

Intermediaries for sales of ASP's and Member's Products into the Export Markets; and

25. Exchange information between ASP and Member as necessary to carry out Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation, including:

a. Information about sales and marketing efforts and strategies in the Export Markets, including pricing; projected demand in the Export Markets for Products; customary terms of sale, prices and availability of Products independently committed by Member for sales in the Export Markets; prices and sales of Products in the Export Markets; and specifications by buyers and consumers in the Export Markets;

b. Information about the price, quality, quantity, source and delivery dates of Products available from ASP and its Member for export;

c. Information about terms and conditions of contracts for sales in the Export Markets to be considered and/or bid on by ASP and/or its Member;

d. Information about joint bidding opportunities;

e. Information about methods by which export sales are to be allocated among ASP and Member;

f. Information about expenses specific to exporting to and within the Export Markets, including transportation, transshipments, intermodal shipments, insurance, inland freight to port, port storage, commissions, export sales, documentation, financing and customs duties or taxes;

g. Information about U.S. and foreign legislation and regulations, including Federal marketing order programs that may affect sales to Export Markets; and

h. Information about ASP's or its Member's export operations, including sales and distribution networks established by ASP and Member in the Export Markets, and prior export sales by ASP and Member, including export price information.

Definitions

1. *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.

2. *Member* means a person who has membership in the ASP Export Trade Certificate and who has been certified as a "Member" within the meaning of § 325.2(1) of the Regulations. Carter Thomas, LLC is currently the only member.

A copy of this certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of

Information Records Inspection Facility Room 4102, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: August 13, 1998.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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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, 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, DC 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 87-13A04."

The Association for Manufacturing Technology's ("AMT") original Certificate was issued on May 19, 1987 (52 FR 19371, May 22, 1987) and previously amended on December 11, 1987 (52 FR 48454, December 22, 1987); January 3, 1989 (54 FR 837, January 10, 1989); April 20, 1989 (54 FR 19427, May 5, 1989); May 31, 1989 (54 FR 24931, June 12, 1989); May 29, 1990 (55 FR 23576, June 11, 1990); June 7, 1991 (56 FR 28140, June 19, 1991); November 27, 1991 (56 FR 63932, December 6, 1991); July 20, 1992 (57 FR 33319, July 28, 1992); May 10, 1994 (59 FR 25614, May 17, 1994); December 1, 1995 (61 FR 13152, March 26, 1996); October 11, 1996 (61 FR 55616, October 28, 1996); and May 6, 1998 (63 FR 31738, June 10, 1998). A summary of the application for an amendment follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: AMT—The Association For Manufacturing Technology, 7901 Westpark Drive, McLean, Virginia 22102-4269.

Contact: James Atwood, Legal Counsel, Telephone: (202) 662-5298.

Application No.: 87-13A04.

Date Deemed Submitted: August 13, 1998.

Proposed Amendment: AMT seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add the following companies as new "Members" of the Certificate within the meaning of § 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): DT Industries, Inc., Springfield, MO; Motoman, Inc., West Carrollton, OH; and Precision Industrial Automation, Inc., Cincinnati, OH;

2. Delete Banner Welder; Crouch Machinery, Inc.; Danly-Komatsu, L.P.; and J. M. Montgomery Manufacturing Inc. as "Members" of the Certificate; and

3. Change the listing of the company name for the current "Members" cited

in this paragraph to the new listing cited in parenthesis as follows: M T R Ravensburg, Inc. (Machine Tool Research, Inc.) and Buffalo Forge Company (Buffalo Machine Tools of Niagara, Inc.).

Dated: August 14, 1998.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 080598A]

Highly Migratory Species and Billfish Advisory Panels; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) and Billfish Advisory Panels (APs) will each hold a meeting to discuss management issues under consideration for inclusion in the draft HMS fishery management plan (FMP) and draft Billfish FMP amendment, respectively.

DATES: The HMS AP meeting will be held Thursday, August 27, 1998, and Friday, August 28, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. A public comment period is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 1998, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Public comment is solicited on issues in the draft HMS FMP, including the use of vessel monitoring systems (VMS) in HMS fisheries. The Billfish AP meeting will be held Wednesday, September 2, 1998, and Thursday, September 3, 1998, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. both days. A public comment period for the Billfish AP meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 1998, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The Billfish AP public comment period will be held in conjunction with and at the site of the regional meeting of the U.S. Advisory Committee to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT).

ADDRESSES: The HMS AP will meet at the Radisson Airport Hotel Providence, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000. The Billfish AP will meet at the Hotel on the Cay, Protestant Cay, P.O. Box 4020, Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00822; telephone: (340) 773-2035. The

Billfish AP public comment period will be held at the Buccaneer Hotel, Estate Shoys, St. Croix, Virgin Islands 00824; telephone: (340) 773-2100. Written comments should be submitted to, and informational materials related to the AP meetings are available from, Liz Lauck, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Pat Wilbert or Liz Lauck, telephone: (301) 713-2347, fax: (301) 713-1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The HMS and Billfish APs were established under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, 16 U.S.C. 1901 *et seq.* The APs will assist the Secretary of Commerce in collecting and evaluating information relevant to the development of an FMP for Atlantic tunas, swordfish, and sharks, and an amendment to the Billfish FMP. All AP meetings are open to the public and will be attended by members of the AP, including appointed members, representatives of the five fishery management councils that work with Atlantic HMS, and the Chair, or his or her representative, of the U.S. Advisory Committee to ICCAT.

The agendas for the AP meetings will include discussion of draft documents for the HMS FMP and the Billfish FMP amendment, respectively, and the draft HMS Essential Fish Habitat document. Topics will include:

1. Rebuilding alternatives;
2. Bycatch reduction alternatives;
3. Permitting and reporting alternatives;
4. VMS (HMS AP meeting only);
5. Essential fish habitat identification; and
6. Other items related to meeting requirements of the Magnuson-Stevens Act.

The public comment period for the HMS Advisory Panel is scheduled for Wednesday, August 26, 1998, from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the meeting location. NMFS seeks comments on issues in the draft HMS FMP including U.S. implementation of the ICCAT vessel monitoring system (VMS) program. The ICCAT VMS recommendation applies to vessels greater than 79 feet that fish for HMS on the high seas. Comments are requested specifically on applicability of the ICCAT recommendation to the U.S. fleet, costs of implementation, and participation in high seas fishing for HMS.

The public comment period for the Billfish Advisory Panel is scheduled for Thursday, September 3, 1998, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and will be held in conjunction with, and at the site of, the

ICCAT regional meeting. Note that the location of the Billfish AP public comment period/ICAAT regional meeting is different from the location of the Billfish AP meeting. Comments are solicited on management issues under consideration for inclusion in the draft Billfish FMP amendment. See **ADDRESSES** to request informational materials related to the AP discussion or to submit public comments on management issues for the draft FMP documents.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or for other auxiliary aids should be directed to Pat Wilbert, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone (301) 713-2347; fax: (301) 713-1917, at least 7 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: August 13, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fisheries of the Exclusive Economic Zone off Alaska; Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska; Experimental Fishing Permit

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

ACTION: Issuance of an experimental fishing permit.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the issuance of an experimental fishing permit 98-01 (EFP) to the Groundfish Forum. The EFP authorizes the Groundfish Forum to conduct an experiment in the Gulf of Alaska (GOA) that would test the effectiveness of a halibut excluder device for flatfish trawls in reducing halibut bycatch rates without significantly lowering catch rates of flatfish. Results of the experiment will be used to develop methods for trawl vessels targeting flatfish to reduce halibut bycatch rates and mortality. This EFP will provide information not otherwise available through research or commercial fishing operations. The intended effect of this