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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 7878]

List of Participating Countries and Entities Under the Clean Diamond Trade Act of 2003

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of State is identifying all the Participating Countries and Entities eligible for trade in rough diamonds under the Clean Diamond Trade Act of 2003, and their respective Importing and Exporting Authorities, and revising the previously published list of December 31, 2008 to add Swaziland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brad Brooks-Rubin, Special Advisor for Conflict Diamonds, Bureau of Economic, Energy, and Business Affairs, Department of State (202) 647–2856.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with Sections 3 and 6 of the Clean Diamond Trade Act of 2003 (Pub. L. 108–19) and Section 2 of Executive Order 13312 of July 29, 2003 the Department of State is identifying all the Participating Countries and Entities (Hereinafter Known as “Participants”) eligible for trade in rough diamonds under the Clean Diamond Trade Act of 2003, and their respective Importing and Exporting Authorities, and revising the previously published list of December 31, 2008 (73 FR 80506) to add Swaziland.

Section 4 of the Clean Diamond Trade Act (the “Act”) requires the President to prohibit the importation into, or the exportation from, the United States of any rough diamond, from whatever source, that has not been controlled through the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme (KPCS). Under Section 3(2) of the Act, “controlled through the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme” means an importation from the territory of a Participant or exportation to the territory of a Participant of rough diamonds that is either carried out in accordance with the KPCS, as set forth in regulations promulgated by the President, or controlled under a system determined by the President to meet substantially the standards, practices, and procedures of the KPCS. The referenced regulations are contained at 31 CFR part 592 (“Rough Diamonds Control Regulations”). Section 6(b) of the Act requires the President to publish in the Federal Register a list of all Participants, and all Importing and Exporting Authorities of Participants, and to update the list as necessary. Section 2 of Executive Order 13312 delegates this function to the Secretary of State. Section 3(7) of the Act defines “Participant” as a state, customs territory, or regional economic integration organization identified by the Secretary of State. Section 3(3) of the Act defines “Exporting Authority” as one or more entities designated by a Participant into whose territory a shipment of rough diamonds is imported as having the authority to validate a Kimberley Process Certificate. Section 3(4) of the Act defines “Importing Authority” as one or more entities designated by a Participant into whose territory a shipment of rough diamonds is being exported as having the authority to enforce the laws and regulations of the Participant regarding imports, including the verification of the Kimberley Process Certificate accompanying the shipment.

List of Participants

Pursuant to Section 3 of the Act, Section 2 of Executive Order 13312, and Delegation of Authority No. 245–1 (February 13, 2009), I hereby identify the following entities as of May 26, 2011, as Participants under section 6(b) of the Act. Included in this List are the Importing and Exporting Authorities for Participants, as required by Section 6(b) of the Act. This list revises the previously published list of December 31, 2008, to add Swaziland to the list of Participants in the Kimberley Process Certification Scheme.

Angola—Ministry of Geology and Mines.
Armenia—Ministry of Trade and Economic Development.
Australia—Exporting Authority—Department of Industry, Tourism and Resources; Importing Authority—Australian Customs Service.
Bangladesh—Ministry of Commerce.
Belarus—Department of Finance.
Brazil—Ministry of Mines and Energy.
Canada—Natural Resources Canada.
China—General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine.
Democratic Republic of the Congo—Ministry of Mines.

Republic of Congo—Ministry of Mines.
Croatia—Ministry of Economy.
Ghana—Precious Minerals and Marketing Company Ltd.
Guinea—Ministry of Mines and Geology.
Guyana—Geology and Mines Commission.
India—The Gem and Jewelry Export Promotion Council.
Indonesia—Directorate General of Foreign Trade of the Ministry of Trade.
Israel—The Diamond Controller.
Japan—Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.
Laos—Ministry of Finance.
Lebanon—Ministry of Economy and Trade.
Lesotho—Commissioner of Mines and Geology.
Malaysia—Ministry of International Trade and Industry.
Mauritius—Ministry of Commerce.
Namibia—Ministry of Mines and Energy.
Mexico—Economic Secretariat.
New Zealand—Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade.
Norway—The Norwegian Goldsmiths’ Association.
Russia—Gokhran, Ministry of Finance.
Sierra Leone—Government Gold and Diamond Office.
Singapore—Singapore Customs.
South Africa—South African Diamond Board.
Sri Lanka—National Gem and Jewellery Authority.
Swaziland—Office of the Commissioner of Mines.
Switzerland—State Secretariat for Economic Affairs.
Chinese Taipei—Bureau of Foreign Trade.
Tanzania—Commissioner for Minerals.
Thailand—Ministry of Commerce.
Togo—Ministry of Mines and Geology.
Turkey—Istanbul Gold Exchange.
Ukraine—State Geological Centre of Ukraine.
United Arab Emirates—Dubai Metals and Commodities Center.
United States of America—Importing Authority—United States Bureau of Customs and Border Protection; Exporting Authority—Bureau of the Census.
Vietnam—Ministry of Trade.
Zimbabwe—Ministry of Mines and Mining Development.

This notice shall be published in the Federal Register.
DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice: 7879]

Shipping Coordinating Committee;
Notice of Committee Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 10:00 a.m. on Thursday, May 31st, 2012, in Room 1200 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593–7126. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the sixty-second Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Technical Co-operation Committee (TCC 62) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom from June 6 to June 8, 2012 and the one hundred and eighth Session of the IMO Council Session (C 108) to be held at the IMO Headquarters, United Kingdom, from June 11 to June 14, 2012.

The agenda items to be discussed include:

Sixty-Second Session of the Technical Co-Operation Committee
—Adoption of the agenda
—Work of other bodies and organizations
—Sustainable financing of the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme
—Linkage between the Integrated Technical Co-operation Programme and the Millennium Development Goals
—Partnerships for progress
—Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme
—Integration of women in the maritime sector
—Global maritime training institutions
—Application of the Committee’s Guidelines
—Work Programme
—Any other business
—Election of the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman for 2013
—Consideration of the report of the Committee on its sixty-second session

One Hundred and Eighth Session of Council
—Adoption of the agenda
—Report of the Secretary-General on credentials
—Strategy, planning and reform
—Periodic review of administrative requirements in mandatory IMO instruments
—Resource Management
—Human resource matters, including amendments to the Staff Regulations ending 31 December 2011
—Accounts and audit: Final accounts for the financial period ending 31 December 2011
—Report on investments
—Report on arrears of contributions and of advances to the Working Capital Fund and on the implementation of Article 61 of the IMO Convention
—Budget considerations for 2012 and 2013
—Development of a long-term plan for the future financial sustainability of the Organization
—Voluntary IMO Member State Audit Scheme
—Consideration of the report of the Marine Environment Protection Committee
—Consideration of the report of the Legal Committee
—Consideration of the report of the Maritime Safety Committee
—Consideration of the report of the Technical Co-operation Committee
—World Maritime University
—Report of the Board of Governors
—Budget
—Financial sustainability
—Appointment of the Chancellor
—IMO International Maritime Law Institute:
—Report of the Board of Governors
—Budget
—Preliminary review of the IMLI Statute
—Appointment of the Chairman of the Governing Board
—Protection of vital shipping lanes
—External relations:
—Relations with the United Nations and the specialized agencies
—Joint Inspection Unit
—Relations with intergovernmental organizations
—Relations with non-governmental organizations
—World Maritime Day
—International Maritime Prize
—IMO Award for Exceptional Bravery at Sea
—Report on the status of the Convention and membership of the Organization
—Report on the status of conventions and other multilateral instruments in respect of which the Organization performs functions
—Place, date and duration of the next session of the Council
—Supplementary agenda items, if any
—Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. To facilitate the building security process, those who plan to attend should contact the meeting coordinator: LCDR Matthew Frazee by email at matthew.p.frazee@uscg.mil by phone at (202) 372–1376 or in writing at Commandant (CG–52), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 2nd Street SW., STOP 7126, Room 1200, Washington, DC 20593–7126 not later than 72 hours before the meeting. Please note that due to security considerations, two valid, government issued photo identifications must be presented to gain entrance to the Headquarters building. The Headquarters building is accessible by taxi and privately owned conveyance (public transportation is not generally available).

However, parking in the vicinity of the building is extremely limited. Additional information regarding this and other IMO SHC public meetings may be found at: www.uscg.mil/imo.


Brian Robinson,
Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits Filed Under Subpart B (Formerly Subpart Q) During the Week Ending April 7, 2012

The following Applications for Certificates of Public Convenience and Necessity and Foreign Air Carrier Permits were filed under Subpart B (formerly Subpart Q) of the Department of Transportation’s Procedural Regulations (See 14 CFR 301.201 et. seq.). The due date for Answers, Conforming Applications, or Motions to Modify Scope are set forth below for each application. Following the Answer period DOT may process the application by expedited procedures. Such procedures may consist of the adoption of a show-cause order, a tentative order, or in appropriate cases a final order without further proceedings.


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