from review under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Dated: March 12, 1997.

**William J. Lowell,**

*Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls,  
Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S.  
Department of State.*

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#### [Public Notice 2522]

#### **Office of Defense Trade Controls; Statutory Debarment Under the International Traffic in Arms Regulations**

**AGENCY:** Department of State.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Department of State's policy of denial for all export license applications and other requests for approval involving Fuchs Electronics (Pty) Ltd. (Fuchs), and, any divisions, subsidiaries, associated companies, affiliated persons, and successor entities, is rescinded, and is replaced by statutory debarment pursuant to Section 127.7(c) of the International Traffic in Arms Regulations (22 CFR Parts 120-130) (ITAR).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 27, 1997.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Philip S. Rhoads, Chief, Compliance and Enforcement Branch, Office of Defense Trade Controls, Department of State (703-875-6644).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 38(g)(4) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778) (AECA) prohibits licenses and other requests for approval for the export of defense articles and the furnishing of defense services to be

issued to a person, or any party to the export, be issued to a person, or any party to the export, convicted of violating or conspiring to violate the AECA. This notice is provided in order to make the public aware that the following entities are prohibited from participating directly or indirectly in the export from the United States of defense articles, related technical data, or defense services for which a license or other approval is required from the Department of State under the AECA: Fuchs Electronics (Pty) Ltd., 15 Combrinck Street, Alrode, Gauteng, South Africa, including the Fuchs Electronics Division of Reunert Limited.

Effective June 8, 1994, the Department of State implemented a policy of denial pursuant to Sections 38 and 42 of the AECA and Sections 126.7(a)(1) and (a)(2) of the ITAR for Fuchs and any divisions, subsidiaries, associated companies, affiliated persons, and successor entities in response to an indictment returned in the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District Court of Pennsylvania charging Fuchs with violating and conspiring to violate the AECA (see 59 Federal Register 33811, June 30, 1994).

Fuchs pleaded guilty on February 27, 1997, to charges of violating the AECA. Pursuant to a Consent Agreement between Fuchs and the Department of State, and an Order signed by the Assistant Secretary for Political-Military Affairs, Fuchs, including the Fuchs Electronics Division of Reunert Limited, will be subject to statutory debarment and its licensing privileges will be reinstated in accordance with the terms of the Consent Agreement entered into by Fuchs and the Department on January 24, 1997. At such time, a further notice will be published herein.

This notice involves a foreign affairs function of the United States encompassed within the meaning of the military and foreign affairs exclusion of the Administrative Procedure Act. Because the exercise of this foreign affairs function is discretionary, it is excluded from review under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Dated: February 12, 1997.

**William J. Lowell,**

*Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls,  
Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, U.S.  
Department of State.*

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#### **TENNESSEE VALLEY AUTHORITY**

#### **Sunshine Act Meeting (Meeting No. 1493)**

**TIME AND DATE:** 10 a.m. (CST), March 26, 1997.

**PLACE:** Ramada Inn Convention Center, Room 4, 854 North Gloster Street, Tupelo, Mississippi.

**STATUS:** Open.

#### *Agenda*

Approval of minutes of meeting held on February 19, 1997.

#### Discussion Items

1. Lowndes, Mississippi, Substation
2. TVA Customer Service Centers

#### New Business

#### E—Real Property Transactions

E1. Deed modification affecting approximately 0.065 acre of former TVA land on Kentucky Lake in Stewart County, Tennessee (Tract No. XGIR-259).

E2. Grant of easement affecting approximately 330 square feet of TVA's Summer Place Building and Parking Garage property in Knox County, Tennessee (Tract No. XKOC-1B).

E3. Abandonment of a portion of the right-of-way easement affecting approximately 3.02 acres of land on the Lonsdale-Alcoa transmission line in Blount County, Tennessee (Tract No. NA-188).

#### Unclassified

- F1. Filing of condemnation cases.

#### Information Items

1. Revision to the price schedule for commodity-based power arrangements with SKW Metals and Alloys, Inc.

2. Joint marketing agreement with Tata Electric Companies.

3. Business Practice 9, Management of TVA's Supply Chain Process.

4. Grant of easement affecting approximately 1 acre of land on Norris Lake for a fire station in Union County, Tennessee (Tract No. XTNR-111B).

5. New investment managers and management agreements between the TVA Retirement System and Wellington Management Company, LLP, and Goldman Sachs Asset Management.

For more information: Please call TVA Public Relations at (423) 632-6000, Knoxville, Tennessee. Information is also available at TVA's Washington Office (202) 898-2999.

Dated: March 19, 1997.

**William L. Osteen,**

*Associate General Counsel and Assistant Secretary.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/D-12]

### WTO Dispute Settlement Proceeding Regarding Section 609 of Public Law 101-162

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that the governments of Malaysia, Thailand, Pakistan and India have requested the establishment of dispute settlement panels under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization (WTO) to examine certain measures of the United States pursuant to Section 609 of Public Law 101-162 (Section 609). Section 609 is intended to promote the conservation of certain sea turtle species by restricting the importation of shrimp or shrimp products harvested by methods harmful to sea turtles.

**DATES:** Although USTR will accept any submissions received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before April 15, 1997 to be assured of timely consideration by USTR in preparing its first written submission to the panel.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be submitted to Ileana Falticeni, Office of Monitoring and Enforcement, Room 501, Attn.: Dispute Regarding U.S. Sea Turtle Conservation Law, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20508.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Laura Kneale Anderson, Director for Trade and Environment, (202) 395-9590, or William L. Busis, Associate General Counsel, (202) 395-3150.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** At the meeting of the WTO Dispute Settlement Body ("DSB") held on February 25, 1997, a panel was established to examine claims of the governments of Malaysia, Thailand and Pakistan with respect to U.S. sea turtle conservation measures pursuant to Section 609. The European Communities and the governments of Australia, Colombia,

Guatemala, Hong Kong, India, Japan, Mexico, Nigeria, Singapore and Sri Lanka indicated their interest to participate in the dispute as third parties. Members of the panel are currently being selected. Under normal circumstances, panels are expected to issue reports detailing their findings within six to nine months after a panel is established.

By letter dated February 25, 1997, the government of India requested the establishment of a panel to examine claims of the government of India with respect to U.S. sea turtle conservation measures pursuant to Section 609. The request of the government of India for the establishment of a panel is on the agenda for the next meeting of the DSB, scheduled for March 20, 1997.

### Major Issues Raised by Malaysia, Thailand, Pakistan, and India, and Alleged Legal Basis of Complaint

The government of Malaysia, Thailand, Pakistan and India have asserted that U.S. measures affecting the importation of shrimp pursuant to Section 609 are inconsistent with U.S. obligations under the Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization, including the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade 1994 (GATT). In particular, they assert that the U.S. measures are inconsistent with at least (a) GATT Article XI:1 (regarding prohibitions or restrictions on imports); (b) GATT Article I (regarding most-favored-nation treatment); and (c) GATT Article XIII:1 (regarding the non-discriminatory application of import restrictions or prohibitions).

### Requirements for Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written comments concerning the issues raised in the dispute. Comments must be in English and provided in fifteen copies. A person requesting that information contained in a comment submitted by that person be treated as confidential business information must certify that such information is business confidential and would not customarily be released to the public by the submitter. Confidential business information must be clearly marked "BUSINESS CONFIDENTIAL" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy.

A person requesting that information or advice contained in a submission by that person, other than business confidential information, be treated as confidential in accordance with section 135(g)(2) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2155(g)(2)):

(1) must so designate that information or advice;

(2) must clearly mark the material as "SUBMITTED IN CONFIDENCE" in a contrasting color ink at the top of each page of each copy; and

(3) is encouraged to provide a non-confidential summary of the information or advice.

Pursuant to section 127(e) of the URAA (19 U.S.C. 3537(e)), USTR will maintain a file on this dispute settlement proceeding, accessible to the public, in the USTR Reading Room: Room 101, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington DC 20508. The public file will include a listing of any comments received by USTR from the public with respect to the proceeding; the U.S. submissions to the panel in the proceeding; and the submissions, or non-confidential summaries of the submissions, to the panel received from other parties to the dispute, as well as the report of the dispute settlement panel and, if applicable, the report of the Appellate Body. An appointment to review the file (Docket No. WTO/D-12, "U.S. Sea Turtle Conservation Law") may be made by calling Brenda Webb at (202) 395-6186. The USTR Reading Room is open to the public from 9:30 a.m. to 12 noon and 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**A. Jane Bradley,**

*Assistant U.S. Trade Representative for Monitoring and Enforcement.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

### Aviation Proceedings; Agreements Filed During the Week Ending 3/14/97

The following Agreements were filed with the Department of Transportation under the provisions of 49 U.S.C. 412 and 414. Answers may be filed within 21 days of date of filing.

*Docket Number:* OST-97-2208.

*Date filed:* March 12, 1997.

*Parties:* Members of the International Air Transport Association.

*Subject:* COMP Telex Reso 024f—Botswana, Local Currency Fare Changes, Intended effective date: upon government approval.

**Paulette V. Twine,**

*Chief, Documentary Services.*

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