

Summary documenting Panel opinions regarding the strengths and weaknesses of the stock assessment and input data. Participants for SEDAR Workshops are appointed by the Gulf of Mexico, South Atlantic, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils and NOAA Fisheries Southeast Regional Office and Southeast Fisheries Science Center. Participants include data collectors and database managers; stock assessment scientists, biologists, and researchers; constituency representatives including fishermen, environmentalists, and NGO's; International experts; and staff of Councils, Commissions, and state and federal agencies.

#### SEDAR 23 Review Schedule:

#### November 15–17, 2010; SEDAR 23 Review Workshop

November 15, 2010: 10 a.m. - 8 p.m.,  
November 16–17, 2010, 8 a.m. - 8 p.m.

The established times may be adjusted as necessary to accommodate the timely completion of discussion relevant to the assessment process. Such adjustments may result in the meeting being extended from, or completed prior to the time established by this notice.

The Review Workshop is an independent peer review of the assessment developed during the Data and Assessment Workshops. Workshop Panelists will review the assessment and document their comments and recommendations in a Consensus Summary.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

#### Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Council office (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**) at least 5 business days prior to each workshop.

Dated: September 30, 2010.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 1708]

#### Reorganization of Foreign-Trade Zone 113 Under Alternative Site Framework; Ellis County, TX

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

*Whereas*, the Board adopted the alternative site framework (ASF) in December 2008 (74 FR 1170, 01/12/09; correction 74 FR 3987, 01/22/09) as an option for the establishment or reorganization of general-purpose zones;

*Whereas*, the Ellis County Trade Zone Corporation, grantee of Foreign-Trade Zone 113, submitted an application to the Board (FTZ Docket 4-2010, filed 01/14/10) for authority to reorganize under the ASF with a service area of Ellis County, Texas, adjacent to the Dallas/Fort Worth Customs and Border Protection port of entry, and FTZ 113's existing Site 1 would be categorized as a magnet site;

*Whereas*, notice inviting public comment was given in the **Federal Register** (75 FR 3705, 01/22/10; 75 FR 17125, 04/05/10) and the application has been processed pursuant to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations; and,

*Whereas*, the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report, and finds that the requirements of the FTZ Act and Board's regulations are satisfied, and that the proposal is in the public interest;

*Now, therefore*, the Board hereby orders:

The application to reorganize FTZ 113 under the alternative site framework is approved, subject to the FTZ Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, and to the Board's standard 2,000-acre activation limit for the overall general-purpose zone project.

Signed at Washington, DC, September 24, 2010.

**Ronald K. Lorentzen,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Alternate Chairman, Foreign-Trade Zones Board.*

*Attest:*

**Andrew McGilvray,**

*Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Bureau of Industry and Security

[Docket No. 100920454-0473-02]

#### Request for Public Comments Regarding Small and Medium Enterprises' Understanding of and Compliance With the Export Administration Regulations

**AGENCY:** Bureau of Industry and Security, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Inquiry.

**SUMMARY:** The Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) is publishing a notice of inquiry to solicit comments from the public regarding small and medium enterprises' (SMEs) understanding of and compliance with export controls maintained pursuant to the Export Administration Regulations (EAR). BIS anticipates that input from the public will help it administer and enforce export controls in a manner consistent with U.S. national security while facilitating and even increasing legitimate trade involving SMEs and the exporting community in general.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by December 6, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on this notice of inquiry, identified by "Notice of Inquiry—SME", by any of the following methods:

*E-mail:* [publiccomments@bis.doc.gov](mailto:publiccomments@bis.doc.gov). Include "Notice of Inquiry—SME" in the subject line of the message.

*Fax:* (202) 482-3355. Please alert the Regulatory Policy Division, by calling (202) 482-2440, if you are faxing comments.

*Mail or Hand Delivery/Courier:* Sheila Quarterman, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of Exporter Services, Regulatory Policy Division, 14th Street & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Room 2705, Washington, DC 20230, *Attn:* "Notice of Inquiry—SME".

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sheila Quarterman, U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Industry and Security, Office of Exporter Services,

Regulatory Policy Division, Telephone 202/482-2440, E-mail [squarter@bis.doc.gov](mailto:squarter@bis.doc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

President Obama's August 2009 call for broad-based review and modernization of U.S. export controls presented the Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) a strategic opportunity to reach out to regulated groups such as small and medium enterprises (SMEs) regarding their experience with the Export Administration Regulations (EAR). More recently, the President's National Export Initiative (NEI) announced in January 2010 focuses on expanding trade advocacy and opportunities, particularly for SMEs. Pursuant to the NEI, the Commerce Department's International Trade Administration will seek to increase the number of SMEs exporting over the next five years. BIS continues to develop the agency's commitment to addressing SMEs' concerns through its outreach efforts. At its October 2009 annual Update Conference on Export Controls, BIS led a roundtable discussion on SMEs' export compliance concerns.

In this notice of inquiry (NOI), BIS is soliciting information regarding SMEs' understanding of and compliance with the EAR. BIS intends to use the information to evaluate the need for innovations and revisions that will enhance SMEs' understanding of and compliance with the EAR. Given SMEs' strategic position in export trade, the EAR must continue to address SMEs' concerns in a manner that promotes compliance without adversely affecting competitiveness. Ultimately, the agency seeks to administer and enforce export controls in a manner that protects U.S. national security while facilitating and even increasing legitimate trade involving SMEs and the exporting community in general.

It is important to BIS to identify and address issues that impact a range of SMEs' understanding of and compliance with the EAR. BIS intends that this NOI will yield useful input not only from and about enterprises with extensive experience in export trade but also from and about enterprises less familiar and less experienced in export trade.

Unlike for small businesses or enterprises, there is no widely accepted or agreed upon definition of medium enterprises. However, industry and government entities have made progress in incorporating the consideration of medium enterprises in matters of global trade.

In formulating an appropriate definition of SMEs for purposes of this

NOI, BIS reviewed relevant data from U.S. Government, industry, and international sources, including the U.S. International Trade Commission (USITC), the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA), the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census, and the European Commission. In particular, a recent USITC report, *Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises: Overview of Participation in U.S. Exports* (USITC Publication 4125, January 2010), and the SBA Office of Advocacy's analysis on which it draws offer helpful guidance in defining SMEs. Based on the USITC report, the related analysis from the SBA's Office of Advocacy, and the SBA's definition of "business concern" (13 CFR 121.105), BIS defines SMEs for purposes of this NOI as enterprises with fewer than 500 employees, organized for profit, and independently operated and established within the United States. Given the range of sectors that participate in dual-use exports, BIS does not believe that a revenue threshold is appropriate. BIS welcomes comments regarding this definition.

Comments that identify issues and make recommendations regarding SMEs' awareness and understanding of the EAR, as well as their experiences complying with the EAR, will be instructive. BIS invites the public also to submit comments on the following:

- (1) The principal challenges SMEs face in trying to comply with the EAR, including any challenges that SMEs uniquely face and approaches to overcoming these challenges;
- (2) The value of current BIS outreach, education and counseling to SMEs in understanding and complying with the EAR;
- (3) Ways to improve or expand SMEs' awareness, knowledge and understanding of the EAR and increase their capacity to comply with them; and
- (4) Data, including comparative international data, that support comments and recommendations related to items (1) through (3) above; and that provide examples of effective methods of administering and enforcing export controls with special attention to SMEs.

Comments should be submitted to BIS as described in the **ADDRESSES** section of this notice by December 6, 2010. BIS will consider all comments submitted in response to this NOI that are received before the close of the comment period. Comments received after the end of the comment period will be considered if possible, but their consideration cannot be assured. BIS will not accept public comments accompanied by a request that a part or all of the material be

treated confidentially because of its business proprietary nature or for any other reason. BIS will return such comments and materials to the persons submitting the comments and will not consider them. All public comments in response to this NOI must be in writing (including fax or email) and will be a matter of public record, and will be available for public inspection and copying on the BIS Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) Reading Room Web site at <http://bis.doc.gov/foia/default.htm>.

Dated: September 27, 2010.

**Kevin J. Wolf,**

*Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.*

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

**Agency Information Collection Activities: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: Proposed Collection; Comment Request: Rules Pertaining to Contract Markets and Their Members**

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. 3501 *et seq.*), this notice announces that the CFTC is planning to submit the following proposed Information Collection Request (ICR) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB): Rules Pertaining to Contract Markets and Their Members; [OMB Control Number 3038-0022]. Before submitting the ICR to OMB for review and approval, the CFTC is soliciting comments on specific aspects of the proposed information collection as described below.

**DATES:** Comments must be submitted on or before December 6, 2010.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments may be mailed to David Van Wagner, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Division of Market Oversight, 202-418-5481, fax 202-418-5507, e-mail [dvanwagner@cftc.gov](mailto:dvanwagner@cftc.gov). Refer to OMB Control No. 3038-0022.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David Van Wagner at 202-418-5481, fax 202-418-5507, e-mail [dvanwagner@cftc.gov](mailto:dvanwagner@cftc.gov).

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

*Affected Entities:* Entities potentially affected by this action are registered entities (designated contract markets, registered derivatives transaction