

under the United States Grain Standards Act, as amended (Act).

EFFECTIVE DATES: May 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: USDA, GIPSA, Janet M. Hart, Chief, Review Branch, Compliance Division, STOP 3604, Room 1647S, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3604.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Janet M. Hart, at 202-720-8525.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the November 3, 1997, **Federal Register** (62 FR 59341), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by December 2, 1997. Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan were the only applicants, GIPSA did not ask for comments on them.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(1)(A) of the Act and, according to Section 7(f)(1)(B), determined that Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective May 1, 1998, and ending April 30, 2001, Detroit, Keokuk, and Michigan are designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the November 3, 1997, **Federal Register**.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Detroit at 810-395-2105, Keokuk at 319-524-6482, and Michigan at 616-781-2711.

Authority: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 et seq.).

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Neil E. Porter,

Director, Compliance Division.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE AND TIME: April 7, 1998; 9:30 A.M.

PLACE: Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547

CLOSED MEETING: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6))

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Brenda Massey at (202) 401-3736.

Dated: March 30, 1998.

David W. Burke,

Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Action Affecting Export Privileges; Suburban Guns (PTY) Ltd.

Order Denying Permission To Apply for or Use Export Licenses

On July 25, 1997, Suburban Guns (Pty) Ltd. (Suburban Guns) was convicted in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York of one count of violating the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (currently codified at 50 U.S.C.A. app. §§ 2401-2420 (1991 & Supp. 1997)) (the Act),¹ and one count of violating the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (currently codified at 50 U.S.C.A. 1701-1706 (1991 & Supp. 1997)) (IEEPA). Specifically, Suburban Guns was convicted of

knowingly and willfully causing to be exported to South Africa numerous firearms designated on the Commerce Control List without obtaining the required validated export licenses from the Department of Commerce.

Section 11(h) of the Act provides that, at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce,² no person convicted of violating the Act or the 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 Section 766.25 and 750.8(a) of the Regulations, upon notification that a person has been convicted of violating the Act or the 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 or the Regulations, and shall also determine whether to revoke any license previously issued to such a person.

Having received notice of Suburban Guns's conviction for violating the Act and the IEEPA and following consultations with the Acting Director, Office of Export Enforcement, I have decided to deny Suburban Guns 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 July 25, 2007. I have also decided to revoke all licenses issued pursuant to the Act in which Suburban guns had an interest at the time of its conviction.

Accordingly, it is hereby

Ordered

I. Until July 25, 2007, Suburban Guns (Pty) Ltd., 119 Main Road, Plumstead 7800, Cape Town, South Africa, may not, directly or indirectly, participate in any way, in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology

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.

(hereinafter collectively referred to as "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, 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, cooperation, or business organization related to Suburban Guns 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-product direct product of U.S.-origin technology.

V. This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until July 25, 2007.

VI. A copy of this Order shall be delivered to Suburban Guns. This Order shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: March 23, 1998.

Eileen M. Albanese,

Director, Office of Exporter Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-122-826]

Notice of Amendment to Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Steel Wire Rod From Canada

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Amendment to Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 1, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Abdelali Elouaradia at 202/482-2243, or James C. Doyle at 202/482-0159, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC. 20230.

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") as amended, are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are references to the provisions codified at 19 CFR part 353 (April 1997). Although the Department's new regulations,

codified at 19 CFR part 351 (62 FR 27296 (May 19, 1997)) do not govern these proceedings, citations to those regulations are provided, where appropriate, to explain current departmental practice.

Scope of the Investigation

The products covered by this investigation are certain hot-rolled carbon steel and alloy steel products, in coils, of approximately round cross section, between 5.00 mm (0.20 inch) and 19.0 mm (0.75 inch), inclusive, in solid cross-sectional diameter. Specifically excluded are steel products possessing the above noted physical characteristics and meeting the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") definitions for (a) stainless steel; (b) tool steel; (c) high nickel steel; (d) ball bearing steel; (e) free machining steel that contains by weight 0.03 percent or more of lead, 0.05 percent or more of bismuth, 0.08 percent or more of sulfur, more than 0.4 percent of phosphorus, more than 0.05 percent of selenium, and/or more than 0.01 percent of tellurium; or (f) concrete reinforcing bars and rods.

The following products are also excluded from the scope of this investigation:

- Coiled products 5.50 mm or less in true diameter with an average partial decarburization per coil of no more than 70 microns in depth, no inclusions greater than 20 microns, containing by weight the following: carbon greater than or equal to 0.68 percent; aluminum less than or equal to 0.005 percent; phosphorous plus sulfur less than or equal to 0.040 percent; maximum combined copper, nickel and chromium content of 0.13 percent; and nitrogen less than or equal to 0.006 percent. This product is commonly referred to as "Tire Cord Wire Rod."

- Coiled products 7.9 to 18 mm in diameter, with a partial decarburization of 75 microns or less in depth and seams no more than 75 microns in depth, containing 0.48 to 0.73 percent carbon by weight. This product is commonly referred to as "Valve Spring Quality Wire Rod."

- Coiled products 11 mm to 12.5 mm in diameter, with an average partial decarburization per coil of no more than 70 microns in depth, no inclusions greater than 20 microns, containing by weight the following: carbon greater than or equal to 0.72 percent; manganese 0.50-1.10 percent; phosphorus less than or equal to 0.030 percent; sulfur less than or equal to 0.035 percent; and silicon 0.10-0.35 percent. This product is free of injurious piping and undue segregation. The use