

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodity to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodity proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following commodity is hereby added to the Procurement List:

Liner, Foam Impact
8465-01-420-4920

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Beverly L. Milkman,
Executive Director.

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Procurement List; Additions

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Additions to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List commodities and services to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.
EFFECTIVE DATE: May 5, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Square 3, Suite 403, 1735 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202-3461.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Beverly Milkman (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 20, 1996, January 17, 31, and February 14, 1997 the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (61 FR 67306, 62 FR 2644, 4722 and 6946) of proposed additions to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the commodities and services and impact of the additions on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the commodities and services listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a

substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the commodities and services.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the commodities and services to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the commodities and services proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following commodities and services are hereby added to the Procurement List:

Commodities

Bucket, Plastic

M.R. 997

Office and Miscellaneous Supplies

(Requirements for the Naval Air Station, Corpus Christi, Texas)

Services

Janitorial/Custodial, for the following Blaine, Washington locations:

Pacific Highway Border Station

Pacific Highway Border Station, Building #1

Pacific Highway Border Station, USDA

Building

Border Patrol Sector Headquarters and Annex

Peace Arch Border Station

Storage/Distribution of Badges, Insignia

Patches and Other Accouterments,

Defense Personnel Support Center,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

(25% of the Government's requirement)

Switchboard Operation, Cannon Air Force

Base, New Mexico

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Beverly L. Milkman,
Executive Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of an Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 96-00007.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has issued an Export Trade Certificate of Review to the Committee for the Fair Allocation of Rice Quotas ("Committee"). This notice summarizes the conduct for which certification has been granted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Dawn Busby, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, 202-482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

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. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR Part 325 (1996).

The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA") is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Department of Commerce to publish a summary of a Certificate in the **Federal Register**. Under Section 305 (a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Certified Conduct

Export Trade

Products

Semi-milled and wholly milled rice, whether or not polished or glazed (Harmonized Tariff Schedule 1006.30) (referred to as "milled rice") and husked (brown) rice (Harmonized Tariff Schedule 1006.20).

Export Markets

For purposes of administering the European Union's tariff rate quota: The countries of the European Union.

For purposes of Export Trade Activity and Method of Operation 3: 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).

Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation

1. The Committee will administer a system for allocating the U.S. share of the European Union ("EU") tariff rate quotas ("TRQs") for milled rice and brown rice (roughly 38,000 tons of milled rice and 8,000 tons of brown rice) agreed to as compensation to the

United States for the enlargement of the EU to include Austria, Finland, and Sweden, as follows:

a. The Committee will operate a quota tender system in which certificates of quota will be offered on open tender to the highest bidder 30 days prior to the release of each TRQ tranche, as defined by the EU.

b. The administration of the quota tender system will be carried out by an independent economic consultant, who will be retained by the Committee for purposes of administering the tender program.

c. The Committee, through its consultant, will offer the TRQ tranche in 20 ton increments. Anyone, whether a member of the Committee or not, will be eligible to bid, upon posting a bid bond equal to five percent of the bid.

d. Thirty days prior to the beginning of each TRQ tranche, the Committee will publish a request to bid in the Journal of Commerce. Potential bidders will have five working days to respond to the bid request. (If the EU announces the opening of a TRQ tranche less than 30 days before the opening of that tranche, the consultant will publish the required notice within 2 working days of the EU announcement and specify a bid date that is at least 5 working days after the notice is published.) All bid information will be returned to the consultant within five working days. At the close of the five day period, the consultant will award certificates of quotas to the highest bidder upon payment of monies bid. Additionally, the certificates will be tradable.

e. In the event that identical highest bids are submitted on available tonnage of TRQ, the consultant will award the available tonnage on a pro-rata basis among the relevant bidders.

2. The Committee will use membership fees to pay for the costs of operating the quota tender system. Any operating costs not covered by the assessment of membership fees will be paid from the quota proceeds.

3. During the first year, the Committee will redistribute all remaining proceeds as follows:

a. 50 percent to the Rice Foundation, a non-profit organization established as the research and development arm of the U.S.A. Rice Federation;

b. 50 percent to the U.S.A. Rice Federation or the Rice Millers' Association for international market promotion activities; and

c. Zero percent to Members according to their proportionate share of world exports of U.S. origin rice during the previous marketing year.

4. For subsequent years, the distribution percentages in item 3 may

be modified to allow the distribution of proceeds to Members according to their proportionate share of world exports of U.S. origin rice during the previous marketing year.

5. Bidders will provide the consultant with bidding information on a confidential basis. The consultant may release only the identity of the winning bidder(s). After the first year, if a distribution is to be made to Members, the Members will provide information on their share of world exports of U.S. origin rice independently and on a confidential basis. This information shall be kept confidential.

6. The Committee and/or its Members may:

a. Provide for an administrative structure to implement the foregoing tariff rate quota system, relating to the U.S.-EU Compensation Agreement and EU regulations, including the hiring of an independent economic consultant to administer the quota tender system;

b. Exchange and discuss information regarding the structure and method for administering the foregoing tariff rate quota system, relating to the U.S.-EU Compensation Agreement and EU regulations;

c. Discuss the type of information needed regarding past transactions and exports that are necessary for administering the foregoing tariff rate quota system relating to the U.S.-EU regulations and for effectuating any distribution of proceeds arising out of the administration of the system.

Abbreviated Amendment Procedures

New Committee members may be incorporated in the Certificate through an abbreviated amendment procedure. An abbreviated amendment shall consist of a written notification to the Secretary of Commerce and the Attorney General identifying the Committee members that desire to become Members under the Certificate pursuant to the abbreviated amendment procedure and certifying for each such member so identified its sale of individual products in its prior fiscal year. Notice of the members so identified shall be published in the **Federal Register**. However, the Committee may withdraw one or more individual Members from the application for the abbreviated amendment. If 30 days or more following publication in the **Federal Register**, the Secretary of Commerce, with the concurrence of the Attorney General, determines that the incorporation in the Certificate of these members through the abbreviated amendment procedure is consistent with the standards of the Act, the

Secretary of Commerce shall amend the Certificate to incorporate such members, effective as of the date on which the application for amendment is deemed submitted. If the Secretary of Commerce does not within 60 days of publication in the **Federal Register** so amend the Certificate, such amendment must be sought through the non-abbreviated amendment procedure.

Terms and Conditions of Certificate

1. In engaging in Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation, neither the Committee, the consultant, nor any Member shall intentionally disclose, directly or indirectly, to any other Member (including parent companies, subsidiaries, or other entities related to any Member not named as a Member) any information regarding the Committee's or any other Member's costs, production, inventories, domestic prices, domestic sales, capacity to produce Products for domestic sale, domestic orders, terms of domestic marketing or sale, or U.S. business plans, strategies, or methods, unless (1) such information is already generally available to the trade or public; or (2) the information disclosed is a necessary term or condition (e.g., price, time required to fill an order, etc.) of an actual or potential bona fide export sale and the disclosure is limited to the prospective purchaser.

2. The Committee and its Members will comply with requests made by the Secretary of Commerce on behalf of the Secretary or the Attorney General for information or documents relevant to conduct under the Certificate. The Secretary of Commerce will request such information or documents when either the Attorney General or the Secretary of Commerce believes that the information or documents are required to determine that the Export Trade, Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation of a person protected by this Certificate of Review continue to comply with the standards of section 303(a) of the Act.

Members (Within the Meaning of Section 325.2(l) of the Regulations)

Louis Dreyfus Corporation, Wilton, Connecticut; and, Riviana Foods, Inc., Houston, Texas.

Definitions

"Member" means a member of the Committee who has been certified as a "Member" within the meaning of § 325.2(l) of the regulations. Members must sign the Operating Agreement of the Committee in order to participate in the certified activities. Any U.S. company that is actively engaged in rice

milling or that has exported U.S. origin rice in the preceding or current calendar year and that wishes to participate in the activities covered by this certificate, may join the Committee's membership by executing the Operating Agreement and paying a one-time membership fee of \$3,000. Any Committee member that is not a listed Member may join the Committee's export trade certificate of review by requesting that the Committee file for an amended certificate. A Member may withdraw from coverage under this certificate at any time by giving written notice to the Committee, a copy of which the Committee will promptly transmit to the Secretary of Commerce and the Attorney General.

Protection Provided by Certificate

This Certificate protects the Committee, its Members, and directors, officers, and employees acting on behalf of the Committee and its Members from private treble damage actions and government criminal and civil suits under U.S. federal and state antitrust laws for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out during its effective period in compliance with its terms and conditions.

Effective Period of Certificate

This Certificate continues in effect from the effective date indicated below until it is relinquished, modified, or revoked as provided in the Act and the Regulations.

Other Conduct

Nothing in this Certificate prohibits the Committee and its Members from engaging in conduct not specified in this Certificate, but such conduct is subject to the normal application of the antitrust laws.

Disclaimer

The issuance of this Certificate of Review to the Committee by the Secretary of Commerce with the concurrence of the Attorney General under the provisions of the Act does not constitute, explicitly or implicitly, an endorsement or opinion by the Secretary of Commerce or by the Attorney General concerning either (a) the viability or quality of the business plans of the Committee or its Members or (b) the legality of such business plans of the Committee or its Members under the laws of the United States (other than as provided in the Act) or under the laws of any foreign country.

The application of this Certificate to conduct export trade where the United States Government is the buyer or where the United States Government bears more than half the cost of the

transaction is subject to the limitations set forth in Section V.(D.) of the "Guidelines for the Issuance of Export Trade Certificates of Review (Second Edition)," 50 Fed. Reg. 1786 (January 11, 1985).

In accordance with the authority granted under the Act and Regulations, this Certificate of Review has been granted to the Committee for the Fair Allocation of Rice Quotas.

A copy of the Certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4001, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 31, 1997.

W. Dawn Busby,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of an Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 96-00008.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has issued an Export Trade Certificate of Review to the U.S. Rice Industry Coalition for Exports, Inc. ("U.S. RICE"). This notice summarizes the conduct for which certification has been granted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Dawn Busby, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, 202-482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

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. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325 (1996).

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Description of Certified Conduct

Export Trade

Products

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Export Markets

For purposes of allocating through an open bidding procedure the European Union's tariff rate quota: The countries of the European Union.

For purposes of Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation 2(c) and 4(e): 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).

Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation

1. U.S. RICE will administer a system for managing the U.S. share of the European Union ("EU") tariff-rate quotas ("TRQs") for milled, brown, and broken rice (roughly 38,000 metric tons of milled rice, 8,000 metric tons of brown rice and 7,000 metric tons of broken rice annually) agreed to as compensation to the United States for the enlargement of the EU to include Austria, Finland, and Sweden, as follows:

a. U.S. RICE will allocate the TRQs exclusively through an open tender to the highest bidder(s). Any person domiciled, incorporated or otherwise legally established in the United States is eligible to bid. Bidders need not be members of U.S. RICE and need not be included as Members in this Certificate.

b. U.S. RICE will retain an independent third party ("the TRQ Administrator") to administer the quota tender system. The TRQ Administrator may be an individual, partnership, corporation (for profit or non-profit), or any representative thereof that is not engaged in the production, milling, distribution, or sale of milled, brown, broken, or paddy rice.

c. At least 45 days before the opening of each TRQ tranche, as defined by the EU, the TRQ Administrator will publish notice of the bidding process for that tranche in the Journal of Commerce. The notice will invite independent bids and