

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration****United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils**

AGENCY: Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is revising the voluntary United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils by eliminating the classes Persian and Mixed lentils and establishing a new class, Miscellaneous peas, and a new grading factor for lentils, Inconspicuous Admixture. GIPSA is changing these standards to facilitate the marketing of peas and lentils.

Section 203(c) of the Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946, as amended, directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture "to develop and improve standards of quality, condition, quantity, grade, and packaging and recommend and demonstrate such standards in order to encourage uniformity and consistency in commercial practices. . . ." The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) is committed to carrying out this authority in a manner that facilitates the marketing of agricultural commodities and makes copies of official standards available upon request.

The Grain Inspection, Packers and Stockyards Administration (GIPSA) published a notice in the **Federal Register** on August 15, 1997 (62 FR 43695), that it was proposing to eliminate the classes Persian and Mixed lentils, and to establish a new class, Miscellaneous peas, and a new grading factor for lentils, Inconspicuous Admixture.

GIPSA received no comments in response to that notice.

Since these changes to the standards were recommended and reviewed by the affected trade and are consistent with current practices in the trade, they will become effective on August 1, 1998, the beginning of the next marketing season.

The United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils do not appear in the Code of Federal Regulations but are maintained by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The revised United States Standards for Whole Dry Peas, Split Peas, and Lentils are available either by accessing GIPSA's Home Page on the Internet at: www.usda.gov/gipsa/strulreg/standard/

beans or by contacting the Audiovisual, Regulatory and Training Staff, GIPSA, USDA, STOP 3649, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250-3649; telephone (202) 720-1734; FAX (202) 720-4628.

Authority: 7 U.S.C. 1621 *et seq.*

Dated: November 25, 1997.

James R. Baker,

Administrator.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Rhode Island Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Rhode Island Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 12:30 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 1997, at the Providence Marriott Hotel, One Orms Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02096. The purpose of the meeting is for the Committee to plan for a future briefing on the project concept, "An Examination of the Impact of the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996 on Legal Immigrants in Rhode Island."

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Robert Lee, 401-863-1693, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

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

Dated at Washington, DC, November 19, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Virginia Advisory Committee**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and

regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Virginia Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 12:00 p.m. and adjourn at 4:00 p.m. on Wednesday, December 17, 1997, at the Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23221. The purpose of the meeting is (1) to welcome new members and returning members; (2) present an administrative orientation and report on the status of the Commission and its State Advisory Committees; and (3) discuss a draft report of its project, "The Treatment of Blacks on the Peninsula."

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Roger A. Galvin, 703-838-0083, or Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least ten (10) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

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

Dated at Washington, DC, November 19, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Export Trade Certificate of Review**

ACTION: Notice of Application to Amend Certificate.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the amended Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morton Schnabel, Acting 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) 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 an amended 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 1800H, Washington, D.C. 20230. 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 95-2A006."

The Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association ("WWEMA") original Certificate was issued on June 21, 1996 (61 FR 36708, July 12, 1996), and previously amended on May 20, 1997 (62 FR 29104). A summary of the application for an amendment follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: Water and Wastewater Equipment Manufacturers Association ("WWEMA"), 101 E. Holly Avenue, Suite 14, Sterling, Virginia 22170.

Contact: Randolph J. Stayin, Partner.

Telephone: (202) 289-1313.

Application No.: 95-2A006.

Date Deemed Submitted: November 26, 1997.

Proposed Amendment: WWEMA seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add the following company as a new "Member" of the Certificate within the meaning of Section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): Conservatek Industries, Inc. of Conroe, Texas;

2. Delete ABB Kent Meters, Inc. of Ocala, Florida and Galaxy Environmental Corporation of Warminster, Pennsylvania as Members of the Certificate; and

3. Change the listing of the company name for the current Member "Capital Controls Co., Inc." to the new listing "The Capital Controls Group".

Dated: November 26, 1997.

Morton Schnabel,

Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. # 112497C]

Marine Mammals; Permit No. 917 (P774#2)

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

ACTION: Scientific research permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit no. 917 submitted by The Northeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1097, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508/281-9250).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 17, 1997, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 48822) that an amendment of permit no. 917, issued May 12, 1994 (59 FR 25892), had been requested by the above-named organization. The original permit authorized a number of studies on several cetacean species as well as

gray and harbor seals in the northeastern U.S. and Canadian waters over a five-year period. The research activities include: vessel surveys, aerial surveys and photogrammetry, photo-identification studies, and the collection of biopsies. The research also includes import and export of cetacean tissue samples taken via projectile dart for genetic analyses. The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23).

The permit was amended to authorize the increased number of biopsy samples to be collected from 25 to 50 annually from humpback whales, and 25 to 100 annually from common dolphins (*Delphinus delphis*), Atlantic white-sided dolphins (*Lagenorhynchus acutus*), bottlenose dolphins (offshore stock, *Tursiops truncatus*), and striped dolphins (*Stenella coeruleoalba*).

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: November 24, 1997.

Ann D. Terbush, Chief,

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY HOLDING THE MEETING: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

TIME AND DATE: 2:00 p.m., Monday, December 22, 1997.

PLACE: 1155 21st St., NW., Washington, DC, 9th Floor Conference Room.

STATUS: Closed.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: Adjudicatory Matters.