

Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1104H, 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 99-00001." A summary of the application follows:

Summary of the Application

Applicant: C-Shore International, 1102 Brand Blvd, Suite 63, Glendale, California 91202.

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Application No.: 99-00001.

Date Deemed Submitted: January 20, 1999.

Members (in addition to applicant): None.

C-Shore International, an Export Intermediary, seeks a Certificate to cover the following specific Export Trade, Export Markets, and Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operations.

Export Trade

1. Products

All products.

2. Services

All services.

3. Technology Rights

Technology Rights, including, but not limited to, patents, trademarks, copyrights and trade secrets that relate to Products and Services.

4. Export Trade Facilitation Services (as They Relate to the Export of Products, Services and Technology Rights)

Export Trade Facilitation Services, including, but not limited to: professional services in the areas of government relations and assistance with state and federal export programs; foreign trade and business protocol; consulting; market research and analysis; collection of information on trade opportunities; marketing; negotiations; joint ventures; shipping and export management; export licensing; advertising; documentation and services related to compliance with customs requirements; insurance and financing; bonding; warehousing; export trade promotion; trade show exhibitions; organizational development; management and labor strategies; transfer of technology;

transportation; and facilitating the formation of shippers' associations.

Export Markets

The Export Markets include all parts of the world except the United States (the fifty states of the United States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, American Samoa, Guam, the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, and the Trust Territory of the Pacific Islands).

Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation

C-Shore International may:

1. Provide and/or arrange for the provision of Export Trade Facilitation Services;
2. Engage in promotion and marketing activities and collect and distribute information on trade opportunities in the Export Markets;
3. Enter into exclusive and/or non-exclusive agreements with distributors, foreign buyers, and/or sales representatives in Export Markets;
4. Enter into exclusive or non-exclusive licensing, and/or sales agreements with Suppliers, Export Intermediaries, or other persons for the transfer of title to Products, Services, and/or Technology Rights in Export Markets;
5. Allocate export orders among suppliers;
6. Allocate the sales, export orders and/or divide Export Markets, among Suppliers, Export Intermediaries, or other persons for the sale, licensing and/or transfer of title to Products, Services, and/or Technology Rights;
7. Establish the price of Products, Services, and or Technology Rights for sale and/or licensing in Export Markets; and
8. Negotiate, enter into, and/or manage licensing agreements for the export of Technology Rights.

Definitions

1. *Export Intermediary* means a person who acts as a distributor, sales representative, sales or marketing agent, or broker, or who performs similar functions, including providing or arranging for the provision of Export Trade Facilitation Services.

2. *Supplier* means a person who produces, provides, or sells a Product and/or Service.

Dated: January 26, 1999.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 981228327-8327-01]

Proposed Voluntary Product Standard DOC PS 20-99 "American Softwood Lumber Standard"

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This is to advise the public that the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is distributing a proposed revision of Voluntary Product Standard DOC PS 20-94 "American Softwood Lumber Standard," for review and comment. DOC PS 20-94 serves the procurement and regulatory needs of numerous federal, state, and local government agencies by providing for uniform, industry-wide grade-marking and inspection requirements for softwood lumber. The proposed revision, DOC PS 20-99 "American Softwood Lumber Standard," has been developed and is being processed in accordance with the provisions of the "Procedures for the Development of Voluntary Product Standards" of the Department of Commerce (15 CFR Part 10; as amended; published June 20, 1986).

DATES: Written comments regarding the proposed revision, DOC PS 20-99, should be submitted to the Technical Standards Activities Program, NIST, by no later than April 19, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Requests for copies of the proposed revision, DOC PS 20-99, and written comments on the proposed revision should be submitted to the Technical Standards Activities Program, NIST, 100 Bureau Drive Stop 2150, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2150. The text of the proposed revision, DOC PS 20-99 (including a copy of DOC PS 20-94 that has been marked up to show proposed changes to the standard), may be viewed on the World Wide Web (as an Adobe Acrobat File) by clicking onto the "DOC Voluntary Product Standards Program" at the web site: <http://ts.nist.gov/tsap>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara M. Meigs, Technical Standards Activities Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, telephone: 301-975-4025; fax: 301-926-1559, e-mail: barbara.meigs@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The proposed revision, DOC PS 20-99 "American Softwood Lumber Standard," was developed by the American Lumber Standard Committee, the Standing Committee for DOC PS 20-

94. The Committee has responsibility for maintaining and interpreting the standard and is composed of representatives of producers, distributors, consumers, and others with an interest in the standard.

DOC PS 20-94 established standard sizes and requirements for developing and coordinating the lumber grades of the various species of softwood lumber, the assignment of design values, and the preparation of grading rules applicable to each species. Its provisions include implementation of the Standard through an accreditation and certification program; establishment of principal trade classifications and lumber sizes for yard, structural, factory/shop use; classification, measurement, grading and grade-marking of lumber; definitions of terms and procedures to provide a basis for the use of uniform methods in the grading inspection, measurement and description of softwood lumber; commercial names of the principal softwood species; definitions of terms used in describing standard grades of lumber; and commonly used industry abbreviations. The Standard also includes the organization and functions of the American Lumber Standard Committee, the Board of Review, and the National Grading Rule Committee.

The Standing Committee met on November 6, 1998, to discuss and vote upon the draft revision of DOC PS 20-94. The draft had been developed by an ALSC Task Group after considering comments received from Committee members and other interested parties who responded to NIST's announcement of March 30, 1998, in the *NIST Update*. In that announcement, NIST indicated that as part of the Department's 5-year review, mandated by the DOC procedures, it was seeking comments regarding DOC PS 20-94 to determine its technical adequacy, the level of acceptability the standard has among the various segments of the softwood lumber industry, the standard's compatibility with existing law and established public policy, and the benefits that would be derived from PS 20-94 versus any alternatives. Following a period of discussion of the draft and the comments that had been received from the public and members of the Committee, all members present at the meeting unanimously approved the draft, with minor changes, and recommended that the proposed revision, DOC PS 20-99, be submitted to NIST to be processed to supersede DOC PS 20-94.

Among the changes to DOC PS 20-94 and incorporated in the proposed revision are the following: metric units

are shown first followed by conventional units, language regarding remanufactured lumber is added to the text, standards referenced in DOC PS 20-94 are replaced by current editions of those standards, commercial names of additional principal softwood species are listed in Appendix A, and some definitions of terms used in describing standard grades of lumber are clarified in Appendix B. The basic sizes, technical requirements for softwood lumber, and administrative structure for implementing and enforcing the Standard have been retained.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 272.

Dated: January 26, 1999.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Board of Trade Futures Contracts in Corn and Soybeans; Order Approving Proposed Rules and Amending Orders of May 7, 1998, and November 7, 1997

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Final order to the Chicago Board of Trade.

SUMMARY: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission), on January 25, 1999, issued an Order to the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago (CBT) under sections 5a(a)(12) and 5a(a)(10) of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act), 7 U.S.C. 7a(a)(12) and (10), approving amendments to the CBT's corn and soybean futures contracts and amending the Commission's Orders under section 5a(a)(10) of the Act of November 7, 1997, and May 7, 1998, to effectuate the approved rule amendments.

On January 25, 1999, the Commission approved for the CBT corn and soybean futures contracts, beginning on January 3, 2000: (1) Deletion of provisions relating to in-loading of the commodities at regular warehouses; (2) rules extending a preference for load-out by regular warehouse or shipping station operators of deliveries on futures contracts over their cash commitments until meeting their daily load-out requirement that is currently in effect for delivery by barge to other modes of transportation; and (3) rules requiring regular shipping stations, at a minimum, to load at the highest loading rate applicable for the commodities in a

loading line-up which includes both wheat and corn or soybeans or both oats and corn or soybeans. The Commission, by its Order, amended its Orders of November 7, 1997, and May 7, 1998, to effectuate the above approvals relating to the CBT corn and soybean futures contracts.

The Commission has determined that publication of this Order is in the public interest, will provide the public with notice of its action, and is consistent with the purposes of the Act.

DATES: This Order became effective on January 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Mielke, Acting Director, or Paul Architzel, Chief Counsel, Division of Economic Analysis, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, DC 20581, (202) 418-5260, or electronically, Mr. Architzel at PArchitzel@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission, on January 25, 1999, issued an Order to the CBT approving amendments to the CBT's corn and soybean futures contracts under sections 5a(a)(12) and 5a(a)(10) of the Act and amending the Commission's Orders under section 5a(a)(10) of the Act of November 7, 1997, and May 7, 1998, to effectuate the approved rule amendments.

The text of the Commission's Order is as follows:

In the Matter of the Amendment: of the Terms and Conditions of the Chicago Board of Trade Corn and Soybean Futures Contracts.

Order of the Commodity Futures Trading Commission Approving Proposed Amendments to the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago Corn and Soybean Futures Contracts and Amending Commission Orders of May 7, 1998, and November 7, 1997.

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission) hereby approves under sections 5a(a)(12) and 5a(a)(10) of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act), 7 U.S.C. 7a(a)(12) and (10), amendments to the Board of Trade of the City of Chicago's (CBT) corn and soybean futures contracts submitted by the CBT for Commission approval on October 22, 1998, and January 20, 1999, and amends the Commission's Orders of May 7, 1998, and November 7, 1997, under section 5a(a)(10) of the Act, making all changes necessary effect the above approval. Specifically, the Commission approves for the CBT corn and soybean futures contracts, beginning on January 3, 2000: