

Ukraine, and Venezuela are causing material injury, or threatening to cause material injury, to a U.S. industry. A negative ITC determination for any country will result in the investigation being terminated with respect to that country; otherwise, these investigations will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: July 18, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Application to Amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review.

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 (“Certificate”). This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the 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) or E-mail at oetca@ita.doc.gov.

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. An Export Trade 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 Export Trading Company Act of 1982 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 (5) copies, plus two (2) 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 1104H, Washington, D.C. 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 84-11A12.”

Northwest Fruit Exporters’ (“NFE”) original Certificate was issued on June 11, 1984 (49 FR 24581, June 14, 1984) and previously amended on May 2, 1988 (53 FR 16306, May 6, 1988); September 21, 1988 (53 FR 37628, September 27, 1988); September 20, 1989 (54 FR 39454, September 26, 1989); November 19, 1992 (57 FR 55510, November 25, 1992); August 16, 1994 (59 FR 43093, August 22, 1994); November 4, 1996 (61 FR 57850, November 8, 1996); October 22, 1997 (62 FR 55783, October 28, 1997); November 2, 1998 (63 FR 60304, November 9, 1998); and October 20, 1999 (64 FR 57438, October 25, 1999). A summary of the application for an amendment follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: Northwest Fruit Exporters, 105 South 18th Street, Suite 227, Yakima, Washington 98901.

Contact: James R. Archer, Manager, Telephone: (509) 576-8004.

Application No.: 84-11A12.

Date Deemed Submitted: July 18, 2000.

Proposed Amendment: Northwest Fruit Exporters seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add each of the following companies as a new “Member” of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): Apple Country, Inc., Wapato, Washington; Cashmere Fruit Exchange, Cashmere, Washington; Dole Northwest, Wenatchee, Washington; IM EX Trading Company, Yakima,

Washington; Inland—Joseph Fruit Company, Wapato, Washington; (controlling entity: Inland Fruit & Produce Co., Inc.); PAC Marketing International, LLC, Yakima, Washington; Sage Marketing LLC, Yakima, Washington (controlling entities: Olympic Fruit, Columbia Reach and Valley Fruit); Voelker Fruit & Cold Storage, Inc., Yakima, Washington; and Washington Export, LLC, Yakima, Washington;

2. Delete the following companies as “Members” of the Certificate: Crandell Fruit Company, Wenatchee, Washington; George F. Joseph Orchard, Yakima, Washington; Gwin, White & Prince, Inc., Wenatchee, Washington; H & H Orchards Packing, Inc., Malaga, Washington; Inland Fruit & Produce Co., Wapato, Washington; Johnny Appleseed of WA/CRO Fruit Co., Wenatchee, Washington, Majestic Valley Produce, Wenatchee, Washington; and Valicoff Fruit Company, Inc., Wapato, Washington; and

3. Change the listing of the company name for the current Member “Blue Bird, Inc.” to the new listing “Washington Cherry Growers”.

Dated: July 19, 2000.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcing a Workshop on Modes of Operation for Symmetric Key Block Cipher Algorithms

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Doc.

ACTION: Notice of public workshop; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces a workshop to discuss modes of operation for the protection of data using a symmetric key block cipher algorithm. The results of this workshop will be used by NIST in development of a draft modes of operation standard for symmetric key block cipher algorithms. Comments and papers are encouraged prior to the workshop to propose, define, and justify any modes that are appropriate for NIST to include in such a standard. These comments and papers should be addressed to EncryptionModes@nist.gov.

DATES: The Modes of Operation workshop will be held on Friday, October 20, 2000, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

To provide for sufficient time to prepare the agenda for the modes to be discussed at the workshop, comments are due by October 1, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held at the Baltimore Convention Center in Baltimore, Maryland. Details regarding workshop registration can be found at: <http://www.nist.gov/modes>.

Comments regarding proposed modes of operation may be sent to: EncryptionModes@nist.gov or to Elaine Barker, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930, USA.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: The Symmetric Key Block Cipher Modes of Operation home page (<http://www.nist.gov/modes>) may be used to access information regarding the modes of operation workshop, registration and lodging information.

Questions may also be addressed to: 1) Elaine Barker at (301) 975-2911 (Email: ebarker@nist.gov) or Bill Burr at (301) 975-2914 (Email: william.burr@nist.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In 1997, NIST began the development of the Advanced Encryption Standard (AES) to specify a symmetric key block cipher algorithm that would provide confidentiality for sensitive (unclassified) data. As the AES development process nears its conclusion, the specific modes of operation for its use need to be addressed. In 1980, Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) 81, *DES Modes of Operation*, defined four encryption modes for the Data Encryption Standard (DES). The four modes are the Electronic Codebook (ECB) mode, the Cipher Block Chaining (CBC) mode, the Cipher Feedback (CFB) mode, and the Output Feedback (OFB) mode. Each mode of FIPS 81 specifies a different way to use the DES block encryption algorithm to encrypt and decrypt data, with somewhat different security and operational characteristics, and each is best suited to different applications. Cryptographic system designers or security application designers need to select one or more of the modes when using the DES symmetric key block cipher algorithm in a cryptographic system or security application. However, FIPS 81 was written to be specific to DES and its key and block size. A new standard is needed that will address other symmetric key block cipher algorithms (e.g., AES). The workshop will provide

NIST with useful input as the standard is drafted.

It is NIST's intention that the planned standard be independent of specific key or block sizes of particular encryption algorithms and that the standard include the four modes specified in FIPS 81, plus other modes needed for current applications and technology. During the development of the AES, NIST received comments suggesting that additional modes should be included in a Modes of Operation standard, and that the development of a new modes standard should be carefully considered by the cryptographic community. To this end, the workshop will discuss appropriate secure modes that participants believe NIST should consider for the standard. Comments are requested prior to the workshop on any recommended modes so as to facilitate discussion of specific proposals at the workshop. Following the workshop, NIST intends to prepare a draft standard that will be made available for public review and comment.

Advance registration and a workshop fee is required for workshop attendance. Details of the workshop may be obtained at <http://www.nist.gov/modes>. Note that this workshop follows the National Information Systems Security Conference (NISSC) held in Baltimore, Maryland from October 16-19, 2000.

NIST solicits comments from interested parties, including industry, academia, voluntary standards organizations, the public, Federal agencies, and State and local governments concerning the Modes of Operation Standard issues and techniques for discussion at the workshop.

Authority: NIST's activities to develop computer security standards to protect Federal sensitive (unclassified) systems are undertaken pursuant to specific responsibilities assigned to NIST in Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106), the Computer Security of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-235), and Appendix III to Office of Management and Budget Circular A-130.

Dated: July 18, 2000.

Karen H. Brown,
Deputy Director, NIST.
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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Denial of Participation in the Special Access Program

July 19, 2000.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs suspending participation in the Special Access Program.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lori E. Mennitt, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-3400.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA) has determined that Top Kid's, Inc. has violated the requirements for participation in the Special Access Program, and has suspended Top Kid's, Inc. from participation in the Program for the period August 1, 2000 through January 31, 2002.

Through the letter to the Commissioner of Customs published below, CITA directs the Commissioner to prohibit entry of products under the Special Access Program by or on behalf of Top Kid's, Inc. during the period August 1, 2000 through January 31, 2002, and to prohibit entry by or on behalf of Top Kid's, Inc. under the Program of products manufactured from fabric exported from the United States during that period.

Requirements for participation in the Special Access Program are available in **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 16474, published on April 3, 1998.

Richard B. Steinkamp,
Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

July 19, 2000.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: The purpose of this directive is to notify you that the Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has suspended Top Kid's, Inc. from participation in the Special Access Program for the period August 1, 2000 through January 31, 2002. You are therefore directed