

nomination of individuals to the Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee (FESAC or the Committee). The Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, in coordination with the Directors of the Bureau of Economic Analysis (BEA) and the Census Bureau, as well as the Commissioner of the Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS), will consider nominations received in response to this notice, as well as from other sources.

DATES: Nominations for FESAC will be accepted on an ongoing basis and will be considered as and when vacancies arise.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations by email to Gianna.marrone@bea.gov (subject line "FESAC Nomination").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gianna Marrone, Committee Management Official, Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, telephone 301-278-9282, email: gianna.marrone@bea.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: FESAC was established in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Title 5, U.S.C., App. 2). The following sections provide information about the Committee, membership to the Committee, and the Committee's nomination process.

Objectives and Scope of FESAC Activities

The Committee advises the Directors of BEA and the Census Bureau, as well as the Commissioner of BLS, on statistical methodology and other technical matters related to the design, collection, tabulation, and analysis of Federal economic statistics.

Description of the FESAC Member Duties

The Committee functions solely as an advisory committee to the senior officials of BEA, the Census Bureau, and BLS (the agencies). Important aspects of the Committee's responsibilities include, but are not limited to:

- a. Recommending research to address important technical problems arising in the field of Federal economic statistics;
- b. Identifying areas in which better coordination of the agencies' activities would be beneficial;
- c. Exploring ways to enhance the agencies' economic indicators to improve their timeliness, accuracy, and specificity to meet changing demands and future data needs;
- d. Improving the means, methods, and techniques to obtain economic information needed to produce current and future economic indicators; and

e. Coordinating, in its identification of agenda items, with other existing academic advisory committees chartered to provide agency-specific advice, for the purpose of avoiding duplication of effort.

The Committee meets once or twice a year, budget permitting. Additional meetings may be held as deemed necessary by the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs or the Designated Federal Official. All Committee meetings are open to the public in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

FESAC Membership

The Committee will comprise approximately sixteen members who serve at the pleasure of the Secretary of Commerce. Members shall be appointed by the Under Secretary for Economic Affairs in consultation with the agencies. Committee members shall be professionals in appropriate disciplines, including economists, statisticians, survey methodologists, computer scientists, data scientists, and behavioral scientists who are experts in their fields and are recognized for their scientific, professional, and operational achievements and objectivity. Membership will represent data users with expertise from the public sector, academia, and the private sector. Members will be chosen to achieve a balanced membership that will meet the needs of the agencies.

Members shall serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) and shall be subject to the applicable ethics rules.

A FESAC member term is three years. Members may serve more than one term as described in the FESAC Charter, available at: <https://apps.bea.gov/fesac/>.

Compensation for Members

Members of the Committee serve without compensation but may be reimbursed for Committee-related travel and lodging expenses.

Solicitation of Nominations

The Committee is currently filling one or more positions on FESAC.

The Under Secretary of Economic Affairs, in consultation with the agencies, will consider nominations of all qualified individuals to ensure that the Committee includes the areas of experience noted above. Individuals may nominate themselves or other individuals. Professional associations and organizations also may nominate one or more qualified persons for Committee membership. Nominations shall state that the nominee is willing to

serve as a Committee member and carry out the affiliated duties. A nomination package should include the following information for each nominee:

1. A letter of nomination stating the name, affiliation, and contact information for the nominee, the basis for the nomination (*i.e.*, what specific attributes recommend the nominee for service in this capacity), and the nominee's field(s) of expertise;
2. A biographical sketch of the nominee;
3. A copy of the nominee's curriculum vitae; and
4. The name, return address, email address, and daytime telephone number at which the nominator can be contacted.

The Committee aims to have a balanced representation among its members, considering such factors as geography, age, sex, race, ethnicity, technical expertise, community involvement, and knowledge of programs and/or activities related to FESAC. Individuals will be selected based on their expertise in or representation of specific areas as needed by FESAC.

All nomination information should be provided in a single, complete package. Interested applicants should send their nomination packages to Gianna Marrone, Committee Management Official, at Gianna.Marrone@bea.gov (subject line "FESAC Nomination").

Authority: Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C., App.

Dated: July 25, 2023.

Gianna Marrone,

Bureau of Economic Analysis, Alternate Designated Federal Official, Federal Economic Statistics Advisory Committee.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

Order Renewing Temporary Denial of Export Privileges

Empresa de Transporte Aéreo cargo del Sur, S.A., a/k/a Aerocargo del Sur Transportation Company, a/k/a EMTRASUR, Avenida Intercomunal, Edificio Sede, Sector 6.3, Maiquetía, Distrito Federal, Venezuela, Avenida Lecuna Torre Oeste Piso 49, Libertador, Caracas, Venezuela

Pursuant to section 766.24 of the Export Administration Regulations, 15 CFR parts 730-774 (2021) ("EAR" or

“the Regulations”),¹ I hereby grant the request of the Bureau of Industry and Security (“BIS”), U.S. Department of Commerce, through its Office of Export Enforcement (“OEE”), to renew the temporary denial order (“TDO”) issued in this matter on January 26, 2023. I find that renewal of this order is necessary in the public interest to prevent an imminent violation of the Regulations.

I. Procedural History

On August 2, 2022, I signed an order denying the export privileges of Venezuela-based cargo airline Empresa de Transporte Aéreo cargo del Sur, S.A., a/k/a Aerocargo del Sur Transportation Company, a/k/a EMTRASUR (“EMTRASUR”) for a period of 180 days on the ground that issuance of the order was necessary in the public interest to prevent an imminent violation of the Regulations. The order was issued *ex parte* pursuant to section 766.24(a) of the Regulations and was effective upon issuance.² This temporary denial order was subsequently renewed in accordance with section 766.24(d) of the Regulations.³ The renewal order issued on January 26, 2023 and was effective upon issuance.⁴

On July 3, 2023, BIS, through OEE, submitted a written request for renewal of the TDO that issued on January 26, 2023. The written request was made more than 20 days before the TDO’s scheduled expiration. A copy of the renewal request was sent to EMTRASUR in accordance with sections 766.5 and

766.24(d) of the Regulations. No opposition to the renewal of the TDO has been received.

II. Renewal of the TDO

A. Legal Standard

Pursuant to section 766.24, BIS may issue an order temporarily denying a respondent’s export privileges upon a showing that the order is necessary in the public interest to prevent an “imminent violation” of the Regulations, or any order, license or authorization issued thereunder. 15 CFR 766.24(b)(1) and 766.24(d). “A violation may be ‘imminent’ either in time or degree of likelihood.” 15 CFR 766.24(b)(3). BIS may show “either that a violation is about to occur, or that the general circumstances of the matter under investigation or case under criminal or administrative charges demonstrate a likelihood of future violations.” *Id.* As to the likelihood of future violations, BIS may show that the violation under investigation or charge “is significant, deliberate, covert and/or likely to occur again, rather than technical or negligent[.]” *Id.* A “lack of information establishing the precise time a violation may occur does not preclude a finding that a violation is imminent, so long as there is sufficient reason to believe the likelihood of a violation.” *Id.*

B. The TDO and BIS’s Request for Renewal

OEE’s request for renewal is based upon the facts underlying the issuance of the initial TDO and evidence developed during this investigation, which demonstrate continued disregard for U.S. export controls and the terms of a preexisting TDO. As noted in OEE’s initial request for a temporary denial order, EMTRASUR is a subsidiary of Consorcio Venezolano de Industrias Aeronauticas Y Servicios Aereos, S.A., a/k/a CONVIASA (“CONVIASA”), a Venezuelan state-owned airline. On or about February 7, 2020, U.S. Department of the Treasury’s Office of Foreign Assets Control (“OFAC”) added CONVIASA to the list of Specially Designated Nationals (“SDN”) pursuant to Executive Order (E.O.) 13884.⁵

The initial TDO, issued on August 2, 2022, was based on evidence that EMTRASUR engaged in conduct prohibited by a TDO that had been previously issued against Iranian airline Mahan Air a/k/a Mahan Airlines a/k/a Mahan Airways (“Mahan Air”) and the Regulations when EMTRASUR, through its parent company, acquired custody

and/or control from Mahan Air of a U.S.-origin Boeing 747 aircraft bearing manufacturer’s serial number 23413 (“MSN 23413”), an item subject to the EAR and classified under ECCN 9A991, in or around October 2021.⁶

Moreover, the initial TDO, issued on August 2, 2022, was also based on evidence that EMTRASUR had continued to use MSN 23413 on flights into Iran and Russia in violation of General Prohibition 10, which (among other restrictions) prohibits the continued use of an item that was known to have been exported or reexported in violation of the EAR.⁷ See General Prohibition 10 of the EAR at 15 CFR 736.2(b)(10). There are no license exceptions available for this General Prohibition.⁸ As also noted in OEE’s initial request, MSN 23413 was detained by Argentinian authorities on or about June 8, 2022, where it presently remains. On or about August 2, 2022, the United States Department of Justice transmitted a request to Argentinian authorities for the seizure of MSN 23413 following the unsealing of a seizure warrant in the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia.

In its request for renewal of the August 2, 2022 TDO, as well as the most recent request submitted on July 3, 2023, BIS offered evidence demonstrating that EMTRASUR’s acquisition of MSN 23413 from Mahan Air was in violation of the TDO previously issued against Mahan Air and the Regulations. Specifically, BIS’s

¹ On August 13, 2018, the President signed into law the John S. McCain National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2019, which includes the Export Control Reform Act of 2018, 50 U.S.C. 4801–4852 (“ECRA”). While section 1766 of ECRA repeals the provisions of the Export Administration Act, 50 U.S.C. app. 2401 *et seq.* (“EAA”), (except for three sections which are inapplicable here), section 1768 of ECRA provides, in pertinent part, that all orders, rules, regulations, and other forms of administrative action that were made or issued under the EAA, including as continued in effect pursuant to the International Emergency Economic Powers Act, 50 U.S.C. 1701 *et seq.* (“IEEPA”), and were in effect as of ECRA’s date of enactment (August 13, 2018), shall continue in effect according to their terms until modified, superseded, set aside, or revoked through action undertaken pursuant to the authority provided under ECRA. Moreover, section 1761(a)(5) of ECRA authorizes the issuance of temporary denial orders. 50 U.S.C. 4820(a)(5).

² The TDO was published in the **Federal Register** on August 5, 2022. See 87 FR 47964 (August 5, 2022).

³ Section 766.24(d) provides that BIS may seek renewal of a temporary denial order for additional 180-day renewal periods, if it believes that renewal is necessary in the public interest to prevent an imminent violation. Renewal requests are to be made in writing no later than 20 days before the scheduled expiration date of a temporary denial order.

⁴ The January 26, 2023 renewal order was published in the **Federal Register** on January 31, 2023. See 88 FR 6231 (January 31, 2023).

⁵ See <https://home.treasury.gov/news/press-releases/sm903>.

⁶ Mahan Air’s status as a denied person was most recently renewed by BIS through a TDO issued on May 5, 2023. See 88 FR 30078 (May 10, 2023). The May 5, 2023 renewal order summarizes the initial TDO issued against Mahan in March 2008 and the other renewal orders issued prior to May 5, 2023. See *id.*

⁷ Publicly available flight tracking information demonstrates, for instance, that EMTRASUR operated MSN 23413 on multiple flights between Caracas, Venezuela and Tehran, Iran between February 19, 2022 and May 25, 2022. In addition, EMTRASUR operated MSN 23413 on flights between Tehran, Iran and Moscow, Russia on May 24, 2022 and May 25, 2022.

⁸ Section 736.2(b)(10) of the EAR provides: General Prohibition Ten—Proceeding with transactions with knowledge that a violation has occurred or is about to occur (Knowledge Violation to Occur). You may not sell, transfer, export, reexport, finance, order, buy, remove, conceal, store, use, loan, dispose of, transport, forward, or otherwise service, in whole or in part, any item subject to the EAR and exported or to be exported with knowledge that a violation of the Export Administration Regulations, the Export Administration Act or any order, license, License Exception, or other authorization issued thereunder has occurred, is about to occur, or is intended to occur in connection with the item. Nor may you rely upon any license or License Exception after notice to you of the suspension or revocation of that license or exception. There are no License Exceptions to this General Prohibition Ten in part 740 of the EAR.

ongoing investigation has uncovered evidence that certain of MSN 23413's parts, including spare parts which appear to be U.S.-origin, bear the markings and logos of Mahan and/or CONVIASA. This evidence further demonstrates that EMTRASUR's acquisition and operation of the aircraft violated the TDO issued against Mahan Air; as a result, any attempts by EMTRASUR to operate the aircraft or to return it to Venezuela, as well as any efforts EMTRASUR may take to maintain it, would violate General Prohibition 10.

Moreover, as detailed in the January 26, 2023 renewal order, BIS's investigation indicates that Venezuelan parties took affirmative actions to secure the release of the aircraft from its detention in Argentina, even after the issuance of the August 2, 2022, TDO against EMTRASUR. In its most recent request for renewal, BIS has offered evidence that on May 3, 2023, United States District Judge Randolph D. Moss of the United States District Court for the District of Columbia issued a final order of forfeiture as to the aircraft, vesting all rights to MSN 23413 with the United States. See *United States v. Boeing 747-300 Aircraft*, No. 1:22-cv-3208, Dkt. 11 (D.D.C. May 3, 2023). Notwithstanding this order, however, the aircraft remains in Argentina and has not yet been recovered by the United States government.

Based upon the violations by EMTRASUR, its disregard for the Regulations and the previously-issued TDO against Mahan Air, and the potential release of the MSN 23413 from detention, there are concerns of future violations of the EAR. These concerns are heightened because any subsequent actions taken with regard to MSN 23413 may violate the EAR, including, but not limited to, its refueling, maintenance, repair, or the provision of spare parts or services.

III. Findings

Under the applicable standard set forth in section 766.24 of the Regulations and my review of the entire record, I find that the evidence presented by BIS convincingly demonstrates that EMTRASUR has acted in violation of the Regulations and the TDO; that such violations have been significant, deliberate and covert; and that given the foregoing and the nature of the matters under investigation, there is a likelihood of imminent violations. Therefore, renewal of the TDO is necessary in the public interest to prevent imminent violation of the Regulations and to give notice to companies and individuals in the

United States and abroad that they should avoid dealing with EMTRASUR in connection with export and reexport transactions involving items subject to the Regulations and in connection with any other activity subject to the Regulations.

IV. Order

It is therefore ordered:

First, Empresa de Transporte Aéreo cargo del Sur, S.A., a/k/a Aerocargo del Sur Transportation Company, a/k/a EMTRASUR, Avenida Intercomunal, Edificio Sede, Sector 6.3, Maiquetia, Distrito Federal, Venezuela, and Avenida Lecuna Torre Oeste Piso 49, Libertador, Caracas, Venezuela, and when acting for or on its behalf, any successors or assigns, agents, or employees may not, directly or indirectly, participate in any way in any transaction involving any commodity, software or technology (hereinafter collectively referred to as "item") exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the EAR, or in any other activity subject to the EAR including, but not limited to:

A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license (except directly related to safety of flight), license exception, or export control document;

B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, selling, delivering, storing, disposing of, forwarding, transporting, financing, or otherwise servicing in any way, any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the EAR except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations, or engaging in any other activity subject to the EAR except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations; or

C. Benefitting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the EAR, or from any other activity subject to the EAR except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations.

Second, that no person may, directly or indirectly, do any of the following:

A. Export, reexport, or transfer (in-country) to or on behalf of EMTRASUR any item subject to the EAR except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations;

B. Take any action that facilitates the acquisition or attempted acquisition by EMTRASUR of the ownership, possession, or control of any item

subject to the EAR that has been or will be exported from the United States, including financing or other support activities related to a transaction whereby EMTRASUR acquires or attempts to acquire such ownership, possession or control except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations;

C. Take any action to acquire from or to facilitate the acquisition or attempted acquisition from EMTRASUR of any item subject to the EAR that has been exported from the United States except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations;

D. Obtain from EMTRASUR in the United States any item subject to the EAR with knowledge or reason to know that the item will be, or is intended to be, exported from the United States except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations; or

E. Engage in any transaction to service any item subject to the EAR that has been or will be exported from the United States and which is owned, possessed or controlled by EMTRASUR, or service any item, of whatever origin, that is owned, possessed or controlled by EMTRASUR if such service involves the use of any item subject to the EAR that has been or will be exported from the United States except directly related to safety of flight and authorized by BIS pursuant to section 764.3(a)(2) of the Regulations. For purposes of this paragraph, servicing means installation, maintenance, repair, modification, or testing.

Third, that, after notice and opportunity for comment as provided in section 766.23 of the EAR, any other person, firm, corporation, or business organization related to EMTRASUR by ownership, control, position of responsibility, affiliation, or other connection in the conduct of trade or business may also be made subject to the provisions of this Order.

In accordance with the provisions of sections 766.24(e) of the EAR, EMTRASUR may, at any time, appeal this Order by filing a full written statement in support of the appeal with the Office of the Administrative Law Judge, U.S. Coast Guard ALJ Docketing Center, 40 South Gay Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202-4022.

In accordance with the provisions of section 766.24(d) of the EAR, BIS may seek renewal of this Order by filing a written request not later than 20 days before the expiration date. A renewal request may be opposed by EMTRASUR as provided in section 766.24(d), by

filing a written submission with the Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement, which must be received not later than seven days before the expiration date of the Order.

A copy of this Order shall be provided to EMTRASUR and shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 180 days.

Dated: July 25, 2023.

Matthew S. Axelrod,

Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar From Mexico: Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020–2021

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (Commerce) is amending the final results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on steel concrete reinforcing bar (rebar) from Mexico to correct a ministerial error. The period of review is November 1, 2020, through October 31, 2021.

DATES: Applicable July 28, 2023.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kyle Clahane, AD/CVD Operations, Office III, Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–5449.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 9, 2023, Commerce published the final results of the 2020–2021

administrative review of rebar from Mexico.¹ Additionally, on June 9, 2023, Commerce informed interested parties that it had disclosed all calculations for the *Final Results* and provided them with the opportunity to submit ministerial error comments.²

Subsequently, on June 14, 2023, Commerce received a timely-filed allegation from the Rebar Trade Action Coalition and its individual members (collectively, the petitioner), regarding the calculation of the final weighted-average dumping margin for Deacero S.A.P.I. de C.V. (Deacero)/Ingeteknos Estructurales, S.A. de C.V. (Ingetek) (collectively, Deacero Group).³ No other interested party submitted comments.

Legal Framework

Section 751(h) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.224(f) define a “ministerial error” as including “errors in addition, subtraction, or other arithmetic function, clerical errors resulting from inaccurate copying, duplication, or the like, and any other unintentional error which the administering authority considers ministerial.” With respect to final results of administrative reviews, 19 CFR 351.224(e) provides that Commerce “will analyze any comments received and, if appropriate, correct any ministerial error by amending . . . the final results of review . . .”.

Ministerial Error

The petitioner alleges that, in the final results of the review, Commerce made inadvertent errors with respect to the treatment of Ingetek’s home market sales databases, and with respect to the treatment of missing payment dates that were factored into the calculation of U.S. credit expenses, which it claims resulted in an incorrect weighted-average dumping margin calculated for Deacero Group.

We have analyzed the allegations and find that the petitioner made a timely allegation concerning a ministerial error within the meaning of section 751(h) of

the Act and 19 CFR 351.224(f) pertaining to use of Ingetek’s home market sales databases, but that the petitioner’s allegation alleging a ministerial error in calculating U.S. credit expenses is untimely.

Accordingly, we have revised the margin calculations such that normal value is based on the intended treatment of Deacero Group’s home market sales, but have made no modification to our calculation of U.S. credit expenses.

Details of Commerce’s analysis of the petitioner’s ministerial error allegations are included in the Ministerial Error Allegation Memorandum.⁴ The Ministerial Error Allegation Memorandum is a public document and is available via Enforcement and Compliance’s Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Centralized Electronic Service System (ACCESS). ACCESS is available to registered users at <https://access.trade.gov>.

Accordingly, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(e), Commerce is amending the *Final Results* to reflect the correction of this ministerial error in the calculation of the weighted-average dumping margin for Deacero Group, which changes from 2.30 percent to 2.49 percent.⁵ Furthermore, we are amending the weighted-average dumping margin for the companies not selected for individual examination in this review. The weighted-average dumping margin for the non-examined companies is based on the weighted-average dumping margins calculated for the mandatory respondents, Deacero Group and Grupo Acerero S.A. de C.V. (Acerero), which changes from 5.78 percent to 5.93 percent.⁶

Amended Final Results of Review

As a result of correcting the ministerial error, Commerce determines that the following weighted-average dumping margins exist for the period November 1, 2020, through October 31, 2021:

Producer or exporter	Weighted-average dumping margin (percent)
Deacero S.A.P.I. de C.V./Ingeteknos Estructurales, S.A. de C.V	2.49
Grupo Acerero S.A. de C.V. ⁷	16.28
ArcelorMittal Mexico SA de CV	5.93

¹ See *Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bar from Mexico: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2020–2021*, 88 FR 37849 (June 9, 2023) (*Final Results*), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memorandum.

² See Memorandum, “Deadline for Ministerial Error Comments,” dated June 9, 2023.

³ See Petitioner’s Letter, “Ministerial Error Comments on Deacero’s Final Margin Calculations,” dated June 14, 2023.

⁴ See Memorandum, “Ministerial Error Allegation,” dated concurrently with this notice (Ministerial Error Allegation Memorandum).

⁵ *Id.*

⁶ See Memorandum, “Amended Non-Examined Company Rate Calculation,” dated concurrently with this notice.