

infrastructure for medium and large industrial projects in rural areas; and (3) additional incentives “at the rate of 25 percent under all of the schemes” for industrial units “coming up” in identified “backward talukas.” The petitioners also state that the document on Gujarat Industrial Policy provides “direct evidence” of the planned existence of these programs during the POI. However, the information provided by the petitioners regarding the Infrastructure Assistance Scheme only provides information on the intentions of the SOG to provide assistance under this scheme in 2000. For example, the document entitled “Gujarat Industrial Policy—2000” uses such phrases as a “a scheme will be introduced,” “assistance will be provided,” and “intends to introduce.” The petition thus provides no information that the Infrastructure Assistance Scheme in fact existed during the POI. Since the petitioners have not provided information on whether this scheme in fact existed during the POI, they have therefore not provided sufficient information supporting their allegations that this program provides a financial contribution under section 771(5)(D) of the Act, that this program provides a benefit under section 771(5)(E) of the Act, or that this program is specific under section 771(5A) of the Act.

3. State of Madhya Pradesh (SMP) Sales Tax Incentive Scheme

The petitioners based their allegations concerning this program on a SMP state profile. The SMP state profile includes one sentence on this program under “Industrial Incentive Schemes,” stating “sales tax exemption/deferment for 4 to 9 years.” This information does not support the petitioners’ allegation that this program is specific under section 771(5A) of the Act.

4. SMP Capital Incentive Scheme

The petitioners based their allegations concerning this program on a SMP state profile. The SMP state profile includes one sentence on this program under “Industrial Incentive Schemes,” stating “capital investment subsidy at the rate of 5 percent to 15 percent.” This information does not support the petitioners’ allegation that this program is specific under section 771(5A) of the Act.

Critical Circumstances

The petitioners request that the Department initiate a critical circumstances investigation of Indian PET film because the petitioners believe that these imports are likely to “undermine seriously the remedial

effect of any * * * countervailing duty order.”

Section 703(e)(1) of the Act states that the Department will find that critical circumstances exist, at any time after the date of initiation, when there is a reasonable basis to believe or suspect that (A) the alleged countervailable subsidies are inconsistent with the Subsidies Agreement and (B) there have been massive imports of the subject merchandise over a relatively short period of time. Section 351.206(h) of our regulations defines “massive imports” as imports that have increased by at least 15 percent over the imports during an immediately preceding period of comparable duration. Section 351.206(i) of the regulations states that “relatively short period” will normally be defined as the period beginning on the date the proceeding begins and ending at least three months later.

At this time, the petitioners have not supported their allegation under section 703(e)(1) of the Act and section 351.206 of the Department’s regulations. Although the petitioners provided data indicating significant increases in imports over a three-year period, we do not consider this to be sufficient evidence of massive imports over a relatively short period of time within the meaning of section 703(e)(1)(B) of the Act and section 351.206 of the Department’s regulations. If, at a later date, the petitioners adequately allege the elements of critical circumstances, based on reasonably available information, the Department will investigate this matter further.

Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation

The Department has examined the countervailing duty petition on PET film from India, and found that it complies with the requirements of section 702(b) of the Act. Therefore, in accordance with section 702(b) of the Act, we are initiating a countervailing duty investigation to determine whether manufacturers, producers, or exporters of PET film from India receive countervailable subsidies.

Distribution of Copies of the Petition

In accordance with section 702(b)(4)(A)(i) of the Act, a copy of the public version of the petition has been provided to the representatives of the GOI. We will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of the petition to each exporter named in the petition, as appropriate.

International Trade Commission Notification

Pursuant to section 702(d) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our initiation.

Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will determine, no later than July 2, 2001, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of PET film from India are causing material injury, or threatening to cause material injury, to a U.S. industry. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated; otherwise, this investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: June 6, 2001.

Faryar Shirzad,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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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.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vanessa M. Bachman, Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, by telephone at (202) 482–5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or by E-mail at oetca@ita.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001 *et seq.*) 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 a 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 to: Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1104H, Washington, D.C. 20230, or transmit by E-mail at 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 01-00002." A summary of the application follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: Sun Valley Rice Co., L.L.C. ("Sun Valley"), 7050 Eddy Road, Arbutle, California 95912.

Contact: Michael V. LaGrande, President.

Telephone: (530) 476-3000.

Application No.: 01-00002.

Date Deemed Submitted: May 29, 2001.

Members (in addition to applicant): Buckrock, LLC, Williams, CA; Klamath Enterprises, LLC, Williams, CA; Thomas Rice Company, LLC, Bakersfield, CA; and Coldwater Farms, LLC, Bakersfield, CA.

Export Trade

1. Products

California rice and rice products (rough rice, brown rice, milled rice, undermilled or unpolished rice, coated rice, oiled rice, rice bran, rice polish, head rice, broken rice, second head rice, brewers rice, screenings, rice flour, and rice hulls).

2. Services

All services related to the export of Products.

3. Technology Rights

All intellectual property rights associated with Products or Services, including, but not limited to: patents, trademarks, service marks, trade names, copyrights, neighboring (related) rights, trade secrets, know-how, and sui generis forms of protection for databases and computer programs.

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: Consulting and trade strategy; sales and marketing; export brokerage; foreign marketing and analysis; foreign market development; overseas advertising and promotion; product research and design based on foreign buyer and consumer preferences; documentation and services related to compliance with customs requirements; joint ventures; inspection and quality control; transportation; shipping and export management; export licensing; insurance and financing; billing of foreign buyers; collection (letters of credit and other financial instruments); provision of overseas sales and distribution facilities and overseas sales staff; legal; accounting and tax assistance; management information systems development and application; trade show exhibitions; professional services in the area of government relations and assistance with state and federal export assistance programs, such as the Export Enhancement and Market Promotion programs.

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).

Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation

In connection with sales of Products for export, Sun Valley, on a transaction-by-transaction basis, may:

(a) Exchange information with suppliers or other entities individually regarding availability of and prices for Products for export, and inventories and near-term production and delivery schedules for purposes of determining the availability of Products for purchase

and export and coordinating export of Products with its distributors and customers in the Export Markets;

(b) Confer with suppliers about the possibility of offers to and purchases by Sun Valley for a specific export sales opportunity;

(c) Solicit suppliers to offer/sell Products through the certified activities of Sun Valley;

(d) Solicit orders from potential foreign distributors and purchasers for sale of Products in Export Markets;

(e) Prepare and submit offers of Products to potential foreign distributors, purchasers or other entities for sale in Export Markets;

(f) Establish the price and quantity of Products for sale in Export Markets and set other terms for any other sale;

(g) Negotiate and enter into agreements for sale of Products in Export Markets;

(h) Enter into agreements to purchase Products from one or more suppliers to fulfill specific sale obligations, which may be agreements whereby suppliers agree to deal exclusively with Sun Valley for sale of the Products in a particular Export Market or Markets and/or whereby Sun Valley agrees to purchase exclusively any particular supplier's (or suppliers') Products for resale in the Export Market;

(i) Assign sales of Products to, and/or divide export orders among, suppliers or other persons based on orders, Export Market, territories, customers, or on any other basis Sun Valley deems fit;

(j) Broker and take title to the Product;

(k) Enter into agreements with one or more Export Trade Intermediaries or export trade purchasers for the purchase of Products, which may be agreements whereby Sun Valley agrees to deal exclusively with an entity or customer in a particular Export Market, and/or by which that customer or intermediary agrees to deal exclusively with Sun Valley and/or agrees not to purchase from Sun Valley's competitors in any Export Market, unless so authorized;

(l) Apply for and utilize applicable export assistance and incentive programs which are available within government and private sectors;

(m) Provide Export Trade Facilitation Services including, but not limited to, arranging and coordinating delivery of Product to port of export; arranging for inland and/or ocean transportation; allocating Products to vessel; arranging for storage space at port; arrange for warehousing, stevedoring, wharfage, handling, inspection, fumigation, quality control, freight forwarding, insurance, and documentation; invoicing foreign buyer; collecting payment for product; and arranging for

payment of applicable commissions and fees;

(n) Refuse to purchase Product or provide information regarding export sales of Product to any supplier(s) or other entities for any reason Sun Valley deems fit;

(o) Refuse to sell Product, to quote prices for Product, to provide information regarding Product, or to market or sell Product to any customers or distributors in the Export Markets, or in any countries or geographical areas in the Export Markets; and

(p) Meet with suppliers or other entities periodically to discuss general matters specific to exporting (not related to price and supply arrangements between Sun Valley and the individual suppliers) such as relevant facts concerning the Export Markets (e.g., demand conditions, transportation costs and prices in the Export Markets), or the possibility of joint marketing, bidding or selling arrangements in the Export Markets.

Definition

Export Intermediary means a person who acts as distributor, sales representative, sales or marketing agent, or broker, or who performs similar functions including providing or arranging for the provision of Export Trade Facilitation Services.

Dated: June 8, 2001.

Vanessa M. Bachman,

Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060501C]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) and its Comprehensive Management Committee, Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee, Executive Committee, Law Enforcement Committee, and Squid, Mackerel, and Butterfish Committee will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meetings will be held on Tuesday, June 26, 2001 through

Thursday, June 28, 2001. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Radisson Hotel Hampton, 700 Settlers Landing Road, Hampton, VA, telephone: 757-727-9700.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904, telephone: 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On Tuesday, June 26, 2001, the Comprehensive Management Committee will meet from 10 a.m. until noon; and the Surfclam and Ocean Quahog Committee will meet from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. On Wednesday, June 27, the Executive Committee will meet from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.; the Law Enforcement Committee will meet from 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.; the Squid, Mackerel, Butterfish Committee will meet from 9 a.m. until noon; and the Council will meet from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. On Thursday, June 28, Council will meet from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Agenda items for the committees and Council meeting(s), as appropriate, are: Finalize the Comprehensive Management Committee's action plan to address Council priorities; review staff recommendations for 2002 quotas and management measures, and develop 2002 quota specification recommendations for surfclam and ocean quahogs; develop comments regarding proposed rule updating regulations affecting Council operations; continue development of Mid-Atlantic Council enforcement guidelines; review Monitoring Committee's recommendations on squid, mackerel, and butterfish for 2002 quotas and management measures and address possible in-season adjustment for 2001; recognize U.S. Coast Guard Cutter Staten Island with Council's Fishery Achievement Award; and develop recommendations for 2002 quota specifications for both squid, mackerel, butterfish and surfclam and ocean quahogs; hear organizational and committee reports including the New England Council's report where the Council may address possible actions on herring, groundfish, monkfish, red crab, scallops, skates, and whiting. The Council may also address possible actions from the South Atlantic Council on rock shrimp and dolphin/wahoo.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come

before the Council for discussion, these issues may not be the subject of formal Council action during this meeting. Council action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final actions to address such emergencies.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Council at least 5 days prior to the meeting date. Dated:

Dated: June 8, 2001.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 13, 2001.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Leader, Regulatory Information Management Group, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes that notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g. new, revision,