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## Rural Housing Service

### Housing Preservation Grants

**AGENCY:** Rural Housing Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Rural Housing Service (RHS) announces that it is soliciting competitive applications under its Housing Preservation Grant (HPG) program. The HPG program is a grant program which provides qualified public agencies, private nonprofit organizations, and other eligible entities grant funds to assist very low- and low-income homeowners repair and rehabilitate their homes in rural areas, and to assist rental property owners and cooperative housing complexes repair and rehabilitate their units if they agree to make such units available to low- and very low-income persons. This action is taken to comply with Agency regulations found in 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N, which requires the Agency to announce the opening and closing dates for receipt of preapplications for HPG funds from eligible applicants. The intended effect of this Notice is to provide eligible organizations notice of these dates.

**DATES:** RHS hereby announces that it will begin receiving preapplications on January 2, 1996. The closing date for acceptance by RHS of preapplications is April 1, 1996.

This period will be the only time during the current fiscal year that RHS accepts preapplications. Preapplications must be received by or postmarked on or before this date.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit preapplications to Rural Economic and Community Development (RECD) servicing offices for the HPG program; applicants must contact their RECD State Office for this information.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sue M. Harris-Green, Senior Loan Officer, Multi-Family Housing Processing Division, RHS, USDA, Room 5337, South Agriculture Building, Washington, DC 20250, telephone (202) 720-1606. (This is not a toll free number.)

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** 7 CFR part 1944, subpart N provides details on

what information must be contained in the preapplication package. Entities wishing to apply for assistance should contact the RECD State Office to receive further information and copies of the preapplication package. Eligible entities for these competitively awarded grants include State and local governments, nonprofit corporations, Federally recognized Indian Tribes, and consortia of eligible entities.

This program is listed in the Catalog of Federal Domestic assistance under No. 10.433, Housing Preservation Grants. This program is subject to the provisions of Executive Order 12372 which requires intergovernmental consultation with State and local officials (7 CFR part 3015, subpart V; 48 FR 29115, June 24, 1983). Applicants are also referred to 7 CFR part 1944, sections 1944.674 and 1944.676 (d) and (e) for specific guidance on these requirements relative to the HPG program.

The funding instrument for the HPG program will be a grant agreement. The term of the grant can vary from 1 to 2 years, depending on available funds and demand. No maximum or minimum grant levels have been set, although based on fiscal year (FY) 1996 fund availability, the Agency anticipates that the average grant will be \$75,000 for a 1-year proposal. For FY 96, \$11 million is available and has been distributed under a formula allocation to States pursuant to 7 CFR part 1940, subpart L, "Methodology and Formulas for Allocation of Loan and Grant Funds."

Decisions on funding will be based on the preapplications, and notices of action on the preapplications should be made no earlier than 66 days prior to the closing date.

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Maureen Kennedy,

*Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Action Affecting Export Privileges; James L. Stephens

In the matter of: James L. Stephens, President, Weisser's Sporting Goods, 1018 National City Boulevard, National City, California 92050, with an address at 16208 Orchard Bend Road, Poway, California 92064, Respondent.

Order

The Office of Export Enforcement,  
Bureau of Export Administration,

United States Department of Commerce (hereinafter, the "Department", having notified James L. Stephens, in his capacity as president of Weisser's Sporting Goods (hereinafter, "Stephens"), of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against him pursuant to Section 13(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C.A. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1991 & Supp. 1995)) (hereinafter, the "Act"),<sup>1</sup> and Part 788 of the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 CFR Parts 768-799 (1995)) (hereinafter, the "Regulations"),<sup>2</sup> based on allegations that:

1. Between mid-1990 and early 1992, Stephens conspired with Karl Cording, individually and doing business as A. Rosenthal (PTY) Ltd., Windhoek, Namibia, with offices in Linden, South Africa and Cape Town, South Africa, and Ian Ace, manager of A. Rosenthal, Cape Town, South Africa, to export U.S.-origin shotguns, from the United States to Namibia and South Africa, without applying for and obtaining from the Department the validated export licenses that the Stephens knew were required by Section 772.1(b) of the Regulations, in violation of Section 787.3(b) of the Regulations;

2. In furtherance of the conspiracy described above, on two separate occasions on or about November 27, 1990, Stephens exported U.S.-origin shotguns, from the United States to Namibia and South Africa, without obtaining from the Department the validated export licenses Stephens knew or had reason to know were required by Section 772.1(b) of the Regulations, in violation of Sections 787.4(a) and 787.6 of the Regulations; and

3. In furtherance of the conspiracy described above, on two separate occasions on or about November 27, 1990, Stephens made false or misleading representations of material fact to a U.S. agency in connection with the preparation, submission, or use of export control documents, in violation of Section 787.5(a) of the Regulations; and

<sup>1</sup> The Act expired on August 20, 1994. Executive Order 12924 (59 FR 43437, August 23, 1994) continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.A. §§ 1701-1706 (1991 & Supp. 1994)) (hereinafter "IEEPA"). Executive Order 12924 was extended by Presidential Notice of August 15, 1995 (60 FR 42767, August 17, 1995).

<sup>2</sup> The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 1990 version of the Code of Federal Regulations. Those Regulations are codified at 15 CFR Parts 768-799 (1990). Between October 1, 1990 and March 27, 1993, the Regulations were continued in effect by Executive Order No. 12730 (55 FR 40373, October 2, 1990), issued pursuant to IEEPA.