DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives

[Docket No. ATF 2018R–02]

International Trade Data System Test—Cessation of Voluntary Export Pilot Project

AGENCY: Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives, Department of Justice.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives (ATF) announces cessation of its voluntary participation in a U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) pilot test of the International Trade Data System (ITDS) for processing import and export-related ATF forms and data using the Partner Government Agency (PGA) Message Set and the Automated Commercial Environment (ACE). The Border Interagency Executive Counsel (which oversees ITDS implementation) requires each agency to announce the start and cessation of the required pilots. ATF’s participation for the imports and exports requirements were done separately with the imports pilot being completed in 2015. See 81 FR 60022 (August 31, 2016). This notice now concludes ATF participation in the pilot for the exportation requirements. While this notice announces the cessation of the pilot program, CBP has not yet announced the date that filing entries in ACE will be mandatory. The pilot test allowed participating exporters to submit ATF Form 9, Application and Permit for Permanent Exportation of Firearms (Form 9), and additional information to CBP electronically to obtain CBP certification of exportation. During the pilot, CBP validated that information and electronically transmitted export information to ATF to satisfy CBP’s certification requirements.

DATES: This notice is effective on the date of publication in the Federal Register.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: National Firearms Act, Industry Processing Branch Chief, 244 Needy Road, Martinsburg, WV, 25045, 304–616–4500, IPB@atf.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: ATF participated in a voluntary CBP pilot test of the ITDS involving the use of the PGA Message Set and ACE. See 81 FR 70441 (October 12, 2016). The pilot allowed exporters to submit required data to CBP through ACE for the purposes of obtaining CBP release and receipt. CBP validated that information electronically, and transmitted entry and release information to ATF to satisfy certification requirements. More than a dozen agencies participated in various pilots all of which are at different stages of testing and implementation.

In compliance with Executive Order 13659, Streamlining the Export/Import Process for America’s Businesses (79 FR 10657, Feb. 25, 2014), ATF joined CBP’s pilot test and encouraged voluntary participation of U.S. exporters of National Firearms Act (NFA) firearms, as defined under title 26, United States Code (U.S.C.), section 5845(a)). The NFA (and the implementing regulations in title 27, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), part 479, require any person desiring to export a firearm without payment of transfer tax to apply for a permit (ATF Form 9). See 26 U.S.C. 5854; 27 CFR 479.114. The approval provides for deferment of tax liability. In accordance with Federal regulation, the exporter would furnish ATF evidence of the exportation of the firearm(s) within a six-month period of the date of issuance of the permit to relieve the tax liability. See 27 CFR 479.115. After the merchandise is exported, CBP would execute the certificate of exportation (Part 3 of Form 9) and send a copy of the executed certificate to ATF. See 27 CFR 479.117. This pilot program allowed CBP to transmit the certificate to ATF electronically, with the exporter continuing to apply on Form 9 for the permit.

According to CBP, the pilot program was completed in 2016. In consideration of the termination of the pilot program, CBP has determined these reviews are extraordinarily complicated and therefore has determined to exercise its authority to extend the review period by up to 90 days pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1675(c)(5)(B).

Authority: These reviews are being conducted under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.62 of the Commission’s rules.

By order of the Commission.

Issued: May 12, 2020.

Lisa Barton,
Secretary to the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Drug Enforcement Administration

[Docket No. DEA–610]

Bulk Manufacturer of Controlled Substances Application: SpecGx LLC

ACTION: Notice of application.

DATES: Registered bulk manufacturers of the affected basic class(es), and applicants therefore, may file written comments on or objections to the issuance of the proposed registration on or before July 17, 2025.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to: Drug Enforcement Administration (DEA), Attention: DEA Federal Register Representative/DPW, 8701 Morrissette Drive, Springfield, Virginia 22152.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with 21 CFR 1301.33(a), this is notice that on January 29, 2020, SpecGx LLC, 3600 North Second Street, Saint Louis, Missouri 63147–3457 applied to be registered as a bulk manufacturer of the following basic class(es) of controlled substances:

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