

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: W. Dawn Busby, 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. An original and five (5) copies 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). Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 85-6A018."

U.S. Shippers Association's ("USSA") original Certificate was issued on June 3, 1986 (51 FR 20873, June 9, 1986), and previously amended on January 16, 1990 (55 FR 2543, January 25, 1990); November 13, 1990 (55 FR 48664,

November 21, 1990); September 22, 1993 (58 FR 51061, September 30, 1993); and on June 28, 1994 (59 FR 34411, July 5, 1994). A summary of the application for an amendment follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: U.S. Shippers Association ("USSA"), 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

Contact: Andrew J. Shapiro, Counsel, Telephone: (202) 662-5447.

Application No.: 85-6A018.

Date Deemed Submitted: January 10, 1997.

Proposed Amendment

USSA seeks to amend its Certificate to add the following companies as new "Members" of the Certificate within the meaning of Section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 C.F.R. 325.2(1)): NOVA Chemicals Inc., Monaca, PA (Controlling Entity: NOVA Corporation, Calgary, Alberta, Canada); Pecten Chemicals Inc., Houston, TX (Controlling Entity: Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, The Hague, The Netherlands); and Phillips Petroleum Company, Bartlesville, OK.

Dated: January 11, 1997.

W. Dawn Busby,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Continuation of Fire Research Grants Program; Availability of Funds

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The purpose of this notice is to inform potential applicants that the Fire Research Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, is continuing its Fire Research Grants Program.

DATES: Proposals must be received no later than the close of business September 30, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must submit one signed original and two (2) copies of the proposal along with the Application for Federal Assistance, Standard Form 424, (Rev. 4-92), as referenced under the provisions of OMB Circular A-110 to: Building and Fire Research Laboratory (BFRL), Attention: Sonya Parham, Building 226, Room B206

National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Technical questions concerning the NIST Fire Research Grants Program should be directed to Sonya Parham, (301) 975-6854. Administrative questions concerning the NIST Fire Research Grants Program may be directed to the NIST Grants Office at (301) 975-6329. Additional information can be found in the Extramural Fire Research Program: Program Announcement and Preparation Guide. Copies may be downloaded from the BFRL web site (<http://www.bfrl.nist.gov>) or obtained from Sonya Parham at the above address.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Name and Number: Measurement and Engineering Research and Standards; 11.609.

Authority: As authorized by section 16 of the Act of March 3, 1901, as amended (15 U.S.C. 278f), the NIST Building and Fire Research Laboratory conducts directly and through grants and cooperative agreements, a basic and applied fire research program. The annual budget for the Fire Research Grants Program is approximately \$1.4 million. Because of commitments for the support of multi-year programs, only a portion of the budget is available to initiate new programs in any one year. Most grants and cooperative agreements are in the \$10,000 to \$100,000 per year range. The Fire Research Program is limited to innovative ideas generated by the proposal writer, who chooses the topic and approach. The issuance of awards is contingent upon the availability of funding.

All grants proposals submitted must be in accordance with the programs and objectives listed below.

Program Objectives**A. Fire Modeling and Applications**

To perform research, develop, and demonstrate the application of analytical models for the quantitative prediction of the consequences of fires and the means to assess the accuracy of those models. This includes: develop methods to assess fire hazard and risk; create advanced, usable models for the calculation of the effluent from building fires; model the ignition and burning of furniture, contents, and building elements such as walls; develop methods of evaluating and predicting the performance of building safety design features; develop a protocol for determining the accuracy of algorithms and comprehensive models; develop data bases to facilitate use of fire models, and develop methodologies to acquire, model, and display fire information.