DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 2551]

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs; Imposition of Chemical and Biological Weapons Proliferation Sanctions on Foreign Entities and Persons

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Government has determined that eight entities and persons have engaged in chemical weapons proliferation activities that require the imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act and the Export Administration Act of 1979 (the authorities of which were most recently continued by Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 21, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to section 81(a) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2798(a)), section 11C(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (59 U.S.C. app. 2410c(a)), Executive Order 12851 of June 11, 1993, and State Department Delegation Authority No. 145 of February 4, 1980, as amended, the United States Government determined that the following foreign persons have engaged

in chemical weapons proliferation activities that require the imposition of the sanctions described in section 81(c) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2798(c)) and section 11C(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. app. 2410c(c)):

- 1. Liao Minglong (Chinese citizen)
- 2. Tian Yi (Chinese citizen)
- 3. Chen Qingchang (a.k.a. Q.C. Chen) (Chinese citizen)
- 4. Pan Yongming (Chinese citizen)
- 5. Shao Xingsheng (Chinese citizen)
- 6. Nanjing Chemical Industries Group (NCI) (Chinese company)
- 7. Jiangsu Yongli Chemical Engineering and Technology Import/Export Corp. (Chinese company)
- 8. Cheong Yee Limited (Hong Kong company)

Accordingly, the following sanctions are being imposed:

- (A) Procurement Sanction. The United States Government shall not procure, or enter into any contract for the procurement of, any goods or services from the sanctioned persons; and
- (B) *Import Sanction*. The importation into the United States of products produced by the sanctioned persons shall be prohibited.

Sanctions on each entity described above may apply to firms or other entities with which that individual is associated. Questions as to whether a particular transaction is affected by the sanctions should be referred to the contact listed above. The sanctions shall commence on May 21, 1997. They will

remain in place for at least one year and until further notice.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible agencies as provided in the Executive Order 12851 of June 11, 1993.

Dated: May 21, 1997.

Thomas E. McNamara,

Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs.

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[Public Notice 2552]

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Determination Under the Arms Export Control Act

Pursuant to section 654(c) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, notice is hereby given that the Under Secretary of State for Arms Control and International Security Affairs has made a determination pursuant to section 81 of the Arms Export Control Act and has concluded that publication of the determination would be harmful to the national security of the United States.

Dated: May 21, 1997.

Thomas E. McNamara,

Assistant Secretary of State for Political-Military Affairs.

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