

(d) If the appeal is to the Standard Review Committee or the Standing Committee and the Committee is unable to resolve such an appeal informally, the Committee shall hold a hearing regarding the appeal. Announcement of the hearing shall be made to members of the Standard Review Committee or the Standing Committee and all the acceptors of record, when appropriate, as well as other known interests. Notice of the hearing shall be published in the Federal Register. The hearing will be an informal, nonadversary proceeding at which there will be no formal pleadings or adverse parties. Written statements will be furnished by witnesses prior to the hearing. A record of the hearing will be made. Copies of the written statements and the record of the hearing will be available at cost.

(e) Those members of the Committee hearing the appeal will develop a recommendation to the Committee concerning the resolution of the appeal. NBS will review the recommendation and if found acceptable will subject it to a letter ballot of the Committee. Approval by three-fourths of the members of the Committee eligible to vote will constitute acceptance by the Committee and by NBS. Notice of the Committee decision will be published in the Federal Register.

(f) If the appeal is to NBS and the attempt to resolve the appeal informally under paragraph (c) of this section is not successful, the Deputy Director of NBS will schedule a hearing with an appeals panel at an appropriate location. Announcement of the hearing shall be made to members of the Standard Review Committee or Standing Committee and all acceptors of record, when appropriate, as well as to other known interests. Notice of the hearing shall be published in the Federal Register.

(g) The Deputy Director of NBS will name two other persons, who have not been directly involved in the matter in dispute and who will not be directly or materially affected by any decision made or to be made in the dispute, to sit on the panel with the Deputy Director, who will act as presiding officer. The presiding officer will have the right to exercise such authority as necessary to ensure the equitable and efficient conduct of the hearing and to maintain an orderly proceeding.

(h) The hearing will be an informal, nonadversary proceeding at which there will be no formal pleadings or adverse parties. The hearing will be open to the public. Witnesses shall submit a written presentation for the record seven days prior to the hearing. A record will be made of the hearing. Copies of the

written statements and the record of the hearing will be available at cost.

(i) The appeals panel will make a recommendation to the Director of NBS. The Director's decision on the appeal will be announced within 60 days following the hearing and will be communicated to the complainant and other interested parties by letter. Notice of the Director's decision shall be published in the Federal Register.

§ 10.15 Interpretations.

(a) An interpretation of a Voluntary Product Standard may be obtained through the submission of a written request. The request shall identify the specific section of the standard involved.

(b) In the case of PS 20-70, the "American Softwood Lumber Standard," interpretations shall be made by the American Lumber Standards Committee (ALSC) under the procedures developed by the ALSC and found acceptable to NBS.

(c) In the case of the other Voluntary Product Standards, interpretations shall be made by the appropriate Standing Committees under procedures developed by those committees and found acceptable to NBS.

§ 10.16 Effect of procedures.

Nothing contained in these procedures shall be deemed to apply to the development, publication, revision, amendment, or withdrawal of any standard which is not identified as a "Voluntary Product Standard" by the Department. The authority of the Department with respect to engineering standards activities generally, including the authority to publish appropriate recommendations not identified as "Voluntary Product Standards," is not limited in any way by these procedures.

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International Trade Administration

15 CFR Parts 373 and 399

[Docket No. 60233-6033]

Exports to Countries Listed in Supplement No. 8 to Part 373

AGENCY: Export Administration, International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Final rule.

SUMMARY: The Export Administration Regulations provide rules for licensing of exports and reexports of U.S. origin commodities and technical data. These rules include, in certain cases, special

provisions for exports to countries that have established the ability to safeguard reexports of these U.S. origin goods. Most of these countries are listed in Supplement No. 2 to Part 373 and participate in strategic alliances with the United States. This rule establishes a Supplement No. 8 to Part 373 to list other countries eligible for these special provisions. This supplement will be revised from time to time as circumstances warrant.

EFFECTIVE DATE: This rule is effective June 20, 1986.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wally Workman, Export Administration, Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, Telephone: (202) 377-3160.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Rulemaking Requirements

In connection with various rulemaking requirements, Export Administration has determined that:

Rulemaking Requirements

1. Because this rule concerns a foreign and military affairs function of the United States, it is not a rule or regulation within the meaning of Section 1(a) of Executive Order 12291 and it is not subject to the requirements of that Order. Accordingly, no preliminary or final Regulatory Impact Analysis has to be or will be prepared.

2. Section 13(a) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. App. 2412(a)), exempts this rule from all requirements of section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (APA) (5 U.S.C. 553); including those requiring publication of a notice of proposed rulemaking, an opportunity for public comment, and a delay in effective date. This rule is also exempt from these APA requirements because it involves a foreign and military affairs function of the United States. Further, no other law requires that notice of proposed rulemaking and an opportunity for public comment be given for this rule. Accordingly, it is being issued in final form. However, as with other Department of Commerce rules, comments from the public are always welcome. Comments should be submitted to Betty Ferrell, Export Administration, Room 1622, Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, Telephone (202) 377-3856.

3. Because a notice of proposed rulemaking and an opportunity for public comment are not required to be given for this rule by section 553 of the Administrative Procedure Act (5 U.S.C. 553) or by any other law, under sections