

October 27, 2000

MEMORANDUM TO: Jesse L. Funches
Chief Financial Officer

FROM: Janice Dunn Lee, Director */RA/*
Office of International Programs

SUBJECT: BIENNIAL REVIEW OF FEES

This responds to your August 25, 2000, request.

Based on an analysis of FY 1999-2000 licensing data and interviews with licensing staff, we have concluded that no changes are required at this time in the schedule of fees for import-export licensing. Our findings are summarized below:

Part 170.21 Category K and Part 170.31 Category 15, "Import and Export Licenses"

1. Subcategories K.1. and 15.A. (Commission Review)

About 5% of the export/import license applications filed with NRC over the last two years required review and approval by the Commission. The number of hours of direct NRC staff effort (OIP, NMSS, OGC) required to review and process such applications varied widely from case to case depending on the complexity of the underlying issues, intervention petitions, decisions to hold public meetings, etc. However, the 50-hour estimate used currently and in past years for these license applications is still a good average number for fee-collection purposes. Recommendation: No change.

2. Subcategories K.2. and 15.B. (Executive Branch Review)

About 15% of the export/import license cases the last two years required Executive Branch (EB) review and recommendations. The direct NRC staff effort required to review and process these cases continued to average about 30 hours each. Recommendation: No change.

3. Subcategories K.3. and 15. C. (Recipient Government Assurances)

About 48% of the export/import license cases required foreign government assurances (but did not require Commission or EB review). The NRC direct staff effort expended in reviewing and processing such applications averaged between 10 and 15 hours per case. Recommendation: No change.

About 14% of the cases required only OIP staff review and processing. On average, the direct staff effort expended in such cases was less than 10 hours per case.

Recommendation: No change.

About 18% of the cases were of this type, often involving minimal OIP effort (~1.5 hours/case).
Recommendation: No change.

cc: OGC
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