

information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked as privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential.

An original and five (5) copies, plus two (2) copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 7025-X, Washington, DC 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 97-12A003."

The original Certificate for the Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc., was issued on January 21, 1998 (63 FR 4220, January 28, 1998). A summary of the current application for an amendment follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc. ("AARQ"), c/o Jess Errecarte, AARQ Chairman, 1550 Drew Ave Suite 150 Davis, California 95616.

Contact: Matthew R. Elkin, Counsel, Morgan, Lewis & Bockius LLP, Telephone (202) 739-5285.

Application No.: 97-12A003.

Date Deemed Submitted: January 7, 2014.

Proposed Amendment: AARQ seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Remove the following member companies from AARQ Certificate: Newfield Rice, Inc., Miramar, Florida and The Connell Company for the activities of itself and its two divisions, Connell Rice & Sugar Co. and Connell International Company, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey
2. Change the names of the following AARQ members: Commodity Specialists Company, Minneapolis, Minnesota to Sinamco Trading Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota and Nidera US LLC, Wilton, Connecticut (a subsidiary of Nidera Handelscompagnie BV (Netherlands) to Nidera US LLC, Wilton, Connecticut (a subsidiary of Nidera BV (Netherlands))

AARQ's proposed amendment of its Export Trade Certificate of Review

would result in the following membership list:

ADM Latin, Inc., Decatur, Illinois, ADM Grain Company, Decatur, Illinois, and ADM Rice, Inc., Tarrytown, New York (subsidiaries of Archer Daniels Midland Company)
 American Commodity Company, LLC, Williams, California
 Associated Rice Marketing Cooperative (ARMCO), Richvale, California
 Bunge Milling, St. Louis, Missouri (a subsidiary of Bunge North America, White Plains, New York) dba PIRMI (Pacific International Rice Mills), Woodland, California
 Cargill Americas, Inc., and its subsidiary CAI Trading LLC, Coral Gables, Florida
 Family & Sons, Inc., Miami, Florida
 Farmers' Rice Cooperative, Sacramento, California
 Farmers Rice Milling Company, Inc., Lake Charles, Louisiana
 Far West Rice, Inc., Durham, California
 Gulf Pacific Rice Co., Inc., Houston, Texas; Gulf Rice Milling, Inc., Houston, Texas; and Harvest Rice, Inc., McGehee, Arkansas (each a subsidiary of Gulf Pacific, Inc., Houston, Texas)
 Gulf Pacific Disc, Inc., Houston, Texas
 Itochu International Inc., Portland, Oregon (a subsidiary of Itochu Corporation (Japan))
 JFC International Inc., Los Angeles, California (a subsidiary of Kikkoman Corp.)
 JIT Products, Inc., Davis, California
 Kennedy Rice Dryers, L.L.C., Mer Rouge, Louisiana
 Kitoku America, Inc., Burlingame, California (a subsidiary of Kitoku Shinryo Co., Ltd. (Japan))
 LD Commodities Rice Merchandising LLC, Wilton, Connecticut, and LD Commodities Interior Rice Merchandising LLC, Kansas City, Missouri (subsidiaries of Louis Dreyfus Commodities LLC, Wilton, Connecticut)
 Louisiana Rice Mill, LLC, Mermentau, Louisiana
 Nidera, US LLC, Wilton, Connecticut (a subsidiary of Nidera BV (Netherlands))
 Nishimoto Trading Co., Ltd., Santa Fe Springs, California (a subsidiary of Nishimoto Trading Company, Ltd. (Japan))
 Noble Logistic USA Inc., Portland, Oregon
 Producers Rice Mill, Inc., Stuttgart, Arkansas
 PS International, LLC dba PS International Ltd., Chapel Hill, North Carolina (jointly owned by Seaboard Corporation, Kansas City, Missouri

and PS Trading Inc., Chapel Hill, North Carolina)
 Riceland Foods, Inc., Stuttgart, Arkansas
 Rickmers Rice USA, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee
 Riviana Foods Inc., Houston, Texas (a subsidiary of Ebro Foods, S.A. (Spain)) for the activities of itself and its subsidiary, American Rice, Inc., Houston, Texas
 Sinamco Trading, Inc., Minneapolis, Minnesota
 SunFoods LLC, Woodland, California
 SunWest Foods, Inc., Davis, California
 Texana Rice, Inc., Louise, Texas
 The Sun Valley Rice Co., LLC, Arbuckle, California
 TRC Trading Corporation, Roseville, California (a subsidiary of TRC Group Inc., Roseville California) and its subsidiary Gulf Rice Arkansas II, LLC, Houston, Texas
 Trujillo & Sons, Inc., Miami, Florida
 Veetee Rice, Inc., Great Neck, New York (a subsidiary of Veetee Investments Corporation (Bahamas))
 Wehah Farm, Inc., dba Lundberg Family Farms, Richvale, California.

Dated: January 23, 2014.

Joseph Flynn,

Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis, International Trade Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Draft Guidance for Assessing the Effects of Anthropogenic Sound on Marine Mammals—Acoustic Threshold Levels for Onset of Permanent and Temporary Threshold Shifts

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; reopening of public comment period.

SUMMARY: On December 27, 2013 the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) on behalf of NMFS and the National Ocean Service (referred to collectively here as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)), announced the availability of draft guidance for assessing the effects of anthropogenic sound on marine mammal species under NOAA's jurisdiction. NOAA solicited public comment on the draft guidance and provided a 30-day public comment period ending January 27, 2014. NOAA

has received requests for an extension of the public comment period. In response to those requests, NOAA is reopening the public comment period for an additional 45 days.

DATES: Comments must be received or postmarked by no later than March 13, 2014.

ADDRESSES: The draft guidance is available in electronic form via the Internet at <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/acoustics/> and via the eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>.

You may submit comments, identified by NOAA–NMFS–2013–0177, by any of the following methods:

- **Electronic Submissions:** Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>.
- **Mail:** Send comments to: Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3226, Attn: Acoustic Guidance.

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

NMFS will accept anonymous comments (enter N/A in the required fields, if you wish to remain anonymous). You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Scholik-Schlomer, Office of Protected Resources, 301–427–8449.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 27, 2013 NOAA announced the availability of draft guidance for assessing the effects of anthropogenic sound on marine mammal species under NOAA’s jurisdiction for public comment (78 FR 78822). The guidance provides updated received levels, or thresholds, above which individual marine mammals are predicted to experience changes in their hearing sensitivity (either temporary or permanent) for all underwater anthropogenic sound sources. NOAA has received requests for an extension of the public comment period. In response to these requests, NOAA is reopening the comment period an additional 45 days. Comments must be received or

postmarked by no later than March 13, 2014.

Dated: January 23, 2014.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, performing the functions and duties of the Deputy Assistant Administrator for Regulatory Programs, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; U.S. Navy Training and Testing Activities in the Northwest Training and Testing Study Area

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application for letter of authorization; request for comments and information.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the U.S. Navy (Navy) for authorization to take marine mammals incidental to the training and testing activities conducted in the Northwest Training and Testing (NWTT) Study Area from October 2015 through October 2020. Pursuant to the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS announces our receipt of the Navy’s request for the development and implementation of regulations governing the incidental taking of marine mammals and inviting information, suggestions, and comments on the Navy’s application and request.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than February 28, 2014.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to Michael Payne, Chief, Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3225. The mailbox address for providing email comments is ITP.Hopper@noaa.gov. NMFS is not responsible for email comments sent to addresses other than the one provided here. Comments sent via email, including all attachments, must not exceed a 10-megabyte file size.

Instructions: All comments received are a part of the public record and will

generally be posted to <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information.

A copy of the Navy’s application may be obtained by visiting the Internet at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/incidental.htm>. The Navy’s Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) for NWTT was made available to the public on January 17, 2014. A 60-day public comment period is open through March 18, 2014. Documents cited in this notice may also be viewed, by appointment, during regular business hours, at the aforementioned address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian D. Hopper, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 427–8401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by United States citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specific geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Authorization for incidental takings shall be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s), will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses (where relevant), and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the mitigation, monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined “negligible impact” in 50 CFR 216.103 as “. . . an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival.”

With respect to military readiness activities, the MMPA defines “harassment” as: “(i) any act that injures or has the significant potential to injure a marine mammal stock in the wild [Level A Harassment]; or (ii) any act that disturbs or is likely to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal