

Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.310(c). Any hearing, if requested, will be held on January 17, 2000, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.310(d). Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than January 10, 2000, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(i). Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than January 13, 2000. The Department will issue a notice of final results of this sunset review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments, no later than March 28, 2000, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.

This five-year ("sunset") review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: November 19, 1999.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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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. 99-00003.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has issued an Export Trade Certificate of Review to JV Export Trading Company, Inc ("JV Export Trading Co."). This notice summarizes the conduct for which certification has been granted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morton Schnabel, 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) ("the Act") authorizes the Secretary of Commerce with the concurrence of the Attorney General, to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR Part 325 (1999).

The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA") is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Secretary 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

1. Products

All products.

2. Services

All services.

Export Markets

The Export Markets include all parts of Latin America, but not 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

JV Export Trading Co. may engage in the following activities with respect to the Export Markets:

1. Enter into exclusive export distribution agreements with U.S. manufacturers for export to the Export Markets.

2. Enter into agreements, exclusive or otherwise, with U.S. manufacturers regarding the prices for which their respective Products will be sold in the Export Market.

3. Enter into agreements with other exporters regarding Products, prices, and territories in the Export Markets.

Terms and Conditions of Certificate

1. In engaging in Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation, JV Export Trading Co. will not intentionally disclose, directly or indirectly, to any Supplier any information about any other Supplier's costs, production, capacity, inventories, domestic prices, domestic sales, or U.S. business plans, strategies, or methods that is not generally available to the trade or public.

2. JV Export Trading Co. 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 Secretary of Commerce or the Attorney General 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.

Definition

1. "Supplier" means a person who produces, provides, or sells a Product and/or Service.

Protection Provided by Certificate

This Certificate protects JV Export Trading Co. and its officers, directors, and employees acting on its behalf 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 this Certificate and carried out during its effective period in compliance with its terms and conditions.

A copy of this certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility Room 4102, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 99102-0281-9281-01]

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National Voluntary Conformity Assessment System Evaluation (NVCASE) Program

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) hereby announces the establishment of a sub-program under the National Voluntary Conformity Assessment System Evaluation (NVCASE) program to recognize accreditors that accredit laboratories that test telecommunications equipment and/or perform electromagnetic compatibility testing. The sub-program is being established pursuant to NVCASE regulations in response to a request from a Federal Agency, the Federal Communications Commission. Accreditation bodies recognized by

NIST may then accredit laboratories to perform specified testing to satisfy designated foreign or domestic government regulatory (i.e., mandated) requirements. NIST will explore with the National Cooperation for Laboratory Accreditation a cooperative and joint approach for recognizing applicant laboratory accreditors.

The action being taken under this notice addresses both generic and specific NVCASE requirements relating to two sectoral annexes (telecommunications equipment and electromagnetic compatibility (EMC)) of the United States (U.S.)/European Union (EU) Mutual Recognition Agreement (MRA) and the Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement for the Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment. If additional MRAs covering these areas are negotiated between the United States and another country or region, any additional specific requirements will be included under this NVCASE activity.

Sub-program requirements have been developed in accordance with NVCASE regulations and with public consultation.

Public input was obtained at two open meetings on April 27 and April 28, 1999 and from comments received through May 30, 1999.

DATES: Applications will be received beginning November 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Applications for recognition may be obtained from, and returned to, Robert L. Gladhill, NVCASE Program Manager, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mailstop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2100, by fax (301) 975-5414, or email at robert.gladhill@nist.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert L. Gladhill, NVCASE Program Manager, at NIST, 100 Bureau Drive, Mailstop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2100, telefax: (301) 975-5414, email: robert.gladhill@nist.gov

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The NVCASE sub-program to recognize accreditation bodies that accredit laboratories to test telecommunications equipment and/or perform electromagnetic compatibility testing is being established in accordance with the NVCASE Regulations (15 CFR Part 286.2(b)(3)(ii)) and in response to requirements as described in FCC GEN Docket 98-68 (FCC 98-338) adopted on December 17, 1998 and FCC Public Notice DA 99-1640 released August 17, 1999. The generic and specific requirements are also being established pursuant to NVCASE regulations (15 CFR Part 286.5). Public consultation on

these requirements was conducted at two workshops held at the Department of Commerce on April 27 and 28, 1999. These workshops were announced in the **Federal Register** Sol. 64, No. 53/ Friday, March 19, 1999. Follow-up comments were accepted from the public through May 30, 1999.

This program is also being established to support NIST's responsibilities as a designating authority for the United States in both the Telecommunication Equipment and EMC Sectoral Annexes of the U.S./EU MRA (which may be located at <http://www.iep.doc.gov/mra/mra.htm>) and the APEC MRA for Conformity Assessment of Telecommunications Equipment (which may be located at <http://www.apii.or.kr/telwg/mraTG/mraTG-frame.html>).

Telecommunications equipment testing as referenced in this notice covers tests of equipment for network terminal attachment and other equipment subject to telecommunications regulation, including wire and wireless equipment, transmitters, and terrestrial and satellite equipment, whether or not connected to a Public Telecommunications Network. EMC testing relates to measuring the electromagnetic emissions from the product under test, both intended and unintended, and their effect on other products (emissions testing), as well as the effects of electromagnetic emissions from other products on the product under test (immunity testing).

NIST will apply the generic requirements contained in the International Organization for Standardization/International Electrotechnical Commission (ISO/IEC) Guide 58—"Calibration and Testing Laboratory Accreditation Systems—General Requirements for Operation and Recognition," to all applicant accreditation bodies. All laboratories applying to recognized accreditors shall be assessed against the requirements of ISO/IEC Guide 25—"General Requirements for the Competence of Calibration and Testing Laboratories." These generic requirements will be supplemented by specific technical requirements contained in individual NVCASE handbooks, available on request from NIST.

NIST will accept applications from interested accreditation bodies for recognition to accredit laboratories under the U.S./EU MRA or the APEC MRA. Evaluation of an initial group of applicant accreditation bodies for NVCASE recognition will begin on or about December 30, 1999. All accreditation bodies that have submitted a complete application and required fees to NIST by December 15, 1999, will

be included in this initial group. Applications received subsequently will be considered on an as-received basis for evaluation after the initial group of applicants has been considered.

NIST expects to announce recognition of qualified accreditation bodies on or about April 1, 2000. At about the same time, NIST also expects to identify and list an initial group of qualified laboratories for each of the areas noted. Each laboratory listed under the provisions of the U.S./EU MRA or under the APEC MRA will be designated by NIST as a conformity assessment body (CAB).

This notice contains a collection of information requirement subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act. This collection of information has been approved by OMB under the following control Number: 0693-0019.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget Control Number.

Dated: November 19, 1999.

Karen Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Environmental Impact Statement for Federal Activities to Recover the Cook Inlet, Alaska, Stock of Beluga Whale, Including the Management of a Subsistence Harvest

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

ACTION: Notice of intent; scoping meetings; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces its intent to prepare a programmatic Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) on Federal activities necessary to halt the observed decline and promote recovery of the Cook Inlet, Alaska, stock of beluga whale. This will include, but is not limited to, the management of the subsistence harvest by Alaska Natives.

NMFS will hold a scoping meeting to receive public input on structuring the