

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, July 17, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

Title: Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Application.

Agency Form Number: None assigned.

OMB Approval Number: 0693-0006.

Type of Request: Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

Burden: 10,000 hours.

Avg Hours Per Response: 100.

Number of Respondents: 100.

Needs and Uses: The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Improvement Act of 1987 established an annual quality award either presented by the President or the Secretary of Commerce. Applications for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award submit an eligibility application, and if declared eligible, an application package. NIST uses the information provided to assess and make selections for this Award.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations and not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: Award applications are accepted on an annual basis.

Respondent's Obligation: The voluntary application must be submitted in order to be considered for the Award.

OMB Desk Officer: Virginia Huth, (202) 395-6929.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to Virginia Huth, OMB Desk Officer, Room

10236, New Executive Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20503.

Dated: July 18, 1997.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Action Affecting Export Privileges; Tex-Co International, Inc.; Order Denying Permission to Apply for or Use Export Licenses

On June 24, 1996, Tex-Co International, Inc. (Tex-Co) was convicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.A. §§ 1701-1706 (1991 & Supp. 1997)) (IEEPA). Tex-Co was convicted of knowingly and willfully exporting, and causing to be exported, various items of oil field equipment to an intermediary for ultimate delivery to Umm Al-Jawaby Oil Service Company, Ltd., a specially designated national of the government of Libya, located in London, United Kingdom, without the written authorization of the United States Government.

Section 11(h) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C.A. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1991 & Supp. 1997)) (the Act),¹ provides that, at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce,² no person convicted of violating IEEPA, or certain other provisions of the United States Code, shall be eligible to apply for or use any license, including any License Exception, issued pursuant to, or provided by, the Act or the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (1997)) (the Regulations), for a period of up to 10 years from the date of the conviction. In addition, any license issued pursuant to the Act in which

¹ The Act expired on August 20, 1994. Executive Order 12924 (3 C.F.R., 1994 Comp. 917 (1995)), extended by Presidential Notices of August 15, 1995 (3 C.F.R., 1995 Comp. 501 (1996)) and August 14, 1996 (3 C.F.R., 1996 comp. 298 (1997)), continued the Export Administration Regulations in effect under the IEEPA.

² Pursuant to appropriate delegations of authority, the Director, Office of Exporter Services, in consultation with the Director, Office of Export Enforcement, exercises the authority granted to the Secretary by Section 11(h) of the Act.

such a person had any interest at the time of conviction may be revoked.

Pursuant to Sections 766.25 and 750.8(a) of the Regulations, upon notification that a person has been convicted of violating IEEPA, the Director, Office of Exporter Services, in consultation with the Director, Office of Export Enforcement, shall determine whether to deny that person permission to apply for or use any license, including any License Exception, issued pursuant to, or provided by, the Act and the Regulations, and shall also determine whether to revoke any license previously issued to such a person.

Having received notice of Tex-Co's conviction for violating IEEPA and following consultations with the Acting Director, Office of Export Enforcement, I have decided to deny Tex-Co permission to apply for or use any license, including any License Exception, issued pursuant to, or provided by, the Act and the Regulations, for a period of 10 years from the date of its conviction. The 10-year period ends on June 24, 2006. I have also decided to revoke all licenses issued pursuant to the Act in which Tex-Co had an interest at the time of its conviction.

Accordingly, it is hereby *Ordered*

I. Until June 24, 2006, Tex-Co International, Inc., 8989 Westheimer Road, Suite 216, Houston, Texas 77063, may not, directly or indirectly, participate in any way, in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as "item") exported or to be exported from the United States, that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations, including but not limited to:

A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, License Exception, or export control document;

B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, selling, delivering, storing, disposing of, forwarding, transporting, financing, or otherwise servicing in any way, any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations; or

C. Benefiting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations.

II. No person may directly or indirectly, do any of the following:

A. Export or reexport to or on behalf of the denied person any item subject to the Regulations;

B. Take any action that facilitates the acquisition or attempted acquisition by the denied person of the ownership, possession, or control of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States, including financing or other support activities related to a transaction whereby the denied person acquires or attempts to acquire such ownership, possession or control;

C. Take any action to acquire from or to facilitate the acquisition or attempted acquisition from the denied person of any item subject to the Regulations that has been exported from the United States;

D. Obtain from the denied person in the United States any item subject to the Regulations with knowledge or reason to know that the item will be, or is intended to be, exported from the United States; or

E. Engage in any transaction to service any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States and that is owned, possessed or controlled by the denied person, or service any item, of whatever origin, that is owned, possessed or controlled by the denied person if such service involves the use of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States. For purposes of this paragraph, servicing means installation, maintenance, repair, modification or testing.

III. After notice and opportunity for comment as provided in Section 766.23 of the Regulations, any person, firm, corporation, or business organization related to Tex-Co by affiliation, ownership, control, or position of responsibility in the conduct of trade or related services may also be subject to the provisions of this Order.

IV. This Order does not prohibit any export, reexport, or other transaction subject to the Regulations where the only items involved that are subject to the Regulations are the foreign-produced direct product of U.S.-origin technology.

V. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until June 24, 2006.

VI. A copy of this Order shall be delivered to Tex-Co. This Order shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: July 15, 1997.

Eileen M. Albanese,

Director, Office of Exporter Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Materials Processing Equipment Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

A meeting of the Materials Processing Equipment Technical Advisory Committee will be held September 4, 1997, 9:00 a.m., in the Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 1617M-2, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to materials processing and related technology.

Agenda

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
3. Preview of Wassenaar List format.
4. Review of "white paper" on machine tools.
5. Review of Nuclear Suppliers Group activities.
6. Discussion on post-shipment visit procedures.
7. Discussion on definition of "specially designed".

The meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. To the extent that time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that presenters forward the public presentation materials two weeks prior to the meeting date to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OAS/EA MS: 3886C, Bureau of Export Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230.

For further information or copies of the minutes, contact Lee Ann Carpenter at 202-482-2583.

Dated: July 18, 1997.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Director, Technical Advisory Committee Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 60-97]

Foreign-Trade Zone 124—Gramercy, LA; Application for Subzone Status, Halter Marine, Inc. (Shipbuilding)

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the South Louisiana Port Commission, grantee of FTZ 124, requesting special-purpose subzone status for the shipbuilding facility of Halter Marine, Inc. (HMI), located in Lockport, Louisiana. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on July 16, 1997.

The HMI shipyard (133 acres, 270 employees) is located on State Highway 308, north of the City of Lockport (LaFourche Parish), Louisiana, and is used in the construction, repair, and conversion of commercial and military vessels for domestic and international customers. Foreign components used at the HMI shipyard (up to 20% of total) include propulsion units, main engines, casting plates, bow thrusters, and pilot chairs (1997 duty rate range: free-10%, *ad valorem*).

FTZ procedures would exempt HMI from Customs duty payments on the foreign components used in export activity. On its domestic sales, the company would be able to choose the duty rate that applies to finished oceangoing vessels (duty free) for the foreign-origin components noted above. The manufacturing activity conducted under FTZ procedures would be subject to the "standard shipyard restriction" applicable to foreign-origin steel mill products, which requires that full duties be paid on such items. Foreign-sourced steel mill products, such as pipe and plate, would be subject to the full Customs duties applicable to those items. The application indicates that the savings from FTZ procedures would help improve the facility's international competitiveness.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and three copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is September 22, 1997. Rebuttal