

III. Date of Effectiveness of the Proposed Rule Change and Timing for Commission Action

The foregoing rule change has become effective pursuant to Section 19(b)(3)(A)(ii) of the Act⁹ and subparagraph (f)(2) of Rule 19b-4 thereunder¹⁰ because it establishes or changes a due, fee, or other charge imposed by the Exchange. At any time within 60 days after the filing of the proposed rule change, the Commission may summarily abrogate the rule change if it appears to the Commission that such action is necessary or appropriate in the public interest, for the protection of investors, or otherwise in furtherance of the purposes of the Act.

IV. Solicitation of Comments

Interested persons are invited to submit written data, views, and arguments concerning the foregoing, including whether the proposed rule change is consistent with the Act. Persons making written submissions should file six copies thereof with the Secretary, Securities and Exchange Commission, 450 Fifth Street, NW., Washington, DC 20549-0609. Comments may also be submitted electronically at the following e-mail address: *rule-comments@sec.gov*. All comment letters should refer to File No. SR-PCX-2003-69. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review your comments more efficiently, comments should be sent in hard copy or by e-mail but not by both methods. Copies of the submission, all subsequent amendments, all written statements with respect to the proposed rule change that are filed with the Commission, and all written communications relating to the proposed rule change between the Commission and any person, other than those that may be withheld from the public in accordance with the provisions of 5 U.S.C. 552, will be available for inspection and copying in the Commission's Public Reference Room. Copies of such filing will also be available for inspection and copying at the principal office of the PCX. All submissions should refer to File No. SR-PCX-2003-69 and should be submitted by January 20, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.¹¹

Jill M. Peterson,

Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4577]

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs: Directorate of Defense Trade Controls; Notifications to the Congress of Proposed Commercial Export Licenses

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Department of State has forwarded the attached Notifications of Proposed Export Licenses to the Congress on the dates shown on the attachments pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) and in compliance with section 36(f) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2776).

EFFECTIVE DATE: As shown on each of the twenty-three letters.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Peter J. Berry, Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls Licensing, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State (202 663-2700).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 36(f) of the Arms Export Control Act mandates that notifications to the Congress pursuant to sections 36(c) and 36(d) must be published in the **Federal Register** when they are transmitted to Congress or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Dated: November 17, 2003.

Terry L. Davis,

Acting Director, Office of Defense Trade Controls Licensing, Directorate of Defense Trade Controls, Bureau of Political-Military Affairs, Department of State.

October 31, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c)&(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing agreement of the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical data and defense services to the Republic of Korea for full-scale production of the T-50 fighter/trainer aircraft for end use by the Republic of Korea Government.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 118-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 3, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to Australia of technical data and defense services for the design and manufacture of the 382J/C-130J Composite Center and Outer Wing Flaps for use by the Australian Department of National Defence.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 104-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 4, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles that are firearms controlled under category I of the United States Munitions List sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to Belgium of bolt-action, lever-action, semi-automatic sporting rifles, and semi-automatic pistols for distribution to the following commercial markets: Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Ireland, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Iceland, Italy, Luxembourg, The Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland and the United Kingdom.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having

⁹ 15 U.S.C. 78s(b)(3)(A)(ii).

¹⁰ 17 CFR 240.19b-4(f)(2).

¹¹ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).

taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 103-03
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of
the House of Representatives.

November 7, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the design, development and manufacture in the United Kingdom of the Nuclear-Biological-Chemical Improved Protective Mask for use by the U. S. Special Operations Command.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 108-03
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of
the House of Representatives.

November 7, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical data and defense services to the Czech Republic to support the manufacture of turbine engine parts for use on multiple military aircraft and ground vehicles.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 114-03
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of
the House of Representatives.

November 14, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker:

Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles and to provide defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves providing technical support and exporting defense articles to the United Kingdom for the purpose of upgrading the United Kingdom's Defence Intelligence and Electronic Warfare (IEW) capability in the Soothsayer Programme.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 112-03
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of
the House of Representatives.

November 14, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of classified and unclassified technical data and assistance to NEC Corporation and NEC Network and Sensor Systems Ltd. of Japan, necessary to integrate the TOW Missile System on the Japanese AH-1S Cobra helicopters for end-use by the Japan Defense Agency.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 120-03
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of

the House of Representatives.

November 17, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense services, technical data and defense articles to Israel to support the manufacture and maintenance of the Modular Azimuth Positioning Land Navigation Systems for end-use in Israel, Canada, Turkey, Sweden, Denmark, Australia, Belgium, Japan, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Finland, Greece, Spain, Portugal, Norway, India, Singapore, and the United States.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 115-03
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of
the House of Representatives.

November 19, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of classified and unclassified technical data and assistance to the United Kingdom for the JAVELIN Light Forces Anti-Tank Guided Weapons System for end-use by the United Kingdom Ministry of Defence and the United States Government.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.
Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 092-03
The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of
the House of Representatives.

November 19, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification concerns exports of technical data and defense services for sale, delivery, and support of fifty-seven Pratt & Whitney F100-PW-229 engines for the F-16I aircraft for the government of Israel.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 119-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 20, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of classified and unclassified technical data and defense services to Saudi Arabia to support Patriot and Hawk Air Defense Systems for end-use by the Government of Saudi Arabia.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 097-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 21, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of two proposed licenses for the export of defense articles that are firearms controlled under category I of the United States Munitions List sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of 840 M16,

5.56MM caliber semi-auto/full auto rifles and associated equipment to the Ministry of Interior of the United Arab Emirates.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. 105-03 DDTC

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 21, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) and (d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of two proposed manufacturing license agreements for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad and the export of defense articles or defense services in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of defense services, technical data and defense articles to Italy and Belgium to support the manufacture of NATO E-3A AWACS Group B communication systems in support of the NATO Mid-Term Modernisation Programme.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 106-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 21, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of two proposed licenses for the export of defense articles that are firearms controlled under category I of the United States Munitions List sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$1,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of 1,800 M4, 5.56MM caliber semi-auto/full auto carbines, 20 M203 grenade launchers, 40 infrared laser aiming devices and associated equipment to the government of Greece.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military,

economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 107-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 21, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the manufacture in Turkey of the LN-93 Inertial Navigation Unit for use on the Turkish Air Force F-16.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 109-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 21, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to South Korea and Germany of technical data, defense services and hardware for the integration of the Korean Electro-Optical Tracking System into the Korean Flying Tiger Vehicles for end-use by the Republic of Korea Army.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,
Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 110-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 21, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to the United Kingdom of technical data and defense services for design, development, analysis, integration and testing of the Joint Strike Fighter weapon system.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 113-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 21, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the manufacture of the AN/ARC-182(V) VHF/UHF AM FM Radio Sets for the end use by the Japanese Government.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 116-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 21, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(d) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed manufacturing license agreement

for the manufacture of significant military equipment abroad.

The transaction described in the attached certification involves the transfer of technical data, assistance and manufacturing know-how to Canada for the manufacture of Infrared Detectors for the Paveway II, III, IV and the Enhanced Paveway II and III Weapon System for end-use in the United States.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 121-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 21, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export of technical data and defense services related to the Rolling Airframe Missile (RAM) MK 31 Guided Missile Weapon System (GMWS) for the KDX-II Destroyer and LPX Transport Programs for end use by the Republic of Korea Ministry of National Defense.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 122-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 21, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to the Kingdom of Saudi Arabia of spare parts and components for C-130 aircraft.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having

taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 123-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 21, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles in the amount of \$100,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export to NATO countries (United Kingdom, Germany, Spain, Turkey, and The Netherlands) of components and spare parts for UH-1H, CH-47, AB212, CH-53, MD500, UH-60, and SH-60 helicopters.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of these items having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DTC 124-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

November 21, 2003.

Dear Mr. Speaker: Pursuant to Section 36(c) of the Arms Export Control Act, I am transmitting, herewith, certification of a proposed license for the export of defense articles or defense services sold commercially under a contract in the amount of \$50,000,000 or more.

The transaction contained in the attached certification involves the export and launch of a commercial communications satellite, from Pacific/International waters.

The United States Government is prepared to license the export of this item having taken into account political, military, economic, human rights and arms control considerations.

More detailed information is contained in the formal certification which, though unclassified, contains business information submitted to the Department of State by the applicant, publication of which could cause competitive harm to the United States firm concerned.

Sincerely,

Paul V. Kelly,

Assistant Secretary, Legislative Affairs.

Enclosure: Transmittal No. DDTC 125-03

The Honorable J. Dennis Hastert, Speaker of the House of Representatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4532]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC), through the Subcommittee on Standards of Training, Certification and Watchkeeping, will conduct an open meeting at 9:30 a.m. on January 8, 2004. The meeting will be held in Room 6103 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 35th session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Standards of Training and Watchkeeping (STW), to be held on January 26-30, 2004, at the IMO Headquarters in London, England.

The primary matters to be considered include:

1. Measures to enhance maritime security, training and certification for ship, company and port facility security officers;
2. Watchkeeping at anchor;
3. Large passenger ship safety;
4. Training of crew in launching and recovery operations of fast rescue boats and the means of rescue in adverse weather conditions;
5. Measures to prevent accidents with lifeboats;
6. Education and training requirements for fatigue prevention, mitigation, and management;
7. Requirements for knowledge, skills and training for officers on WIG craft; and
8. Development of competencies for ratings.

Members of the public may attend the meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing: LCDR Luke Harden, U.S. Coast Guard (G-MSO-1), Room 1210, 2100 Second Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling; (202) 267-0229.

Dated: December 18, 2003.

Steven Poulin,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

[FR Doc. 03-32049 Filed 12-29-03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4533]

Shipping Coordinating Committee; Notice of Meeting

The Shipping Coordinating Committee (SHC) will conduct an open meeting at 9 a.m. on Monday, January 26, 2004, in Room 6319 of the United States Coast Guard Headquarters Building, 2100 2nd Street SW., Washington, DC 20593-0001. The primary purpose of the meeting is to prepare for the 47th Session of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) Sub-Committee on Stability and Load Lines and on Fishing Vessels Safety to be held at IMO Headquarters in London, England from September 13th to 17th.

The primary matters to be considered include:

- Harmonization of damage stability provisions in SOLAS Chapter II-1;
- Large passenger ship safety;
- Review of the Intact Stability Code;
- Revision of the Fishing Vessel Safety Code and Voluntary Guidelines;
- Review of the Offshore Supply Vessel Guidelines;
- Harmonization of the damage stability provisions in other IMO instruments, including the 1993 Torremolinos Protocol (probabilistic method);
- Revision of technical regulations of the 1966 Load Line Convention;
- Review of the 2000 HSC Code and amendments to the DSC Code and the 1994 HSC Code.

Members of the public may attend this meeting up to the seating capacity of the room. Interested persons may seek information by writing to Mr. Paul Cojeen, Commandant (G-MSE), U.S. Coast Guard Headquarters, 2100 Second Street SW., Room 1308, Washington, DC 20593-0001 or by calling (202) 267-2988.

Dated: December 18, 2003.

Steven D. Poulin,

Executive Secretary, Shipping Coordinating Committee, Department of State.

[FR Doc. 03-32050 Filed 12-29-03; 8:45 am]

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 4576]

Finding of No Significant Impact and Summary Environmental Assessment; Valero Logistics LP Pipeline in Webb County, TX

The proposed action is to issue a Presidential Permit to Valero Logistics Operations LP (Valero) to construct,

connect, operate and maintain a 8⁵/₈ inch outer diameter pipeline to convey liquid petroleum gas ("LPG") across the border from Webb County, Texas to the United States of Mexico. On behalf of Valero, URS Corporation of Austin, Texas, prepared a draft environmental assessment under the guidance and supervision of the Department of State (the "Department"). The Department placed a notice in the **Federal Register** (68 FR 44560 (July 29, 2003)) regarding the availability for inspection of Valero's Permit application and the draft environmental assessment.

Numerous Federal and state agencies independently reviewed the draft environmental assessment. They include: the United States Section of the International Boundary and Water Commission, the Department of Transportation, the Department of the Interior, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Environmental Protection Agency, the Federal Emergency Management Administration, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security, the Department of Defense, the Department of Commerce, the Council on Environmental Quality, the Texas Railroad Commission, the Texas Historical Commission, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality. Prior to publishing the notice, Valero hosted a public meeting on the behalf of the Department of State, where public input on the project was received. No formal written public comments were submitted on the draft environmental assessment.

Comments received from the Federal and state agencies and the public were either responded to directly, or addressed directly by incorporation into the analysis contained in the draft environmental assessment. In addition to inclusion in the analyses of impacts and risks, comments were used to develop measures to be undertaken by Valero to prevent or mitigate potentially adverse environmental impacts, which were included as commitments.

This summary environmental assessment, comments submitted by the Federal and state agencies and the public, responses to those comments, and the draft environmental assessment, as amended, together constitute the Final Environmental Assessment of the proposed action by the Department.

Summary of the Environmental Assessment

I. The Proposed Project

The Department is charged with the issuance of Presidential Permits for the construction, connection, operation and