lack of interest, we determine that expedited action is warranted, and we preliminarily determine that continued application of the order with respect to certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products falling within the descriptions above is no longer of interest to domestic interested parties. Because we have concluded that expedited action is warranted, we are combining these notices of initiation and preliminary results. Therefore, we are hereby notifying the public of our intent to revoke in part the antidumping duty orders with respect to imports of certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products meeting the above-mentioned specifications from Japan.

If the final revocation in part occurs, we intend to instruct the U.S. Customs Service (''Customs'') to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties, as applicable, and to refund any estimated antidumping duties collected for all unliquidated entries of certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products meeting the specifications indicated above, not subject to final results of administrative review as of the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the final results of this changed circumstances review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.222. We will also instruct Customs to pay interest on such refunds in accordance with section 778 of the Act. The current requirement for a cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products meeting the above specifications will continue unless and until we publish a final determination to revoke in part.

Public Comment

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Parties to the proceedings may request a hearing within 14 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held no later than two days after the deadline for the submission of rebuttal briefs, or the first workday thereafter. Case briefs may be submitted by interested parties not later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to the issues raised in those comments, may be filed not later than five days after the deadline for submission of case briefs. All written comments shall be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303 and shall be served on all interested parties on the Department's service list in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303. Persons interested in attending the hearing should contact the Department for the date and time of the hearing.

The Department will publish the final results of this changed circumstances review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any written comments. This notice is published in accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216 and 351.222.

Dated: January 12, 2001.

Troy H. Cribb,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of application to amend certificate.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs (''OETCA''), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review (''Certificate''). This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the amended Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Vanessa M. Bachman, Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration by phone at (202) 482–5131 (this is not a toll-free number) or E-mail at oetca@ita.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001–21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. A Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from state and federal government antitrust actions and from private, treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether an amended Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential. An original and five copies, plus two copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice in writing to: Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1104H, Washington, D.C. 20230, or transmitted by E-mail to oetca@ita.doc.gov. 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 97–4A003.''

The Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc. (''AARQ'') original Certificate was issued on January 21, 1998 (63 FR 4223, January 28, 1998) and last amended on June 1, 2000 (65 FR 36410, June 8, 2000). A summary of the application for an amendment follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: The Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc. (''AARQ''), c/o Ludovico Manfredi, Newfieldrice, Inc., 1401 Brickell Avenue, Suite 332, Miami, FL 33131.

Contact: M. Jean Anderson, Esquire, Telephone: (202) 682–7217.

Application No.: 97–4A003.

Date Deemed Submitted: January 10, 2001.

Proposed Amendment: AARQ seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add the following companies as new ''Members'' of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): Alliance Grain, Inc., Voorhees, NJ (Controlling Entity: ConAgra Foods, Inc., Omaha); Associated Rice Marketing Cooperative, Durham, CA; California Rice Marketing, LLC, Sacramento, CA; The Sun Valley Rice Co., LLC, Arbuckle;

2. Delete the following company as a ''Member'' of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): ContiGroup Companies, Inc., New York, New York;

3. Change the listings of the current Members as follows: ''AC HUMKO, Corp., Cordova, Tennessee'' should be amended to ''ACH Food Companies, Inc., Cordova, Tennessee;'' ''California Commodity Traders, LLC, Sacramento, California'' should be amended to ''California Commodity Traders, LLC, Robbins, California and its affiliate, American Commodity Company, LLC, Robbins, California;'' ''ConAgra, Inc. for the activities of KBC Trading and Processing Company, Stockton, California'' should be amended to ''ConAgra Foods, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, and its subsidiary, Alliance Grain, Inc., Voorhees, New Jersey;'' ''Kennedy Rice Dryers, Inc., Mer Rouge, Louisiana'' should be amended to ''Kennedy Rice Dryers, L.L.C., Mer Rouge, Louisiana;'' ''Kitoku America, Inc., Davis, California (a subsidiary of Kitoku Co., Ltd.)'' should be amended to ''Kitoku America, Inc., Davis, California (a subsidiary of Kitoku Shinryo Co., Ltd.);'' ''Newfield Partners Ltd., Miami, Florida'' should be amended to ''Newfieldrice, Inc., Miami, Florida;'' ''The Connell Company, Westfield, New Jersey'' should be amended to ''The Connell Company, Berkeley Heights, New Jersey.''

Dated: January 16, 2001.

Vanessa M. Bachman,

Acting Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Estuarine Research Reserve System

AGENCY: Estuarine Reserves Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent to adopt the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) Cooperative Conservation/Acquisition Plan as an amendment to the South Slough NERR Management Plan.

SUMMARY: The National Ocean Service announces the availability of the Draft Cooperative Conservation/Acquisition Plan (Plan) as an amendment to the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) management plan adopted in 1994. The South Slough NERR is located in the Coos Bay Estuary in southern Oregon. The plan sets forth priorities and guidelines for acquisition and stewardship of properties within the South Slough watershed, Coos Bay watershed, and broader Columbian biogeographic region. The plan was developed to guide the use of the Gustafson bequest to the South Slough NERR which is to be used by the NERR for land acquisition purposes. An extensive public involvement process was pursued to develop the Plan.

The Cooperative Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC), made up of representatives of local business, real estate, environmental, and county, state and federal government interests was created to guide the development of the Plan. Two public meetings were held to receive comments on the Plan which were integrated into the current draft Plan.

DATES: Written comments will be accepted through March 2, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be sent to Nina Garfield, NOAA–ERD, SSMC–4, 11th Floor, 1305 East West Hwy, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND A COPY OF THE PLAN CONTACT: Craig Cornu, Stewardship Coordinator, South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve, P.O. Box 5417, Charleston, Oregon 97420, 541–888–2581 x 301.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Located in Coos Bay's South Slough inlet, the South Slough National Estuarine Research Reserve (NERR) was established in 1974 as the first in a nationwide system of coastal reserves dedicated to estuarine research, education and stewardship.

The South Slough NERR Cooperative Plan for Watershed Conservation (Plan) is intended to advance the stewardship goals of the South Slough NERR Management Plan (SSNERR, 1974) by guiding the Reserve's acquisition of new land management responsibilities. The cornerstone of the 1994 South Slough NERR Management Plan stewardship goal is ''to ensure that the Reserves ecosystems will continue to be available for long-term estuarine research, education and interpretation.'' The stewardship mission of the South Slough NERR also focuses on providing ''stewardship for key examples of estuarine ecosystem types of the lower Columbian biogeographic region.'' The proposed acquisition plan, therefore, looks at three geographic perspectives: (1) Estuarine ecosystems within or integrally linked to the present South Slough NERR administrative lands; (2) estuarine ecosystems associated with the Coos Bay watershed; and (3) estuarine ecosystems within the larger biogeographic region (the coastal area between the mouth of the Columbia River to the north and Cape Mendocino to the south).

The two driving forces behind the development of the proposed Plan are: (1) The findings of the Reserve's 1994 Management Plan, and (2) a $1.6 million bequest from a local Coos Bay resident, Chalmer Gustafson, for the sole purpose of acquiring additional land to be added to the South Slough NERR.

The proposed Plan is a program in which ''acquisition'' is defined to include a variety of actions, including fee simple purchase, easements, land donations, land exchanges, stewardship partnerships and others. It is strictly a ''willing seller'' program.

Upon approval by the South Slough NERR Management Commission, the proposed Plan will become part of the South Slough NERR Management Plan and the NERR Program of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). To approve changes to the existing management plan, an opportunity for public comment must be provided. An extensive process of public input and comment has been undertaken for the development and review of the proposed plan. This **Federal Register** Notice provides additional opportunity for public comment.

Central to the development of the proposed Plan was the formation of the Cooperative Plan Advisory Committee (CPAC), made up of representatives of local business, real estate, environmental, and county, state and federal government interests. The CPAC had six meetings over an eight-month period in 1998–99, and presided over two public open house meetings. The CPAC, South Slough NERR staff, and the consultants worked together as a team to develop the foundation of the proposed Plan.

Through an iterative process involving South Slough NERR staff and the general public the CPAC developed acquisition goals to guide the proposed Plan development that resulted in the identification of an acquisition Planning Area comprised of seven Areas of Interest. Each Area of Interest was also assigned a level of effort or allocation of time and budget resources and property selection criteria.

Three principal acquisition goals led to the identification of the Areas of Interest and development of selection criteria: Goal (1) protect the lands within the current Reserve administrative boundary, emphasizing the need to acquire key landscape features within the South Slough watershed; Goal (2) provide diversity of