

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-NASD-2003-182. This file number should be included on the subject line if e-mail is used. To help the Commission process and review comments more efficiently, comments should be sent in hardcopy 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 NASD. All submissions should refer to file number SR-NASD-2003-182 and should be submitted by January 12, 2004.

For the Commission, by the Division of Market Regulation, pursuant to delegated authority.⁵

Margaret H. McFarland,
Deputy Secretary.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

[Declaration of Disaster #P018]

U.S. Virgin Islands

As a result of the President's major disaster declaration for Public Assistance on December 9, 2003 the U.S. Small Business Administration is activating its disaster loan program only for private non-profit organizations that provide essential services of a governmental nature. I find that St. Croix, St. John, and St. Thomas, including Water Island, in the U.S. Virgin Islands constitute a disaster area due to damages caused by severe storms, flooding, landslides and mudslides occurring on November 10 through November 16, 2003. Applications for loans for physical damage as a result of this disaster may be filed until the close of business on February 9, 2004, at the address listed

below or other locally announced locations: U.S. Small Business Administration, Disaster Area 1 Office, 360 Rainbow Blvd., South, 3rd Floor, Niagara Falls, NY 14303.

The interest rates are:

For Physical Damage

Non-profit organizations without credit available elsewhere—3.061%
Non-profit organizations with credit available elsewhere—4.875%

The number assigned to this disaster for physical damage is P01806.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program Nos. 59008.)

Dated: December 11, 2003.

Herbert L. Mitchell,

Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

Termination of the Waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule

AGENCY: Small Business Administration.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The decision to terminate this waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule is based on evidence provided to the SBA that there are small businesses which manufacturer items within this class of product. Terminating this waiver will require recipients of contracts set aside for small or 8(a) businesses to provide the product of domestic small business manufacturers or processors where this class of product is required. A notice to terminate a waiver of the Nonmanufacturer Rule appeared in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 2003 (FR 68 209). Comments from this notice were received from small business manufacturers. Our knowledge of the existence of small business manufacturers requires us to terminate the waiver of the Nonmanufacturer for Small Arms Manufacturing, NAICS 332994, in accordance with 13 CFR 121.1204(a)(7).

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 22, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION: Edith Butler, Program Analyst, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington DC, 20416 Tel: (202) 619-0422

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Public Law 100-656, enacted on November 15, 1988, incorporated into the Small Business Act the previously existing regulation that recipients of Federal contracts set aside for small businesses or SBA 8(a) Program procurement must

provide the product of a small business manufacturer or processor, if the recipient is other than the actual manufacturer or processor. This requirement is commonly referred to as the Nonmanufacturer Rule. The SBA regulations imposing this requirement are found at 13 CFR 121.906(b) and 121.1106(b). Section 303(h) of the law provides for waiver of this requirement by SBA for any "class of products" for which there are no small business manufacturers or processors in the Federal market. To be considered available to participate in the Federal market on these classes 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. The SBA defines "class of products" based on a six digit North American Industry Classification System (NAICS) and the four digit Product and Service Code established by the Federal Procurement Data System.

Linda G. Williams,

Associate Administrator for Government Contracting.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: December 22, 2003.

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⁵ 17 CFR 200.30-3(a)(12).