

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 3029]

**Bureau of Political Military Affairs;
Imposition of Missile Proliferation
Sanctions Against Entities in the
Middle East, Including a Ban on
Certain U.S. Government Procurement**

AGENCY: State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The United States Government has determined that certain entities in the Middle East have engaged in missile technology proliferation activities that require imposition of sanctions pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act, as amended, and the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (as carried out under Executive Order 12424 of August 19, 1994).

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 23, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For General Information: Vann H. Van Diepen, Office of Chemical, Biological and Missile Nonproliferation, Bureau of Nonproliferation, Department of State (202-647-1142). For information on U.S. procurement bans: Gladys Gines, Office of the Procurement Executive, Department of State (703-516-1691).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to Section 73(a)(1) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2797b(a)(1)), Section 11B(b)(1) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended, (50 U.S.C. app. 2401b(b)(1)), as carried out under Executive Order 12924 of August 19, 1994 (hereinafter cited as the "Export Administration Act of 1979"), and Executive Order 12851 of June 11, 1993, the United States Government has determined that the following foreign persons, currently operating in the Middle East region, have engaged in missile technology proliferation activities that require the imposition of the sanctions described in Sections 73(a)(2)(A) of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2797b(a)(2)(A)) and Sections 11B(b)(1)(B)(i) of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (50 U.S.C. app. 2410b(b)(1)(B)(i)) on these entities, their subunits and successors, effective March 23, 1999:

1. Arab British Dynamics (ABD);
2. Helwan Machinery and Equipment Company; and
3. Kader Factory for Developed Industries.

Accordingly, the following sanctions are being imposed on these entities:

(A) Licenses for export to the entities described above of Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) equipment or technology controlled pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979 will be denied for two years;

(B) Licenses for export to the entities described above of Missile Technology Control Regime (MTCR) equipment or technology controlled pursuant to the Arms Export Control Act will be denied for two years; and

(C) No United States Government contracts relating to MTCR-controlled equipment and technology, and involving the entities described above, will be entered into for two years.

With respect to items controlled pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, the export sanction only applies to exports made pursuant to individual export licenses.

These measures shall be implemented by the responsible agencies as provided in Executive Order 12851 of June 11, 1993.

Dated: April 8, 1999.

Eric D. Newsom,

Assistant Secretary of State for Political Military Affairs.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVES****Generalized System of Preferences
(GSP); Solicitation of Public
Comments Relating to the
Reinstatement of Mauritania**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice and solicitation of public comment with respect to the eligibility of the Mauritania for the GSP program.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the solicitation of comments related to the reinstatement of Mauritania as a beneficiary developing country under the GSP program. Comments should be submitted by May 17, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: GSP Subcommittee, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street, N.W., Room 518, Washington, D.C. 20508. The telephone number is (202) 395-6971.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Mauritania has requested that it be reinstated as an eligible country under the GSP program. Mauritania was suspended on August 1, 1993 after a review by the Trade Policy Staff Committee determined that it did not provide for the right of association nor prohibit forced or compulsory labor.

Interested parties are invited to submit comments regarding the eligibility of Mauritania for redesignation as a GSP beneficiary developing country. Submission of comments must be made in English in

14 copies to the Chairman of the GSP Subcommittee, Trade Policy Staff Committee, and be received in Room 518 at 600 17th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20508, no later than 5 p.m. on Monday, May 17, 1999. Except for submissions granted "business confidential" status pursuant to 15 CFR 2003.6, information and comments submitted regarding Mauritania will be subject to public inspection by appointment with the staff of the USTR Public Reading Room. For an appointment, please call Ms. Brenda Webb at 202/395-6186. If the document contains business confidential information, 14 copies of a nonconfidential version of the submission along with 14 copies of the confidential version must be submitted. In addition, the submission should be clearly marked "confidential" at the top and bottom of each page of the document. The version which does not contain business confidential information (the public version) should also be clearly marked at the top and bottom of each page (either "public version" or "non-confidential").

Frederick L. Montgomery,

Chairman, Trade Policy Staff Committee.

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**OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES
TRADE REPRESENTATIVE****Implementation of Tariff-Rate Quota for
Imports of Beef**

AGENCY: Office of the United States Trade Representative.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Office of the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is providing notice that USTR has determined that New Zealand, pursuant to its request, is no longer a participating country for purposes of the export certification program for imports of beef under the tariff-rate quota.

DATES: The action is effective May 1, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Suzanne Early, Senior Policy Advisor for Agricultural Affairs, Office of the United States Trade Representative, 600 17th Street NW, Washington, DC 20508; telephone: (202) 395-9615.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The United States maintains a tariff-rate quota on imports of beef as part of its implementation of the *Marrakesh Agreement Establishing the World Trade Organization*. The in-quota quantity of that tariff-rate quota is allocated in part among a number of countries. As part of

the administration of that tariff-rate quota, USTR provided, in 15 CFR part 2012, for the use of export certificates with respect to imports of beef from countries that have an allocation of the in-quota quantity. The export certificates apply only to those countries that USTR determines are participating countries for purposes of 15 CFR part 2012. USTR, pursuant to an earlier request by the government of New Zealand, previously determined that New Zealand was a participating country.

The government of New Zealand has now requested that, effective May 1, 1999, New Zealand no longer be considered as a participating country for purposes of the export certification program. Accordingly, USTR has determined that, effective May 1, 1999, New Zealand is not a participating country for purposes of 15 CFR part 2012. As a result, imports of beef from New Zealand will no longer need to be accompanied by an export certificate in order to qualify for the in-quota tariff rate.

Charlene Barshefsky,

United States Trade Representative.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[USCG-1999-5511]

Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The Coast Guard intends to establish the Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC) and is seeking applications for appointment to membership. GLPAC will provide advice and make recommendations to the Coast Guard on regulations and policies on the pilotage of vessels on the Great Lakes.

DATES: Applications must reach the Coast Guard on or before June 15, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commandant (G-MW), U.S. Coast Guard, 2100 Second Street SW, Washington, DC 20593-0001; by calling 202-267-6164; or by faxing 202-267-4700. Submit application forms to the same address. This notice and the application form are available on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Frank J. Flyntz, Executive Director of GLPAC, or Thomas Lawler, Assistant to the Executive Director, telephone 202-366-8981, fax 202-366-7147.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Great Lakes Pilotage Advisory Committee (GLPAC) will be a Federal advisory committee constituted under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. It will terminate on September 30, 2003, unless extended by Congress.

GLPAC will provide advice and make recommendations on Great Lakes pilotage to the Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection. It may advise, consult with, report to, and make recommendations to the Secretary of the Department of Transportation on matters relating to Great Lakes pilotage and may make these recommendations available to the Congress.

GLPAC will meet at the call of the Secretary at least once a year. It may also meet at the call of a majority of its members. Its subcommittees and working groups may meet to consider specific problems as required.

The Secretary will consider applications for seven positions that will have a term of not more than 5 years, as specified by the Secretary. GLPAC must have—

(a) Three members who are practicing, Great Lakes pilots and who reflect a regional balance;

(b) One member who represents the interests of vessel operators that contract for Great Lakes pilotage services;

(c) One member who represents the interests of Great Lakes ports;

(d) One member who represents the interests of shippers whose cargoes are transported through Great Lakes ports; and

(e) One member who represents the interests of the general public and who is an independent expert on the Great Lakes maritime industry.

To be eligible, applicants must have at least 5 years of practical experience in maritime operations. All members serve at their own expense and receive no salary, reimbursement of travel expenses, or other compensation from the Federal Government.

In support of the policy of the Department of Transportation on gender and ethnic diversity, the Coast Guard encourages applications from qualified women and members of minority groups.

Applicants selected may be required to complete a Confidential Financial Disclosure Report (OGE Form 450). Neither the report nor the information it contains may be released to the public, except under an order issued by a

Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

Dated: April 8, 1999.

Joseph J. Angelo,

Acting Assistant Commandant for Marine Safety and Environmental Protection.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Coast Guard

[CGDO 8-99-013]

Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee; Vacancies

AGENCY: Coast Guard, DOT.

ACTION: Request for applications.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Coast Guard is seeking applications for appointment to membership on the Houston/Galveston Navigation Safety Advisory Committee (HOGANSAC). HOGANSAC provides advice and makes recommendations to the Coast Guard on matters relating to the transit of vessels and products to and from the Ports of Galveston, Houston, and Texas City, and through Galveston Bay, Texas.

DATES: Applications must reach the Coast Guard on or before July 31, 1999.

ADDRESSES: You may request an application form by writing to Commanding Officer, USCG VTS Houston/Galveston, P.O. Box 545, Galena Park, TX 77547; by calling 713-671-5164; or by faxing 713-671-5159. Submit application forms to the same address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: CDR Paula Carroll, USCG, Executive Secretary of HOGANSAC, telephone 713-671-5164.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

HOGANSAC is a Federal advisory committee constituted under 5 U.S.C. App. 2. This committee provides local expertise on communications, surveillance, traffic control, anchorages, aids to navigation, and other, related topics dealing with navigation safety in the Houston/Galveston area as required by the Coast Guard. The committee normally meets three times a year at various locations in the Houston/Galveston area. Members serve voluntarily, without compensation from the Federal Government for salary, travel, or per diem. Term of membership will be for two years, not to exceed three years.

The Committee consists of eighteen members who have particular expertise, knowledge, and experience regarding the transportation, equipment, and