

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: Jeffrey C. Anspacher, 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, DC 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 99-2A005."

California Almond Export Association, LLC's ("CAEA") original Certificate was issued on December 27, 1999 (65 FR 760, January 6, 2000) and previously amended on June 25, 2001 (66 FR 34912, July 2, 2001). A summary of the application for an amendment follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: California Almond Export Association, LLC, 4800 Sisk Road, Modesto, California 95356.

Contact: Doug Youngdahl, Chairman, Telephone: (916) 446-8595.

Application No.: 99-2A005.

Date Deemed Submitted: March 23, 2004.

Proposed Amendment: California Almond Export Association, LLC 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)): Nutco, LLC doing business as Spycher Brothers, Turlock, California; and Treehouse California Almonds, LLC, Los Angeles, California;
2. Change the listing of the following Members: "A&P Growers Cooperative, Inc., Tulare, California" to the new listing "A&P Growers Cooperative, Inc., Clovis, California"; "Del Rio Nut Company, Livingston, California" to the new listing "Del Rio Nut Company, Inc., Livingston, California"; "Hilltop Ranch, Ballico, California" to the new listing "Hilltop Ranch, Inc., Ballico, California"; "Hughson Nut Company, Hughson, California" to the new listing "Hughson Nut, Inc., Hughson, California"; and "Minturn Nut Company, LeGrand, California" to the new listing "Minturn Nut Company, Inc., LeGrand, California"; and
3. Delete the following companies as "Members" of the Certificate: Calcot, Ltd., Bakersfield, California; California Independent Almond Growers, Ballico, California; and Kindle Nut Company, Denair, California.

Dated: March 30, 2004.

Jeffrey C. Anspacher,
Director, Office of Export Trading, Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 032904E]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Billfish Certificate of Eligibility

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 4, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Christopher Rogers, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), Office of Sustainable Fisheries, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone 301-713-2347).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**I. Abstract**

Under the provisions of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), NOAA is responsible for management of the Nation's marine fisheries. In addition, NOAA must comply with the United States' obligations under the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act of 1975 (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). A Certificate of Eligibility (COE) for Billfishes is required under 50 CFR 635 to accompany all billfish, except for a billfish landed in a Pacific state and remaining in the state of landing. This documentation certifies that the accompanying billfish was not harvested from the Atlantic Ocean management unit (described on the form), and identifies the vessel landing the billfish, the vessel's home port, the

port of offloading, and the date of offloading. The certificate must accompany the billfish to any dealer or processor who subsequently receives or possesses the billfish. A standard form is not currently required to document the necessary information. However, NOAA is considering a proposed rule that would require a standard form, and its submission to NOAA after the final sale of the billfish. This collection is necessary to implement the Atlantic Billfish Fishery Management Plan, whose objective is to reserve Atlantic billfish for the recreational fishery.

II. Method of Collection

A paper form and recordkeeping are used.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0216.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100 for initial completion of certificate (50 dealers x 2 COEs) and 300 for subsequent billfish purchase recordkeeping.

Estimated Time Per Response: 20 minutes for initial completion of certificate and 2 minutes for subsequent billfish purchase recordkeeping.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 43.3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 26, 2004.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 032904F]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Atlantic Highly Migratory Species Implantation and Recovery of Archival Tags

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Christopher Rogers, F/SF1, Room 13563, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3282; (phone 301–713–2347, ext. 109).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) operates a program to implant archival tags in, or affix archival tags to, selected Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (tunas, sharks, swordfish, and billfish). Archival tags are miniature data loggers that acquire information about the movements and behavior of the fish. Persons catching tagged fish are exempted from other normally applicable regulations, such as immediate release of the fish, but must notify NOAA, return the archival tag or

make it available to NOAA personnel, and provide information about the location and method of capture. The information obtained is used by NOAA in the formation of international and domestic fisheries policy and regulations.

Persons outside of NOAA who affix or implant archival tags must obtain prior authorization from NOAA and submit subsequent reports about the tagging of fish. NOAA needs the information to evaluate the effectiveness of archival tag programs, to assess the likely impact of regulatory allowances for tag recovery, and to ensure that the research does not produce undue mortality.

II. Method of Collection

Catch notifications are provided a toll-free telephone number. Tags and associated information are mailed in (a reward is given for tag recoveries). Notifications and reports of archival tagging efforts are provided in written form, meeting requirements set forth in regulations.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648–0338.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Individuals or households, business or other for-profit organizations, and not-for-profit institutions.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 20.

Estimated Time Per Response: 30 minutes for reporting on an archival tag recovery; 30 minutes for notification of planned archival tagging activity; and one hour for reports of archival tagging activity.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 15.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

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Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or