

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

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such a person had any interest at the time of conviction may be revoked.

Pursuant to Sections 766.25 and 750.8(a) of the Regulations, upon notification that a person has been convicted of violating IEEPA, the Director, Office of Exporter Services, in consultation with the Director, Office of Export Enforcement, shall determine whether to deny that person permission to apply for or use any license, including any License Exception, issued pursuant to, or provided by, the Act and the Regulations, and shall also determine whether to revoke any license previously issued to such a person.

Having received notice of Tex-Co's conviction for violating IEEPA and following consultations with the Acting Director, Office of Export Enforcement, I have decided to deny Tex-Co permission to apply for or use any license, including any License Exception, issued pursuant to, or provided by, the Act and the Regulations, for a period of 10 years from the date of its conviction. The 10-year period ends on June 24, 2006. I have also decided to revoke all licenses issued pursuant to the Act in which Tex-Co had an interest at the time of its conviction.

Accordingly, it is hereby *Ordered* I. Until June 24, 2006, Tex-Co International, Inc., 8989 Westheimer Road, Suite 216, Houston, Texas 77063, may not, directly or indirectly, participate in any way, in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as "item") exported or to be exported from the United States, that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations, including but not limited to:

A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, License Exception, or export control document;

B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, selling, delivering, storing, disposing of, forwarding, transporting, financing, or otherwise servicing in any way, any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations; or

C. Benefiting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations.

II. No person may directly or indirectly, do any of the following:

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

*Agency:* National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

*Title:* Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Application.

*Agency Form Number:* None assigned.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0693-0006.

*Type of Request:* Reinstatement of a previously approved collection.

*Burden:* 10,000 hours.

*Avg Hours Per Response:* 100.

*Number of Respondents:* 100.

*Needs and Uses:* The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Improvement Act of 1987 established an annual quality award either presented by the President or the Secretary of Commerce. Applications for the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award submit an eligibility application, and if declared eligible, an application package. NIST uses the information provided to assess and make selections for this Award.

*Affected Public:* Businesses or other for-profit organizations and not-for-profit institutions.

*Frequency:* Award applications are accepted on an annual basis.

*Respondent's Obligation:* The voluntary application must be submitted in order to be considered for the Award.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Virginia Huth, (202) 395-6929.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication to Virginia Huth, OMB Desk Officer, Room

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Export Administration

#### Action Affecting Export Privileges; Tex-Co International, Inc.; Order Denying Permission to Apply for or Use Export Licenses

On June 24, 1996, Tex-Co International, Inc. (Tex-Co) was convicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division, of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.A. §§ 1701-1706 (1991 & Supp. 1997)) (IEEPA). Tex-Co was convicted of knowingly and willfully exporting, and causing to be exported, various items of oil field equipment to an intermediary for ultimate delivery to Umm Al-Jawaby Oil Service Company, Ltd., a specially designated national of the government of Libya, located in London, United Kingdom, without the written authorization of the United States Government.

Section 11(h) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C.A. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1991 & Supp. 1997)) (the Act),<sup>1</sup> provides that, at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce,<sup>2</sup> no person convicted of violating IEEPA, or certain other provisions of the United States Code, shall be eligible to apply for or use any license, including any License Exception, issued pursuant to, or provided by, the Act or the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (1997)) (the Regulations), for a period of up to 10 years from the date of the conviction. In addition, any license issued pursuant to the Act in which

<sup>1</sup> The Act expired on August 20, 1994. Executive Order 12924 (3 C.F.R., 1994 Comp. 917 (1995)), extended by Presidential Notices of August 15, 1995 (3 C.F.R., 1995 Comp. 501 (1996)) and August 14, 1996 (3 C.F.R., 1996 comp. 298 (1997)), continued the Export Administration Regulations in effect under the IEEPA.

<sup>2</sup> Pursuant to appropriate delegations of authority, the Director, Office of Exporter Services, in consultation with the Director, Office of Export Enforcement, exercises the authority granted to the Secretary by Section 11(h) of the Act.