

SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Audit and Financial Management Advisory (AFMAC) Committee Meeting**

The U.S. Small Business Administration Audit and Financial Management Advisory Committee (AFMAC) will host a public meeting on Thursday, March 16, 2006. The meeting will take place at the U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Office of the Chief Financial Officer Conference Room, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416. The AFMAC was established by the Administrator of the SBA to provide recommendation and advice regarding the Agency's financial management, including the financial reporting process, systems of internal controls, audit process and process for monitoring compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

Anyone wishing to attend must contact Jennifer Main in writing or by fax. Jennifer Main, Chief Financial Officer, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, phone (202) 205-6449; fax (202) 205-6969; Jennifer.Main@sba.gov.

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Committee Management Officer.

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SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**Region 1—Maine District Advisory Council; Public Meeting**

The U.S. Small Business Administration Maine District Advisory Council, located in the geographical area of Augusta, Maine will hold a public meeting on Wednesday, March 22, 2006, starting at 10 a.m. The meeting will be held at the Care & Comfort, 180 Main Street, Waterville, Maine to discuss such matters as may be presented by members, staff of the U.S. Small Business Administration, or others present.

For further information, write or call Mary McAleney, District Director, U.S. Small Business Administration, 68 Sewall Street, Room 512, Augusta, Maine 04330, (207)-622-8386 phone, (207)-622-8277 fax.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5335]

Bureau of Political-Military Affairs: Suspension of Defense Export Licenses to Eritrea

AGENCY: Department of State.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that, pursuant to section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act and effective as of September 12, 2005 all new applications for licenses and approvals of defense articles and services for the export or transfer to Eritrea under the Arms Export Control Act (AECA) are suspended. An exception is made for such items that support U.S. anti-terrorism and de-mining programs, are necessary to meet U.S. commitments under international conventions, and are necessary for United Nations and other appropriate peacekeeping personnel and operation. Licenses and approvals authorized prior to September 12, 2005 continue to be valid.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 12, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. James Juraska, Office of Defense Trade Controls Policy, Department of State, Telephone (202) 663-22860 or FAX (202) 261-8199.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: It is the policy of the U.S. Government, effective as of September 12, 2005 to suspend all licenses and approvals for the export or transfer to Eritrea of defense articles and services. An exception is made allowing for the export or transfer to Eritrea of defense articles and defense services which support U.S. anti-terrorism, counter-terrorism, and de-mining programs, are necessary for United Nations and other appropriate peacekeeping operations, are necessary to meet U.S. commitments under international conventions, or that are temporary exports of protective clothing, to include flak jackets and military helmets, for individual use by United Nations personnel, media representatives, and humanitarian and development workers.

These actions are taken in accordance with Section 405(a)(13)(B) of the International Religious Freedom (IRF) Act. Eritrea, designated a Country of Particular Concern by Secretary Powell in September 2004 for severe violations of religious freedom, continues to act egregiously to deny the rights of worshippers. Current practices include closing all churches but those officially sanctioned by the Government of the State of Eritrea (GSE), imprisonment of

hundreds of worshippers without trial, detention of prisoners in metal shipping containers in the desert (punishment cells), and an ongoing denial from the GSE of any significant religious freedom problem. Despite the attempts of several U.S. officials, talks with senior GSE representatives have proved futile.

Per Section 409 of the IRF Act, this ban will last for two years, unless expressly reauthorized, or unless the Secretary determines at an earlier date that the GSE "has ceased or taken substantial and verifiable steps to cease the particularly severe violations of religious freedom."

The licenses and approvals for Eritrea subject to this policy include manufacturing licenses, technical assistance agreements, technical data, and all commercial exports of defense articles and services subject to the Arms Export Control Act, with the exclusion of those types of defense articles and services cited above. The foregoing includes any agreement that proposes Eritrea as a sales territory.

Notwithstanding this new policy, authorizations granted prior to September 12, 2005 for the export or transfer to Eritrea of defense articles and services subject to the ITAR remain valid. The range of prior licenses and approvals for Eritrea that remain valid include manufacturing licenses, technical assistance agreements, technical data, and all commercial exports of defense articles and services subject to the Arms Export Control Act.

This action is taken pursuant to Sections 38 and 42 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778, 2791) and § 126.7 of the ITAR in furtherance of the foreign policy of the United States.

John Hillen,

Assistant Secretary, Bureau of Political Military Affairs, Department of State.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

[Public Notice 5337]

Determination With Respect to Countries and Entities Failing To Take Measures To Apprehend and Transfer All Indicted War Criminals

Pursuant to the authority vested in me by Section 561 of the Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Act, 2006 (Pub. L. 109-102), I hereby determine that Serbia and the Republika Srpska have failed to take necessary and significant steps to implement their international legal obligations to