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By order of the Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System, acting through the Secretary of the Board under delegated authority, February 16, 2005.

Robert deV. Frierson,

Deputy Secretary of the Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

15 CFR Parts 736, 752, and 764

[Docket No. 050208029-5029-01]

RIN 0694-AD43

Denied Persons and Specially Designated Nationals

AGENCY: Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: This final rule removes all reference in the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) to the supplement containing the list of persons denied export privileges ("Denied Persons List" (DPL)) because no such supplement exists in the Code of Federal Regulations. In the past, such a supplement has been included only in the unofficial loose-leaf version of the EAR that is available by subscription from the U.S. Government Printing Office. In addition, the Bureau of Industry and Security provides notice to the public that it is discontinuing its practice of including in the loose-leaf version of the EAR both the DPL and the "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" (SDN) List. Revisions to the DPL and SDN List are issued on such a frequent basis as to make the quarterly, hard-copy versions of the lists included in the loose-leaf version of the EAR inaccurate. The removal of the DPL and SDN List from the loose-leaf version of the EAR will minimize any potential that parties might rely on an outdated list of persons denied export privileges under the EAR.

DATES: *Effective Date:* This rule is effective February 23, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Although there is no official comment period, you may submit comments, identified by RIN 0694-AD43, by any of the following methods:

- E-mail: mcohen@bis.doc.gov. Include "RIN 0694-AD43" in the subject line of the message.
- Fax: 202-482-3355.
- Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, Regulatory Policy Division, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2705, Washington, DC 20230, ATTN: 0694-AD43.

Send a copy of any comments that concern information collection requirements to Dave Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; and to the Office of Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 6092, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marcus Cohen, Regulatory Policy Division, Office of Exporter Services, Bureau of Industry and Security, Telephone: (202) 482-2440.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In the unofficial loose-leaf version of the Export Administration Regulations (EAR) that is available by subscription from the U.S. Government Printing Office, the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) currently publishes, on a quarterly basis, the list of persons denied export privileges pursuant to Parts 764 and 766 of the EAR ("Denied Persons List" (DPL)) and a copy of the "Specially Designated Nationals and Blocked Persons" (SDN) List, which is published by the U.S. Treasury Department, Office of Foreign Assets Control (OFAC). In the loose-leaf edition of the EAR, the DPL and the SDN List have been designated as Supplements No. 2 and 3, respectively, to Part 764. However, no such supplements exist in the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 15 Part 764.

Orders affecting export privileges under the EAR and revisions to the SDN List are issued on such a frequent basis as to make the quarterly, hard-copy versions of the DPL and the SDN List inaccurate. As such, BIS is discontinuing quarterly reprints of these lists in the loose-leaf edition of the EAR. The removal of these lists from the loose-leaf edition of the EAR will minimize any potential that parties to a transaction might rely on an outdated list of persons denied export privileges under the EAR. BIS maintains a current compilation of persons denied export privileges under the EAR on its Web site, and OFAC maintains a current list of specially designated nationals on its Web site. Export privileges are denied by written order of the Department of

Commerce; such orders are published in the **Federal Register**. These orders are the official source of information about denied persons, and are controlling documents in accordance with their terms.

This rule removes from § 736.2(b)(4)(i) and paragraph (a)(1) of Supplement No. 1 to Part 764 language stating that BIS provides the DPL in the loose-leaf edition of the EAR. This rule also revises § 736.2(a)(3) to clarify that, with respect to the end-user, General Prohibition Four (§ 736.2(b)(4)) and Supplement No. 1 to Part 764 of the EAR should be consulted for references to persons with whom transactions may not be permitted, and General Prohibition Five (§ 736.2(b)(5)) should be consulted for references to end-users for whom an export or reexport license may be required. General Prohibition Four prohibits actions that are prohibited by a denial order issued under Part 766 of the EAR. General Prohibition Five prohibits any exports and reexports to an end-user prohibited by Part 744 of the EAR, which contains end-user and end-use based controls. Supplement No. 1 to Part 764 describes denial orders, which prohibit certain transactions with named parties involving items that are subject to the EAR. Supplement No. 1 to Part 764 also references the list of persons denied export privileges.

This rule also makes necessary conforming changes by removing references to Supplement No. 2 to Part 764 from §§ 752.11(c)(3), 752.11(c)(4), and 752.12(a). Finally, this rule revises §§ 752.9(a)(3)(ii)(G) and 752.12(a) by removing the procedural requirement of distributing and retaining copies of the DPL. Instead, each Special Comprehensive License (SCL) holder and each consignee must maintain a record of its procedures for screening transactions to prevent violations of orders denying export privileges. By making this requirement functional and results-oriented, this revision will increase the effectiveness of screening and reduce the burden on SCL holders and consignees.

Although the Export Administration Act expired on August 20, 2001, Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 783 (2002)), as extended most recently by the Notice of August 6, 2004, (69 FR 48763 (August 10, 2004)) continues the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act.

Rulemaking Requirements

1. This final rule has been determined to be not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) (PRA), unless that collection of information displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) Control Number. This rule involves a collection of information subject to the PRA. This collection has been approved by OMB under control number 0694-0088, "Multi-Purpose Application," which carries a burden hour estimate of 58 minutes for a manual or electronic submission. Send comments regarding these burden estimates or any other aspect of these collections of information, including suggestions for reducing the burden, to Dave Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503; and to the Office of Administration, Bureau of Industry and Security, Department of Commerce, 14th and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 6092, Washington, DC 20230.

3. This rule does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined under E.O. 13132.

4. The Department finds that there is good cause under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(B) to waive the provisions of the Administrative Procedure Act requiring a notice of proposed rulemaking and the opportunity for public comment. This rule makes changes to Parts 736, 752, and 764 of the EAR that are non-substantive and do not affect the rights or obligations of the public. This rule removes references in the EAR to the DPL and notifies the public that it BIS is discontinuing its practice of including the DPL and SDN List in the loose-leaf version of the EAR. Because these revisions are not substantive changes to the EAR, it is unnecessary to provide notice and opportunity for public comment. In addition, because this is not a substantive rule, the delay in effective date pursuant to 5 U.S.C. 553(d)(3) is not applicable. No other law requires that a notice of proposed rulemaking and an opportunity for public comment be given for this rule. Because a notice of proposed rulemaking and an opportunity for public comment are not required to be given for this rule under the Administrative Procedure Act or by any other law, the analytical requirements of

the Regulatory Flexibility Act (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*) are not applicable. Therefore, this regulation is issued in final form.

List of Subjects

15 CFR Part 736

Exports, Foreign trade.

15 CFR Part 752

Administrative practice and procedure, Exports, Reporting and recordkeeping requirements.

15 CFR Part 764

Administrative practice and procedure, Exports, Law enforcement, Penalties.

n Accordingly, parts 736, 752, and 764 of the Export Administration Regulations (15 CFR parts 730-799) are amended, as follows:

PART 736—[AMENDED]

n 1. The authority citation for 15 CFR part 736 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 50 U.S.C. app. 2401 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*; 22 U.S.C. 2151 (note), Pub. L. 108-175; E.O. 12938, 59 FR 59099, 3 CFR, 1994 Comp., p. 950; E.O. 13020, 61 FR 54079, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 219; E.O. 13026, 61 FR 58767, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp., p. 228; E.O. 13222, 66 FR 44025, 3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 783; E.O. 13338, 69 FR 26751, May 13, 2004; Notice of August 6, 2004, 69 FR 48763 (August 10, 2004); Notice of November 4, 2004, 69 FR 64637 (November 8, 2004).

n 2. Section 736.2 is amended by revising paragraphs (a)(3) and (b)(4)(i), as follows:

§ 736.2 General prohibitions and determination of applicability.

(a) * * *

(3) *End-user.* The ultimate end user (see General Prohibition Four (paragraph (b)(4) of this section) and Supplement No. 1 to part 764 of the EAR for references to persons with whom your transaction may not be permitted; see General Prohibition Five (Paragraph (b)(5) of this section) and part 744 for references to end-users for whom you may need an export or reexport license).

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(b) * * *

(4) * * *

(i) You may not take any action that is prohibited by a denial order issued under part 766 of the EAR, Administrative Enforcement Proceedings. These orders prohibit many actions in addition to direct exports by the person denied export privileges, including some transfers within a single country, either in the United States or abroad, by other

persons. You are responsible for ensuring that any of your transactions in which a person who is denied export privileges is involved do not violate the terms of the order. Orders denying export privileges are published in the **Federal Register** when they are issued and are the legally controlling documents in accordance with their terms. BIS also maintains compilations of persons denied export privileges on its Web site at <http://www.bis.doc.gov>. BIS may, on an exceptional basis, authorize activity otherwise prohibited by a denial order. See § 764.3(a)(2) of the EAR.

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PART 752—[AMENDED]

n 3. The authority citation for 15 CFR part 752 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 50 U.S.C. app. 2401 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*; E.O. 13020, 61 FR 54079, 3 CFR, 1996 Comp. p. 219; E.O. 13222, 66 FR 44025, 3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 783; Notice of August 6, 2004, 69 FR 48763 (August 10, 2004).

n 4. Section 752.9 is amended by revising paragraph (a)(3)(ii)(G), as follows:

§ 752.9 Action on SCL applications.

(a) * * *

(3) * * *

(ii) * * *

(G) A copy of your procedures for screening transactions to prevent violations of orders denying export privileges under the EAR:

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n 5. Section 752.11 is amended by revising paragraph (c)(3) and (c)(4), as follows:

§ 752.11 Internal Control Programs.

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(c) * * *

(3) A system for timely distribution to consignees and verification of receipt by consignees of regulatory materials necessary to ensure compliance with the EAR;

(4) A system for screening transactions to prevent violations of orders denying export privileges under the EAR;

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n 6. Section 752.12 is amended by revising paragraph (a), as follows:

§ 752.12 Recordkeeping requirements.

(a) *SCL holder and consignees.* In addition to the recordkeeping requirements of part 762 of the EAR, the SCL holder and each consignee must maintain copies of manuals, guidelines, policy statements, internal audit procedures, reports, and other

documents making up the ICP of each party included under an SCL and all regulatory materials necessary to ensure compliance with the SCL, such as relevant changes to the EAR, product classification, additions, deletions, or other administrative changes to the SCL, transmittal letters and consignee's confirmations of receipt of these materials. Each SCL holder and each consignee must maintain a record of its procedures for screening transactions to prevent violations of orders denying export privileges.

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PART 764—[AMENDED]

n 7. The authority citation for 15 CFR part 764 is revised to read as follows:

Authority: 50 U.S.C. app. 2401 *et seq.*; 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.*; E.O. 13222, 66 FR 44025, 3 CFR, 2001 Comp., p. 783; Notice of August 6, 2004, 69 FR 48763 (August 10, 2004).

n 8. Supplement No. 1 to Part 764 is amended by revising the sixth sentence of paragraph (a)(1), as follows:

**Supplement No. 1 to Part 764—
Standard Terms of Orders of Denying
Export Privileges**

(a) * * *
(1) * * * BIS provides a list of persons currently subject to denial orders on its Web site at <http://www.bis.doc.gov>.

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Dated: February 14, 2005.

Matthew S. Borman,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

**Federal Energy Regulatory
Commission**

18 CFR Parts 5, 16, 156, 157, and 385

[Docket No. RM04-9-000; Order No. 653]

**Electronic Notification of Commission
Issuances**

February 10, 2005.

AGENCY: Federal Energy Regulatory Commission.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Federal Energy Regulatory Commission is amending its regulations to provide for electronic notification of Commission issuances to service list recipients. In most instances, the Commission will now send such

notices by e-mail. This change will increase the speed with which participants receive notice, reduce the Commission's costs, and provide for more accurate service lists. Allowance will be made for participants who are unable to utilize e-mail. Other revisions to the Commission's regulations will allow it to send electronic notifications to mailing list recipients once a system for doing so becomes operational. This final rule also makes revisions that are intended to increase the utilization of electronic forms of service between participants, and to clarify the Commission's regulations to ensure that documents with certification or verification requirements may be filed electronically.

DATES: *Effective Date:* The rule will become effective on March 21, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wilbur Miller, Federal Energy Regulatory Commission, 888 First Street, NE., Washington, DC 20426, (202) 502-8953.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Before Commissioners: Pat Wood, III, Chairman; Nora Mead Brownell, Joseph T. Kelliher, and Suedeen G. Kelly.

1. On June 23, 2004, the Commission issued a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NOPR) requesting comments on proposed revisions to its regulations regarding service of documents. Electronic Notification of Commission Issuances, 107 FERC ¶ 61,311, FERC Stats. & Regs. ¶ 32,574 (2004). The Commission, in the NOPR, proposed to begin serving notice of Commission issuances to persons on service and mailing lists via e-mail rather than postal mail, with exemptions for persons unable to receive notice electronically. The NOPR also proposed to make service by electronic means the standard form of service in Commission proceedings, and to clarify the Commission's regulations to ensure that documents with signature certification or verification requirements could be filed electronically.

I. Background

2. The NOPR's proposal, which this Final Rule adopts, was to initiate in early 2005 an eService program that will require each person on a service list to provide an e-mail address, registered through the Commission's eRegistration system, at which that person can receive notification of Commission issuances. The Commission views this program as an important element in its efforts to reduce the use of paper in compliance with the Government Paperwork

Elimination Act.¹ This revision is intended to provide faster notification to participants in Commission proceedings while also reducing the Commission's mailing costs.

3. This Final Rule implements the eService system by amending Rule 2010² to require persons eligible to receive service to eRegister pursuant to 18 CFR 390.1 (2004). This requirement applies only to proceedings initiated on or after March 21, 2005. A person submitting an initial filing on behalf of one or more participants will designate the official contact for those participants on the service list. That person will, however, be able to designate additional contacts who will also be included on the service list if they are eRegistered. Persons for whom electronic notification is impractical may apply for a waiver and register by a paper form, as provided in 18 CFR 390.3 (2004). Such persons will receive postal mail notification.

4. As a backup in the early stages of the eService system, the Secretary will continue to send copies of Commission issuances by postal mail. This will continue for three months from the time this Final Rule becomes effective, after which notification will be solely by e-mail to contacts who are fully eRegistered, unless a waiver or exemption applies.

5. In addition to service by the Commission, this final rule adopts the NOPR's proposal to make electronic service the standard form of service under Rule 2010(f).³ The Commission is amending its service rule to provide that, with the exception of those who are unable to receive such service, senders and recipients will serve documents upon one another by electronic means unless they agree otherwise.

6. The Commission will not at this time be implementing the system, proposed in the NOPR, of electronic notification for persons on the Commission's various mailing lists. It will, however, do so in the future. As explained in the NOPR, the Commission maintains a variety of mailing lists that it utilizes to inform potentially affected persons of certain developments in proceedings related to hydroelectric projects and natural gas facilities. Recipients include state and federal agencies, elected officials, Indian tribes, landowners, and other potentially interested persons and entities. The Commission intends to institute a system whereby mailing list recipients

¹ 44 U.S.C. 3504.
² 18 CFR 385.2010 (2004).
³ 18 CFR 385.2010(f) (2004).