

Dated: March 12, 1999.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Export Trade Certificate of Review

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of process to revoke export trade certificate of review No. 88-00001.

**SUMMARY:** The Secretary of Commerce issued an export trade certificate of review to Illinois World Trade Center Association doing business as EXILL Trading Company. Because this certificate holder has failed to file an annual report as required by law, the Department is initiating proceedings to revoke the certificate. This notice summarizes the notification letter sent to Illinois World Trade Center Association doing business as EXILL Trading Company.

**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 ("the Act") (15 U.S.C. 4011-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue export trade certificates of review. The regulations implementing Title III ("the Regulations") are found at 15 CFR part 325. Pursuant to this authority, a certificate of review was issued on April 28, 1988 to Illinois World Trade Center Association doing business as EXILL Trading Company.

A certificate holder is required by law (Section 308 of the Act, 15 U.S.C. 4018) to submit to the Department of Commerce annual reports that update financial and other information relating to business activities covered by its certificate. The annual report is due within 45 days after the anniversary date of the issuance of the certificate of review (§§ 325.14(a) and (b) of the Regulations). Failure to submit a complete annual report may be the basis for revocation. (§§ 325.10(a) and 325.14(c) of the Regulations).

The Department of Commerce sent to Illinois World Trade Center Association doing business as EXILL Trading Company on April 18, 1998, a letter

containing annual report questions with a reminder that its annual report was due on June 12, 1998. Additional reminders were sent on July 9, 1998, and on September 30, 1998. The Department has received no written response to any of these letters.

On March 16, 1999, and in accordance with § 325.10(c)(1) of the Regulations, a letter was sent by certified mail to notify Illinois World Trade Center Association doing business as EXILL Trading Company that the Department was formally initiating the process to revoke its certificate. The letter stated that this action is being taken because of the certificate holder's failure to file an annual report.

In accordance with § 325.10(c)(2) of the regulations, each certificate holder has thirty days from the day after its receipt of the notification letter in which to respond. The certificate holder is deemed to have received this letter as of the date on which this notice is published in the **Federal Register**. For good cause shown, the Department of Commerce can, at its discretion, grant a thirty-day extension for a response.

If the certificate holder decides to respond, it must specifically address the Department's statement in the notification letter that it has failed to file an annual report. It should state in detail why the facts, conduct, or circumstances described in the notification letter are not true, or if they are, why they do not warrant revoking the certificate. If the certificate holder does not respond within the specified period, it will be considered an admission of the statements contained in the notification letter (§ 325.10(c)(2) of the regulations).

If the answer demonstrates that the material facts are in dispute, the Department of Commerce and the Department of Justice shall, upon request, meet informally with the certificate holder. Either Department may require the certificate holder to provide the documents or information that are necessary to support its contentions (§ 325.10(c)(3) of the regulations).

The Department shall publish a notice in the **Federal Register** of the revocation or modification or a decision not to revoke or modify (§ 325.10(c)(4) of the regulations). If there is a determination to revoke a certificate, any person aggrieved by such final decision may appeal to an appropriate U.S. district court within 30 days from the date on which the Department's final determination is published in the **Federal Register** (§§ 325.10(c)(4) and 325.11 of the regulations).

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**Morton Schnabel,**

*Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Exporters' Textile Advisory Committee; Notice of Open Meeting

A meeting of the Exporters' Textile Advisory Committee will be held on March 30, 1999. The meeting will be from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. in the Main Conference Room on the sixth floor at the office of Milliken & Company, 1045 6th Avenue, New York, New York. The Committee provides advice and guidance to Department officials on the identification and surmounting of barriers to the expansion of textile exports, and on methods of encouraging textile firms to participate in export expansion.

The Committee functions solely as an advisory body in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

The meeting will be open to the public with a limited number of seats available. For further information or copies of the minutes, contact William Dawson (202/482-5155).

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**Troy H. Cribb,**

*Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031699A]

#### Dealer and Interview Family of Form - Southeast Region

**ACTION:** Proposed collection; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before May 21, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to John Poffenberger, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149 (305-361-4263).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**I. Abstract**

The Southeast Fisheries Science Center, NMFS is proposing to implement a procedural change in the existing reporting requirements under 50 CFR 622.5. This change would implement the use of an Interactive Voice Response (IVR) system to monitor Federally-permitted dealer purchases of quota-managed species. The IVR system uses a toll-free number that the dealers would call to report summary of purchases, enabling NMFS to determine when domestic harvest limits have been reached. Reports through the IVR system would need to be submitted within three days of the end of the reporting week.

Species that would be subject to IVR reporting include king and Spanish mackerel, snowy grouper, golden tilefish, greater amberjack and red snapper. Following a review of public comments received in response to this announcement, it is planned that only king mackerel dealers will be asked to participate in the developmental stage of the implementation.

**II. Method of Collection**

Mandatory dealer reporting via interactive voice response system.

**III. Data**

*OMB Number:* 0648-0013

*Form Number:* N/A

*Type of Review:* Regular submission

*Affected Public:* Business or other for-profit (seafood dealers)

*Estimated Number of Respondents:* 452

*Estimated Time Per Response:* 8 minutes

*Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours:* 1,072

*Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public:* \$10,720

**IV. Request for Comments**

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information

is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 12, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 092898C]

**Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Construction of an Offshore Platform in the Beaufort Sea**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of an interim incidental harassment authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take small numbers of ringed seals by harassment incidental to construction of ice roads at the Northstar Development in the Beaufort Sea in state waters has been issued to BP Exploration (Alaska) Inc, 900 East Benson Boulevard, Anchorage, AK 99519 (BPXA).

**DATES:** This authorization is effective from March 15, 1999, through May 15, 1999, or until superseded by another IHA, whichever is earlier.

**ADDRESSES:** The application, authorization, and environmental assessment (EA) are available by writing to the Acting Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources,

NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225, or by telephoning one of the contacts listed here.

A copy of the 8-volume final environmental impact statement (FEIS) or any of its separate volumes may be obtained upon written request from Mr. Tim Jennings, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps), Alaska District, Regulatory Branch, P.O. Box 898, Anchorage, AK 99506-0898. The Corps requests that reviewers request only those volumes that are necessary for review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055, Brad Smith, Western Alaska Field Office, NMFS, (907) 271-5006.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses and that the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking are set forth.

On April 10, 1996 (61 FR 15884), NMFS published an interim rule establishing, among other things, procedures for issuing IHAs under section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA for activities in Arctic waters. For additional information on the procedures to be followed for this authorization, please refer to that document.

**Summary of Request**

On August 14, 1998, NMFS received an application from BPXA requesting a 1-year authorization for the harassment of small numbers of several species of marine mammals incidental to construction of the Northstar development in the Alaskan Beaufort Sea. While a brief description of the