

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20230

In the Matter of:)
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Bear Basin Outfitters)
3339 Vincent Road)
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523)
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Respondent)

ORDER RELATING TO BEAR BASIN OUTFITTERS

The Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce (“BIS”) has notified Bear Basin Outfitters (“Bear Basin”), of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against Bear Basin pursuant to Section 766.3 of the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2005)) (the “Regulations”),¹ and Section 13(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)) (the “Act”),² through the issuance of a proposed charging letter to

¹ The violations alleged to have been committed occurred between 2000 and 2005. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 2000-2005 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2000-2005). The 2005 Regulations establish the procedures that apply to this matter.

² From August 21, 1994 through November 12, 2000, the Act was in lapse. During that period, the President, through Executive Order 12924, which had been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the last of which was August 3, 2000 (3 C.F.R., 2000 Comp. 397 (2001)), continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1701-1706 (2000)) (“IEEPA”). On November 13, 2000, the Act was reauthorized and it remained in effect through August 20, 2001. Since August 21, 2001, the Act has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 C.F.R., 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), as extended by the Notice of August 2, 2005 (70 Fed. Reg. 45,273 (Aug. 5, 2005)), has continued the Regulations in effect under IEEPA.

Bear Basin that alleged that Bear Basin committed 64 violations of the Regulations.

Specifically, the charges are:

1. *Sixty Four Violations of 15 C.F.R. § 764.2(a): Exporting Optical Sighting Devices Without the Required Licenses:* From on or about December 15, 2000 through on or about February 3, 2005, Bear Basin engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations by exporting optical sighting devices (ECCN³ 0A987), items subject to the Regulations, from the United States to various countries, including Canada, Sweden and Switzerland, without the Department of Commerce licenses required by Sections 742.7 and 742.17 of the Regulations.

WHEREAS, BIS and Bear Basin have entered into a Settlement Agreement pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Regulations whereby they agreed to settle this matter in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth therein, and

WHEREAS, I have approved of the terms of such Settlement Agreement;

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

FIRST, that a civil penalty of \$8,000 is assessed against Bear Basin, which shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce within 30 days from the date of entry of this Order. Payment shall be made in the manner specified in the attached instructions.

SECOND, that, pursuant to the Debt Collection Act of 1982, as amended (31 U.S.C. §§ 3701-3720E (2000)), the civil penalty owed under this Order accrues interest as more fully described in the attached Notice, and, if payment is not made by the due

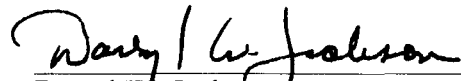
³The term "ECCN" refers to an Export Control Classification Number. See Section 772.1 of the Regulations.

date specified herein, Bear Basin will be assessed, in addition to the full amount of the civil penalty and interest, a penalty charge and an administrative charge, as more fully described in the attached Notice.

THIRD, that the timely payment of the civil penalty set forth above is hereby made a condition to the granting, restoration, or continuing validity of any export license, license exception, permission, or privilege granted, or to be granted, to Bear Basin. Accordingly, if Bear Basin should fail to pay the civil penalty in a timely manner, the undersigned may enter an Order denying all of Bear Basin's export privileges under the Regulations for a period of one year from the date of entry of this Order.

FOURTH, that the proposed charging letter, the Settlement Agreement, and this Order shall be made available to the public.

This Order, which constitutes the final agency action in this matter, is effective immediately.



Darryl W. Jackson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
for Export Enforcement

Entered this 17th day of March, 2006.

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Bear Basin Outfitters (“Bear Basin”), and the Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce (“BIS”) (collectively, the “Parties”), pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2005)) (the “Regulations”), issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)) (the “Act”),

WHEREAS, Bear Basin filed a voluntary self-disclosure with BIS’s Office of Export Enforcement in accordance with Section 764.5 of the Regulations concerning the transactions at issue herein;

WHEREAS, BIS has notified Bear Basin of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against Bear Basin, pursuant to the Act and the Regulations;

WHEREAS, BIS has issued a proposed charging letter to Bear Basin that alleged that Bear Basin committed 64 violations of the Regulations, specifically:

1. *Sixty Four Violations of 15 C.F.R. § 764.2(a): Exporting Optical Sighting Devices Without the Required Licenses:* From on or about December 15, 2000 through

on or about February 3, 2005, Bear Basin engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations by exporting optical sighting devices (ECCN³ 0A987), items subject to the Regulations, from the United States to various countries including Canada, Sweden and Switzerland, without the Department of Commerce licenses required by Sections 742.7 and 742.17 of the Regulations.

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WHEREAS, Bear Basin has reviewed the proposed charging letter and is aware of the allegations made against it and the administrative sanctions which could be imposed against it if the allegations are found to be true;

WHEREAS, Bear Basin fully understands the terms of this Agreement and the Order (“Order”) that the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement will issue if he approves this Agreement as the final resolution of this matter;

WHEREAS, Bear Basin enters into this Agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of its rights;

WHEREAS, Bear Basin states that no promises or representations have been made to it other than the agreements and considerations herein expressed;

WHEREAS, Bear Basin neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in the proposed charging letter;

WHEREAS, Bear Basin wishes to settle and dispose of all matters alleged in the proposed charging letter by entering into this Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Bear Basin agrees to be bound by the Order, if entered;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. BIS has jurisdiction over Bear Basin, under the Regulations, in connection with the matters alleged in the proposed charging letter.
2. The following sanction shall be imposed against Bear Basin in complete settlement of the alleged violations of the Regulations relating to the transactions specifically

detailed in the proposed charging letter and voluntary self-disclosure:

a. Bear Basin shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$8,000, which shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce within 30 days from the date of entry of the Order.

b. The timely payment of the civil penalty agreed to in paragraph 2.a is hereby made a condition to the granting, restoration, or continuing validity of any export license, permission, or privilege granted, or to be granted, to Bear Basin. Failure to make timely payment of the civil penalty set forth above may result in the denial of all of Bear Basin's export privileges under the Regulations for a period of one year from the date of imposition of the penalty.

3. Subject to the approval of this Agreement pursuant to paragraph 8 hereof, Bear Basin hereby waives all rights to further procedural steps in this matter (except with respect to any alleged violations of this Agreement or the Order, if entered), including, without limitation, any right to: (a) an administrative hearing regarding the allegations in any charging letter; (b) request a refund of any civil penalty paid pursuant to this Agreement and the Order, if entered; (c) request any relief from the Order, if entered, including without limitation relief from the terms of a denial order under 15 C.F.R. § 764.3(a)(2); and (d) seek judicial review or otherwise contest the validity of this Agreement or the Order, if entered.

4. Upon entry of the Order and timely payment of the \$8,000 civil penalty, BIS will not initiate any further administrative proceeding against Bear Basin in connection with any violation of the Act or the Regulations arising out of the transactions identified in the proposed charging letter and the voluntary self-disclosure.

5. BIS will make the proposed charging letter, this Agreement, and the Order, if entered, available to the public.

6. This Agreement is for settlement purposes only. Therefore, if this Agreement is not accepted and the Order is not issued by the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export

Enforcement pursuant to Section 766.18(a) of the Regulations, no Party may use this Agreement in any administrative or judicial proceeding and the Parties shall not be bound by the terms contained in this Agreement in any subsequent administrative or judicial proceeding.

7. No agreement, understanding, representation or interpretation not contained in this Agreement may be used to vary or otherwise affect the terms of this Agreement or the Order, if entered, nor shall this Agreement serve to bind, constrain, or otherwise limit any action by any other agency or department of the U.S. Government with respect to the facts and circumstances addressed herein.

8. This Agreement shall become binding on the Parties only if the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement approves it by entering the Order, which will have the same force and effect as a decision and order issued after a full administrative hearing on the record.

9. Each signatory affirms that he has authority to enter into this Settlement Agreement and to bind his respective party to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

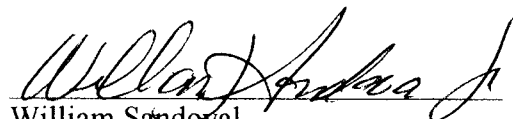
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U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE



Michael D. Turner
Director
Office of Export Enforcement

Date: 3/15/06

BEAR BASIN OUTFITTERS



William Sandoval
President

Date: 3/4/06

PROPOSED CHARGING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Bear Basin Outfitters
3339 Vincent Road
Pleasant Hill, CA 94523

Attention: *Mr. William Sandoval*
President

Dear Mr. Sandoval:

The Bureau of Industry and Security, U. S. Department of Commerce (“BIS”), has reason to believe that Bear Basin Outfitters (“Bear Basin”), of Pleasant Hill, CA, has committed 64 violations of the Export Administration Regulations (the “Regulations”),¹ which are issued under the authority of the Export Administration Act of 1979 (the “Act”).² Specifically, BIS charges that Bear Basin committed the following violations:

Charges 1 - 64 15 C.F.R. § 764.2(a): Exporting Optical Sighting Devices Without the Required Licenses:

¹ The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2005). The violations charged occurred from 2000 through 2005. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 2000 - 2005 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2000-2005)). The 2005 Regulations govern the procedural aspects of this case.

² 50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401- 2420 (2000). From August 21, 1994 through November 12, 2000, the Act was in lapse. During that period, the President, through Executive Order 12924, which had been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the last of which was August 3, 2000 (3 C.F.R., 2000 Comp. 397 (2001)), continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1701 - 1706 (2000)) (“IEEPA”). On November 13, 2000, the Act was reauthorized and it remained in effect through August 20, 2001. Since August 21, 2001, the Act has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13222 of August 17, 2001 (3 C.F.R., 2001 Comp. 783 (2002)), which has been extended by successive presidential notices, the most recent being that of August 2, 2005 (70 Fed. Reg. 45273 (August 5, 2005)), has continued the Regulations in effect under the IEEPA.

As described in greater detail in Schedule A, which is enclosed herewith and incorporated herein by reference, on sixty-four occasions, from on or about December 15, 2000 through on or about February 3, 2005, Bear Basin engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations by exporting optical sighting devices (ECCN³ 0A987), items subject to the Regulations, from the United States to various countries including Canada, Sweden and Switzerland, without the Department of Commerce licenses required by Sections 742.7 and 742.17 of the Regulations. In so doing, Bear Basin committed sixty-four violations of Section 764.2(a) of the Regulations.

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Accordingly, Bear Basin is hereby notified that an administrative proceeding is instituted against it pursuant to Section 13(c) of the Act and Part 766 of the Regulations for the purpose of obtaining an order imposing administrative sanctions, including any or all of the following:

The maximum civil penalty allowed by law of \$11,000 per violation;⁴

Denial of export privileges; and/or

Exclusion from practice before BIS.

If Bear Basin fails to answer the charges contained in this letter within 30 days after being served with notice of issuance of this letter, that failure will be treated as a default. *See* 15 C.F.R. §§ 766.6 and 766.7. If Bear Basin defaults, the Administrative Law Judge may find the charges alleged in this letter are true without a hearing or further notice to Bear Basin. The Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security may then impose up to the maximum penalty for each of the charges in this letter.

Bear Basin is further notified that it is entitled to an agency hearing on the record if it files a written demand for one with its answer. *See* 15 C.F.R. § 766.6. Bear Basin is also entitled to be represented by counsel or other authorized representative who has power of attorney to represent it. *See* 15 C.F.R. §§ 766.3(a) and 766.4.

The Regulations provide for settlement without a hearing. *See* 15 C.F.R. § 766.18. Should Bear Basin have a proposal to settle this case, Bear Basin or its representative should transmit it to the

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⁴ *See* 15 C.F.R. § 6.4(a)(2).

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attorney representing BIS named below.

The U.S. Coast Guard is providing administrative law judge services in connection with the matters set forth in this letter. Accordingly, Bear Basin's answer must be filed in accordance with the instructions in Section 766.5(a) of the Regulations with:

U.S. Coast Guard ALJ Docketing Center
40 S. Gay Street
Baltimore, Maryland 21202-4022

In addition, a copy of Bear Basin's answer must be served on BIS at the following address:

Chief Counsel for Industry and Security
Attention: James C. Pelletier, Esq.
Room H-3839
United States Department of Commerce
14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20230

James C. Pelletier is the attorney representing BIS in this case; any communications that Bear Basin may wish to have concerning this matter should occur through him. Mr. Pelletier may be contacted by telephone at (202) 482-5301.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Turner
Director
Office of Export Enforcement