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### Amendment Appendix A

#### CHART OF AVERAGE WEIGHTS SUSPENSION AGREEMENT ON FRESH TOMATOES FROM MEXICO

Type	Layers	Size	Avg kg Weight	Avg lb Weight*	July 1–October 22 \$.172/lb Reference Price	October 23–June 30 \$.2108/lb Reference Price
Tomato (cherry) .....		12 Baskets .....	6.32	13.93	\$2.40	\$2.94
Tomato (cherry) .....	Bulk .....	Bulk .....	8.13	17.92	3.08	3.78
Tomato (roma) .....	Bulk .....	UC 82** .....	11.69	25.77	4.43	5.43
Tomato .....	2 .....	4x4 .....	10.78	23.77	4.09	5.01
Tomato .....	2 .....	4x5 .....	10.81	23.83	4.10	5.02
Tomato .....	2 .....	5x5 .....	10.43	22.99	3.96	4.85
Tomato .....	2 .....	5x6 .....	9.71	21.41	3.68	4.51
Tomato .....	3 .....	6x6 .....	13.33	29.39	5.05	6.19
Tomato .....	3 .....	6x7 .....	12.92	28.48	4.90	6.00
Tomato .....	Bulk .....	LRG 25 lbs .....	12.15	26.79	4.61	5.65
Tomato (20/Box) .....	Bulk .....	Sml. Ctn. ....	5.57	12.28	2.11	2.59
Tomato (1 Layer) .....	1 .....	Long Box .....	7.41	16.34	2.81	3.44
Tomato (Green) 20# ..	Bulk .....	Small .....	8.16	17.99	3.09	3.79
Tomato .....	1 .....	4x5 .....	5.12	11.29	1.94	2.38
Tomato .....	1 .....	5x5 .....	4.99	11.00	1.89	2.32
Tomato (30/Box) .....	1 .....	Clusters .....	4.70	10.36	1.78	2.18

\*Conversion factor from kg to lb based on 1 kg=2.20462 lbs

\*\*Also applicable to 4/7 bushel cartons.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Export Trade Certificate of Review

**ACTION:** Notice of Application To Amend Certificate.

**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:** Morton Schnabel, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482–5131. This is not a toll-free number.

**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 copies, plus two 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 1800H, Washington D.C. 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 97–2A003.”

The Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc. (“AARQ”) original Certificate was issued on January 21, 1998 (63 FR 4220, January 28, 1998), and previously amended on June 4, 1998 (63 FR 31738, June 10, 1998). A summary of the application for an amendment follows.

#### Summary of the Application

**Applicant:** The Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc. (“AARQ”), c/o Thomas Ferrara, AC Humko Rice Specialties, 7171 Goodlett Farms Parkway, Memphis, TN 38018–4909.

**Contact:** M. Jean Anderson, Esquire, Telephone: (202) 682–7217.

**Application No.:** 97–2A003.

**Date Deemed Submitted:** August 4, 1998.

**Proposed Amendment:** AARQ seeks to amend its Certificate to add the

following companies as new "Members" of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2 (1)): Garnac Grain Co., Inc., Overland Park, KS; Trujillo & Sons, Inc., Miami, FL; Gulf Pacific Disc, Inc., Houston, TX; Gulf Pacific Rice Co., Inc., Houston, TX; and Gulf Rice Arkansas, Inc., Crawfordsville, AR.

Dated: August 10, 1998.

**Morton Schnabel,**

*Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of partially closed meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, September 1, 1998 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on NIST programs; ATP Focused Program Selection Process and other ATP Issues; a report by the National Research Council's Board on Assessment of NIST Programs; and a laboratory tour. Discussions on staffing of management positions at NIST, and the NIST budget, including funding levels of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. and to end at 9:10 a.m. on September 1, 1998, will be closed.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene September 1, 1998, at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on September 1, 1998.

**ADDRESS:** The meeting will be held in the Radio Building, Room 1107 (seating capacity 60, includes 35 participants), National Institute of Standards and Technology, Boulder, Colorado.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Peggy A. Webb, Administrative Coordinator, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2107.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on August 7, 1998, that portions of the meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership and the Advanced Technology Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: August 10, 1998.

**Robert E. Hebner,**

*Acting Deputy Director.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Request for nominations of members to serve on the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award.

**SUMMARY:** NIST invites and requests nomination of individuals for

appointment to Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award (Judges Panel). The terms of some of the members of the Judges Panel will soon expire. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice of appointment to the Committee, in addition to nominations already received.

**DATES:** Please submit nominations on or before August 28, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Please submit nominations to Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, NIST, Building 101, Room A605, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Nominations may also be submitted via FAX to 301-948-3716. Additional information regarding the Committee, including its charter, current membership list, and executive summary may be found on its electronic home page at: <<http://www.quality.nist.gov>>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program and Designated Federal Official, NIST, Building 101, Room A605, Gaithersburg, MD 20899; telephone 301-975-2163; FAX-301-948-3716; or via e-mail at [harry.hertz@nist.gov](mailto:harry.hertz@nist.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### 1. Judges Panel Information

The Judges Panel was established in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 3711a(d)(1), the Federal Advisory Commission Act (5 U.S.C. app.2), The Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Improvement Act of 1987 (Public Law 101-107).

#### Objectives and Duties

1. The Judges Panel will ensure the integrity of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award selection process by reviewing the results of examiners' scoring of written applications, and then voting on which applicants merit site visits by examiners to verify the accuracy of quality and business performance improvements claimed by applicants.

2. The Judges Panel will ensure that individuals on site visit teams for the Award finalists have no conflict of interest with respect to the finalists. The Panel will also review recommendations from site visits, and recommend Award recipients.

3. The Judges Panel will function solely as an advisory body, and will comply with provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

4. The Panel will report to the Director of NIST.

#### Membership

1. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members selected on a clear,