

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 38(g)(4) of the AECA, 22 U.S.C. 2778, prohibits licenses and other approvals for the export of defense articles or defense services to be issued to a person, or any party to the export, who has been convicted of violating certain U.S. criminal statutes, including the AECA.

In implementing this section of the AECA, the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs is authorized by § 127.7 of the ITAR to prohibit any person who has been convicted of violating or conspiring to violate the AECA from participating directly or indirectly in the export of defense articles, including technical data or in the furnishing of defense services for which a license or approval is required. This prohibition is referred to as "statutory debarment".

Statutory debarment is based solely upon conviction in a criminal proceeding, conducted by a United States court, and as such the administrative debarment proceedings outlined in part 128 of the ITAR are not applicable.

The period for debarment will normally be three years from the date of conviction. At the end of the debarment period, licensing privileges may be reinstated at the request of the debarred person following the necessary interagency consultations, after a thorough review of the circumstances surrounding the conviction, and a finding that appropriate steps have been taken to mitigate any law enforcement concerns, as required by section 38(g)(4) of the AECA and in accordance with section 127.11(b) of the ITAR. Unless licensing privileges are reinstated, the person/entity will remain debarred.

Department of State policy permits debarred persons to apply to the Director of the Office of Defense Trade Controls for an exception from the period of debarment beginning one year after the date of the debarment, in accordance with section 38(g)(4)(A) of the AECA and § 127.11(b) of the ITAR. Any decision to grant an exception can be made only after the statutory requirements under section 38(g)(4) of the AECA have been satisfied. If the exception is granted, the debarment will be suspended.

Debarred persons are generally ineligible to participate in activity regulated under the ITAR (see e.g.,

sections 120.1(c) and (d), 126.7, 127.1(c), and 127.11(a)). The Department of State will not consider applications for licenses or requests for approvals that involve any person or any party to the export who has been convicted of violating or of conspiring to violate the AECA during the period of statutory debarment. Persons who have been statutorily debarred may appeal to the Under Secretary for Arms Control and International Security for reconsideration of the ineligibility determination. A request for reconsideration must be submitted in writing within 30 days after a person has been informed of the adverse decision, in accordance with 22 CFR 127.7(d) and 128.13(a).

Pursuant to section 38 of the AECA and section 127.7 of the ITAR, the following persons have been statutorily debarred by the Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs for a period of three years following their conviction for AECA:

(1) A & C International Trade, Inc., April 13, 2000, U.S. District Court of Washington, D.C., Docket # 99-CR-21-ALL.

(2) John Raymond Thompson, October 28, 1999, U.S. District Court, Central District of California, Western Division, Docket # 98-CR-708-ALL.

(3) Daniel A. Malloy, March 4, 1999, U.S. District Court of Newark, New Jersey, Docket # 98-CR-177-ALL.

(4) Shalom Shaphyr, October 4, 1999, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria), Docket # 99-CR-288-ALL.

(5) Siraj International, Inc., February 17, 2000, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin (Milwaukee), Docket # 98-CR-189-ALL.

(6) Gia An Du a.k.a. Anthony Huynh, a.k.a. Simon Du, a.k.a. Gia Simon Du, March 2, 1999, U.S. District Court, District of Maryland (Baltimore), Docket # 98-CR-462-ALL.

(7) Michael Nathan Kitundu, November 10, 1999, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria), Docket # 99-CR-278-ALL.

(8) Morris Rothenberg & Son, Inc. d.b.a. Rothco, July 19, 1999, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of New York (Uniondale), Docket # 99-CR-564-ALL.

(9) Far East Trading Company, Inc. a.k.a. FETCO, Inc., U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Virginia (Alexandria) Docket # 01-CR-119-ALL.

This notice is provided in order to make the public aware that the persons listed above are prohibited from participating directly or indirectly in any brokering activities and in any export from or temporary import into

the United States of defense articles, related technical data, or defense services in all situations covered by the ITAR. Specific case information may be obtained from the Office of the Clerk for each respective US District Court, citing the court docket number where provided.

Exceptions may be made to this denial policy on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Office of Defense Trade Controls pursuant to 22 CFR 126.3. However, such an exception would be granted only after a full review of all circumstances, paying particular attention to the following factors: whether an exception is warranted by overriding U.S. foreign policy or national security interest; whether an exception would further law enforcement concerns which are not inconsistent with the foreign policy or national security interests of the United States; or whether other compelling circumstances exist which are not inconsistent with the foreign policy or national security interests of the United States, and which do not conflict with law enforcement concerns.

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 affair function is discretionary, it is excluded from review under the Administrative Procedure Act.

Dated: January 3, 2002.

William J. Lowell,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3936]

Notice of Meeting of the Cultural Property Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

The Cultural Property Advisory Committee will meet on Monday and Tuesday, April 15 and 16, from approximately 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.; and on Wednesday, April 17, from approximately 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Department of State, Annex 44, Room 840, 301 4th St., SW., Washington, DC, to review the proposals to extend: (1) the "Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the

Republic of Mali Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Material from the Region of the Niger River Valley and the Bandiagara Escarpment," which expires on September 23, 2002; and (2) the "Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Guatemala Concerning the Imposition of Import Restrictions on Archaeological Objects and Materials from the Pre Columbian Cultures of Guatemala," which expires on October 3, 2002.

The Committee's responsibilities are carried out in accordance with provisions of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 2601 *et seq.*). A copy of the Act, the subject agreements, and related information may be found at this web site: <http://exchanges.state.gov/education/culprop>.

During its meeting on Monday, April 15, the Committee will hold an open session, from 10 a.m. to 12 Noon to receive oral public comment on the proposals to extend these agreements. Persons wishing to attend this open session should notify the Cultural Property office at (202) 619-6612 by Tuesday, April 9, 2002, to arrange for admission, as seating is limited. Those who wish to make oral presentations should also request to be scheduled, and must submit a written text of the oral comments, by April 9, to allow time for distribution of them to Committee members prior to the meeting. Oral comments will be limited to five minutes each to allow time for questions from members of the Committee and must specifically address the proposals to extend the Agreements with particular attention to determinations that will be made under Section 303 (a)(1) of the Convention on Cultural Property Implementation Act, 19 U.S.C. 2602. The Committee also invites written comments and asks that they be submitted by April 9. All written materials, including the written texts of oral statements, should be faxed to (202) 260-4893.

Other portions of the meeting on April 15, 16 and 17 will be closed pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B) and 19 U.S.C. 2605(h).

Dated: February 26, 2002.

Patricia S. Harrison,

Assistant Secretary of State for Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.
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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

Notice of Meeting of the Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee (TEPAC)

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice that the March 22, 2002, meeting of the Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee will be held from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be closed to the public from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. and open to the public from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

SUMMARY: The Trade and Environment Policy Advisory Committee will hold a meeting on March 22, 2002, from 9 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. The meeting will be closed to the public from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The meeting will include a review and discussion of current issues which influence U.S. trade policy. Pursuant to Section 2155(f)(2) of Title 19 of the United States Code, I have determined that this meeting will be concerned with matters the disclosure of which would seriously compromise the development by the United States Government of trade policy, priorities, negotiating objectives or bargaining positions with respect to the operation of any trade agreement and other matters arising in connection with the development, implementation and administration of the trade policy of the United States. The meeting will be open to the public and press from 11 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., when trade policy issues will be discussed. Attendance during this part of the meeting is for observation only. Individuals who are not members of the committee will not be invited to comment.

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for March 22, 2002, unless otherwise notified.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the USTR ANNEX Building in Conference Rooms 1 and 2, located at 1724 F Street, NW, Washington, DC, unless otherwise notified.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Elizabeth A. Gianini, Office of the United States Trade Representative, (202) 395-6120.

Robert B. Zoellick,

United States Trade Representative.

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OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

[Docket No. WTO/DS-243]

WTO Consultations Regarding "United States—Rules of Origin for Textiles and Apparel Products"

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 on January 11, 2002, India requested consultations with the United States under the Understanding on Rules and Procedures Governing the Settlement of Disputes ("DSU"), the General Agreement Regarding Tariffs and Trade 1994 ("GATT 1994"), and the Agreement on Rules of Origin ("ROO Agreement") regarding the rules of origin for textiles and apparel products set out in Section 334 of Uruguay Round Agreements Act and Section 405 of the Trade and Development Act of 2000, and implementing legislation. The European Communities ("EC") and Bangladesh subsequently requested to join the consultations as third parties. India alleges that Section 334 and its modification, Section 405, are inconsistent with certain obligations of the United States under the ROO Agreement. Pursuant to Article 4.3 of the DSU, such consultations are to take place within a period of 30 days from the date of the request, or within a period otherwise mutually agreed between the United States and the requesting parties. Consultations were held on February 7, 2002, and may be followed by subsequent consultations. USTR invites written comments from the public concerning the issues raised in this dispute.

DATES: Although the USTR will accept any comments received during the course of the dispute settlement proceedings, comments should be submitted on or before March 27, 2002, to be assured of timely consideration by USTR.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted (i) electronically, to FR0015@ustr.gov, Attn: "US-India Textile ROO Dispute" in the subject line, or (ii) by mail, to Sandy McKinzy, Monitoring and Enforcement Unit, Office of the General Counsel, Room 122, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20508, Attn: India Textile ROO Dispute, with a confirmation copy sent electronically or by fax to 202-395-3640.