SUMMARY: The U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) is denying a request for a class waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for optical eyeglass frames, product service code (PSC) 6540 (ophthalmic instruments, equipment, and supplies), under the North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) code 339115 (ophthalmic goods manufacturing) based on SBA’s discovery of one small business manufacturer. Denying this waiver will require recipients of federal contracts set aside for small businesses, service-disabled veteran-owned (SDVO) small businesses, Participants in SBA’s 8(a) Business Development (BD) Program, or Women-Owned Small Business (WOSB) concerns to provide the products of small business manufacturers or processors on such contracts, unless an individual waiver in connection with a specific contract is requested and granted.

DATES: This action is effective August 2, 2011.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 8(a)(17) of the Small Business Act (Act), 15 U.S.C. 637(a)(17), and SBA’s implementing regulations require that recipients of Federal supply contracts set aside for small businesses, SDVO small businesses, Participants in the SBA’s 8(a) BD Program, or WOSBs, provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor, if the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor of the product. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. 13 CFR 121.406(b), 125.15(c). Section 8(a)(17)(b)(iv) of the Act authorizes SBA to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for any “class of products” for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors available to participate in the Federal market.

In order to be considered available to participate in the Federal market for a class of products, a small business manufacturer must have submitted a proposal for a contract solicitation or received a contract from the Federal Government within the last 24 months. 13 CFR 121.1202(c). The SBA defines “class of products” based on the Office of Management and Budget’s NAICS. In addition, SBA uses PSCs to further identify particular products within the NAICS code to which a waiver would apply. The SBA may then identify a specific item within a PSC and NAICS to which a class waiver would apply.

The SBA received a request on February 15, 2011, to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for optical eyeglass frames, PSC 6540 (ophthalmic instruments, equipment, and supplies), under NAICS code 339115 (ophthalmic goods manufacturing). In response, on April 27, 2011, SBA published in the Federal Register a notice of intent to waive the Nonmanufacturer Rule for optical eyeglass frames (76 FR 10106). SBA explained in the notice that it was soliciting comments and sources of small business manufacturers of this class of products. In response to the April 27, 2011 notice, SBA received comments from a small business manufacturer indicating that it has furnished this product to the Federal government. Accordingly, based on the available information, SBA has determined that there are one or more small business manufacturers of this class of products, and, is therefore denying the class waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule for optical eyeglass frames, PSC 6540 (ophthalmic instruments, equipment, and supplies), under NAICS code 339115 (ophthalmic goods manufacturing).

John W. Klein,
Acting Director, Office of Government Contracting.

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published, SBA was notified by the Defense Logistics Agency, Defense Energy Support Center (DESC), Fort Belvoir, VA, that the agency has awarded prime contracts to, or received offers from, small business refiners. On August 4, 2009, SBA published a proposed Notice of Retraction of a Waiver from the Nonmanufacturer Rule for PSC 9130 (Liquid Propellants—Petroleum Base), under NAICS code 324110 (Petroleum Refineries) seeking comments on the proposed retraction of waiver. 74 FR 18584. A final Notice of Retraction of a Waiver was not published. Consequently, on June 3, 2011, SBA again issued a Federal Register notice of its intent to retract the class waiver (76 FR 13777), seeking comments on the proposed retraction.

SBA received two responses to this notice, one from a Federal agency and one from a small business nonmanufacturer. One nonmanufacturer objected to the proposed termination of the waiver. However, the nonmanufacturer did not provide evidence that small business manufacturers are not available to participate in the Federal marketplace. Instead, the nonmanufacturer indicated that if small business manufacturers are not available to participate in the Federal marketplace, then an offeror must supply the product of a nonmanufacturer. If these performance requirements cannot be satisfied, then an offeror must supply the product of a small business manufacturer. Therefore, SBA is retracting the Nonmanufacturer Rule class waiver previously granted for PSC 9130 (Liquid Propellants—Petroleum Base), under NAICS code 324110 (Petroleum Refineries).

John W. Klein, (Acting) Director, Office of Government Contracting.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Culturally Significant Objects Imported for Exhibition Determinations: “Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus”

[Public Notice: 7526]  
SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following determinations: Pursuant to the authority vested in me by the Act of October 19, 1965 (79 Stat. 985; 22 U.S.C. 2459), Executive Order 12047 of March 27, 1978, the Foreign Affairs Reform and Restructuring Act of 1998 (112 Stat. 2681, et seq.; 22 U.S.C. 6501 note, et seq.), Department of Authority No. 234 of October 1, 1999, Department of Authority No. 236–3 of August 28, 2000 (and, as appropriate, Delegation of Authority No. 257 of April 15, 2003), I hereby determine that the objects to be included in the exhibition “Rembrandt and the Face of Jesus,” imported from abroad for temporary exhibition within the United States, are of cultural significance. The objects are imported pursuant to loan agreements with the foreign owners or custodians. I also determine that the exhibition or display of the exhibit objects at The J. Paul Getty Museum, Los Angeles, CA, from on or about October 25, 2011, until on or about March 11, 2012; Harvard Art Museums, Cambridge, MA, from on or about March 30, 2012, until on or about June 2, 2012, and at possible additional exhibitions or venues yet to be determined, is in the national interest. I have ordered that Public Notice of these Determinations be published in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, including a list of the exhibit objects, contact Julie Simpson, Attorney-Adviser, Office of the Legal Adviser, U.S. Department of State (telephone: 202–632–4647). The mailing address is U.S. Department of State, SA–5, L/PD, Fifth Floor (Suite 5H03), Washington, DC 20522–0505.

Dated: July 12, 2011.

J. Adam Ereli,  
Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, Department of State.

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