

by the Government of the People's Republic of China which are printed on light grey guilloche patterned background paper with a newly added dull color map of the People's Republic of China in the middle. The light grey form will replace the light green form currently being used. The Chinese Embassy in Washington, DC, will continue to issue the white pre-printed replacement visa now in use.

To facilitate implementation of this amendment to the export licensing system, I request that you permit entry of textile products, produced or manufactured in China and exported from China during the period January 1, 1997 through February 28, 1997, for which the Government of the People's Republic of China has issued an export license/commercial invoice printed on either a light green form or a light grey form with a dull color map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

Goods exported on and after March 1, 1997 must be accompanied by an export visa issued by the Government of the People's Republic of China only on the light grey license/invoice form with a dull color map of the People's Republic of China in the middle.

Shipments entered or withdrawn from warehouse according to this directive which are not accompanied by an appropriate export visa shall be denied entry and a new visa must be obtained.

The Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements has determined that this action falls within the foreign affairs exception to the rulemaking provisions of 5 U.S.C. 553(a)(1).

Sincerely,

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Petition of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. for Exemptive Relief To Permit United States Customers To Establish or Offset Positions in Certain Foreign Currency Options on the Hong Kong Futures Exchange Ltd. Through Registered Broker-Dealers

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Extension of Comment Period.

SUMMARY: On October 2, 1996, the Commodity Futures Trading Commission ("Commission") issued a notice of proposed order and request for comment on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc.'s petition for exemptive relief to permit United States customers to establish or offset positions in certain foreign currency options on the Hong Kong Futures Exchange Ltd. through registered broker-dealers, 61 FR 52921 (October 9, 1996). The original period

for comment was thirty days, with the deadline for the submission of comments November 8, 1996. By letter dated November 8, 1996, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade and the Futures Industry Association have requested a thirty-day extension of the comment period. The Commission has determined to extend the comment period to December 11, 1996.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before December 11, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be submitted to Jean A. Webb, Secretary of the Commission, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, D.C. 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to facsimile number (202) 418-5521, or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Susan C. Ervin, Deputy Director/Chief Counsel, or Christopher W. Cummings, Attorney/Advisor, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, 1155 21st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20581. Telephone number: (202) 418-5450. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5536. Electronic mail: tm@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On October 2, 1996, the Commission issued a request for comment on the petition of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Inc. ("PHLX") for exemptive relief to permit United States customers to establish or offset positions in certain foreign currency options on the Hong Kong Futures Exchange Ltd. through registered broker-dealers. On November 8, 1996, the Chicago Mercantile Exchange, the Chicago Board of Trade and the Futures Industry Association filed a written request for a thirty-day extension of the comment period. The extension request was based on the signatories' belief that additional time was necessary to fully evaluate the merits of the PHLX's petition in light of important policy questions.

The Commission has determined to extend the period for public comment on the PHLX's petition to December 11, 1996.

Issued in Washington, DC., on November 13, 1996, by the Commission.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Federal Energy Regulatory Commission

[Docket No. CP97-81-000]

National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation; Notice of Request Under Blanket Authorization

November 14, 1996.

Take notice that on November 4, 1996, National Fuel Gas Supply Corporation (National Fuel), 10 Lafayette Square, Buffalo, New York 14203, filed in Docket No. CP97-81-000 a request pursuant to Sections 157.205 and 157.216 of the Commission's Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205, 157.216) for authorization to abandon a delivery point connection located in Jefferson County, Pennsylvania, under National Fuel's blanket certificate issued in Docket No. CP83-4-000, pursuant to Section 7(c) of the Natural Gas Act, all as more fully set forth in the request that is on file with the Commission and open to public inspection.

National Fuel proposes to abandon a delivery point connection which provides service to one residential customer of National Fuel Gas Distribution Corporation. National Fuel states this delivery point is located along a non-jurisdictional production pipeline that will be conveyed to Contract Services, a producer of natural gas located in Pennsylvania, who will assume service obligations to this customer following conveyance of these facilities.

National Fuel advises the affected customer is aware of the proposed sale of facilities to Contract Services and does not object to this sale and the two parties have entered into an Agreement for the Transfer of Service, dated July 18, 1996. National Fuel states such transfer is subject to the approval of the Pennsylvania Public Utility Commission.

Any person or the Commission's staff may, within 45 days after issuance of the instant notice by the Commission, file pursuant to Rule 214 of the Commission's Procedural Rules (18 CFR 385.214) a motion to intervene or notice of intervention and pursuant to Section 157.205 of the Regulations under the Natural Gas Act (18 CFR 157.205) a protest to the request. If no protest is filed within the time allowed therefor, the proposed activity shall be deemed to be authorized effective the day after the time allowed for filing a protest. If a protest is filed and not withdrawn within 30 days after the time allowed for filing a protest, the instant request