

Committee (Committee). The Department of Transportation and the U.S. Coast Guard will work with the Committee. The Committee will make recommendations on issues such as:

- Types of passenger vessels to be addressed by the accessibility guidelines;
- Barriers to the use of such vessels by persons with disabilities;
- Solutions to such barriers, if known, categorized by disability (different solutions may be needed for different disabilities) and research on such barriers; and
- Contents of the accessibility guidelines.

The Committee will be expected to present a report with its recommendations within 18 months of the Committee's first meeting.

The Access Board requests applications for representatives of the following interests for membership on the Committee:

- Owners and operators of various passenger vessels;
- Designers or manufacturers of passenger vessels;
- Individuals with disabilities; and
- Others affected by accessibility guidelines for passenger vessels.

The number of Committee members will be limited to effectively accomplish the Committee's work and will be balanced in terms of interests represented. Organizations with similar interests are encouraged to submit a single application to represent their interest.

Applications should be sent to the Access Board at the address listed at the beginning of this notice. The application should include the representative's name, title, address, and telephone number; a statement of the interests represented; and a description of the representative's qualifications, including knowledge of accessible design and any experience making passenger vessels accessible to individuals with disabilities.

Committee members will not be compensated for their service. The Access Board, at its own discretion, may pay travel expenses for a limited number of persons who would otherwise be unable to participate on the Committee. Committee members will serve as representatives of their organizations, not as individuals. They will not be considered special government employees and will not be required to file confidential financial disclosure reports.

After the applications have been reviewed, the Access Board will publish a notice in the **Federal Register** announcing the appointment of

Committee members and the first meeting of the Committee. The first meeting of the Committee is tentatively scheduled for September 1998 in Washington, DC. The Committee will operate in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app 2. Committee meetings usually will be held in Washington, DC. Each meeting will be open to the public. A notice of each meeting will be published in the **Federal Register** at least fifteen days in advance of the meeting. Records will be kept of each meeting and made available for public inspection. Although the Committee will be limited in size, there will be opportunities for the public to present written information to the Committee, participate through subcommittees, and to comment at Committee meetings.

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Chair, U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Action Affecting Export Privileges; New World Transtechnology; Order Denying Permission to Apply for or Use Export Licenses

On December 20, 1996, New World Transtechnology was convicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C.A. 1701-1706 (1991 & Supp. 1997)) (IEEPA). New World Transtechnology was convicted on one count of knowingly and willfully attempting and causing to be exported, to the People's Republic of China, three Sun Microsystems SPARCstation computers without the required validated export license or other authorization from the U.S. Department of Commerce, and one count of knowingly and willfully attempting to export and attempting to cause to be exported from the United States to the Commonwealth of Hong Kong, for transshipment to the People's Republic of China, a MIPS Magnum 4000 PC-50 Advanced RISC computer without the required validated export license or other authorization from the U.S. Department of Commerce.

Section 11(h) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C.A. app. Sections 2401-2420

(1991 & Supp. 1997)) (the Act),¹ provides that, at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce,² no person convicted of violating IEEPA, or certain other provisions of the United States Code, shall be eligible to apply for or use any license, including any License Exception, issued pursuant to, or provided by, the Act or the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 CFR Parts 730-774 (1997)) (the Regulations), for a period of up to 10 years from the date of the conviction. In addition, any license issued pursuant to the Act in which such a person had any interest at the time of conviction may be revoked.

Pursuant to Sections 766.25 and 750.8(a) of the Regulations, upon notification that a person has been convicted of violating IEEPA, the Director, Office of Exporter Services, in consultation with the Director, Office of Export Enforcement, shall determine whether to deny that person permission to apply for or use any license, including any License Exception, issued pursuant to, or provided by, the Act and the Regulations, and shall also determine whether to revoke any license previously issued to such a person.

Having received notice of New World Transtechnology's conviction for violating IEEPA and following consultations with the Acting Director, Office of Export Enforcement, I have decided to deny New World Transtechnology permission to apply for or use any license, including any License Exception, issued pursuant to, or provided by, the Act and the Regulations, for a period of 10 years from the date of its conviction. The 10-year period ends on December 20, 2006. I have also decided to revoke all licenses issued pursuant to the Act in which New World Transtechnology had an interest at the time of its conviction.

Accordingly, *it is hereby ordered*

I. Until December 20, 2006, New World Transtechnology, 417 Church Street, Apartment 25, Galveston, Texas 77550, may not, directly or indirectly, participate in any way, in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as "item")

¹ The Act expired on August 20, 1994. Executive Order 12924 (3 CFR, 1994 Comp. 917 (1995)), extended by Presidential Notices of August 15, 1995 (3 CFR, 1995 Comp. 501 (1996)), August 14, 1996 (3 CFR, 1996 Comp. 298 (1997)), and August 13, 1997 (62 FR 43629, August 15, 1997), continued the Export Administration Regulations in effect under IEEPA.

² Pursuant to appropriate delegations of authority, the Director, Office of Exporter Services, in consultation with the Director, Office of Export Enforcement, exercises the authority granted to the Secretary by Section 11(h) of the Act.

exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations, including but not limited to:

A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, License Exception, or export control document:

B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, selling, delivering, storing, disposing of, forwarding, transporting, financing, or otherwise servicing in any way, any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations; or

C. Benefiting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations.

II. No person may directly or indirectly, do any of the following:

A. Export or reexport to or on behalf of the denied person any item subject to the Regulations;

B. Take any action that facilitates the acquisition or attempted acquisition by the denied person of the ownership, possession, or control of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States, including financing or other support activities related to a transaction whereby the denied person acquires or attempts to acquire such ownership, possession or control;

C. Take any action to acquire from or to facilitate the acquisition or attempted acquisition from the denied person of any item subject to the Regulations that has been exported from the United States;

D. Obtain from the denied person in the United States any item subject to the Regulations with knowledge or reason to know that the item will be, or is intended to be, exported from the United States; or

E. Engage in any transaction to service any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States and that is owned, possessed or controlled by the denied person, or service any item, of whatever origin, that is owned, possessed or controlled by the denied person if such service involves the use of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States. For purposes of this paragraph, servicing means installation, maintenance, repair, modification or testing.

III. After notice and opportunity for comment as provided in Section 766.23 of the Regulations, any person, firm, corporation, or business organization related to New World Transtechnology by affiliation, ownership, control, or position of responsibility in the conduct of trade or related services may also be subject to the provisions of this Order.

IV. This Order does not prohibit any export, reexport, or other transaction subject to the Regulations where the only items involved that are subject to the Regulations are the foreign-produced direct product of U.S.-origin technology.

V. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until December 20, 2006.

VI. A copy of this Order shall be delivered to New World Transtechnology. This Order shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Eileen M. Albanese,

Director, Office of Exporter Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters; Notice of Open Meeting

ACTION: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters, created pursuant to Executive Order 13038.

SUMMARY: The President established the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters (PIAC) to advise the Vice President on the public interest obligations of digital broadcasters. The Committee will study and recommend which public interest obligations should accompany broadcasters' receipt of digital television licenses. The President designated the National Telecommunications and Information Administration as secretariat for the Committee.

AUTHORITY: Executive Order 13038, signed by President Clinton on March 11, 1997.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 14, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting is scheduled to take place in the Auditorium at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.,

Washington, DC 20230. This location is subject to change. If the location changes, another **Federal Register** notice will be issued. Updates about the location of the meeting will also be available on the Advisory Committee's homepage at www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm or you may call Karen Edwards at 202-482-8056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Karen Edwards, Designated Federal Officer and Telecommunications Policy Specialist, at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration; U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4720; 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.; Washington, DC 20230. Telephone: 202-482-8056; Fax: 202-482-8058; E-mail: piac@ntia.doc.gov.

MEDIA INQUIRIES: Please contact Paige Darden at the Office of Public Affairs, at 202-482-7002.

AGENDA:

Tuesday, April 14

Opening remarks
Committee deliberations
Closing remarks

This agenda is subject to change. For an updated, more detailed agenda, please check the Advisory Committee homepage at www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to the public, with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Any member of the public requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should contact Karen Edwards at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting at 202-482-8056 or at piac@ntia.doc.gov.

Any member of the public may submit written comments concerning the Committee's affairs at any time before or after the meeting. The Secretariat's guidelines for public comment are described below and are available on the Advisory Committee website (www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm) or by calling 202-482-8056.

GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT: The Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters welcomes public comments.

Oral Comment: In general, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker and no more than thirty (30) minutes total at each meeting.