or any order, license or authorization issued thereunder; any regulation, license, or order issued under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. 1701–1706); 18 U.S.C. 793, 794 or 798; section 4(b) of the Internal Security Act of 1950 (50 U.S.C. 783(b)), or section 38 of the Arms Export Control Act (22 U.S.C. 2778). 15 CFR 766.25(a); see also Section 11(h) of the EAA, 50 U.S.C. app. § 2410(h). The denial of export privileges under this provision may be for a period of up to 10 years from the date of the conviction. 15 CFR 766.25(d); see also 50 U.S.C. app. § 2410(h). In addition, Section 750.8 of the Regulations states that the Bureau of Industry and Security’s Office of Exporter Services may revoke any Bureau of Industry and Security (“BIS”) licenses previously issued in which the person had an interest in at the time of his conviction.

BIS has received notice of Bishop’s conviction for violating the AECA, and has provided notice and an opportunity for Bishop to make a written submission to BIS as provided in Section 766.25 of the Regulations. BIS has not received a submission from Bishop.

Based upon my review and consultations with BIS’s Office of Export Enforcement, including its Director, and the facts available to BIS, I have decided to deny Bishop’s export privileges under the Regulations for a period of five years from the date of Bishop’s conviction. I have also decided to revoke all licenses issued pursuant to the Act or Regulations in which Bishop had an interest at the time of his conviction.

Accordingly, it is hereby ordered:

First, from the date of this Order until May 7, 2018, Brian Keith Bishop, with a last known address of 93000 Pretoria Place, Dulles, VA 20189–9300, and when acting for or on his behalf, his successors, assigns, employees, agents or representatives (the ‘‘Denied Person’’), 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 Regulations, including, but not limited to:

A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, 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 Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations; or
C. Benefiting in any way from any transaction involving any item exported or to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Regulations, or in any other activity subject to the Regulations;
D. Obtain from the Denied Person in the United States any item subject to the Regulations with knowledge or reason to know that the item will be, or is intended to be, exported from the United States;
E. Engage in any transaction to service any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States and which is owned, possessed or controlled by the Denied Person, or service any item, of whatever origin, that is owned, possessed or controlled by the Denied Person if such service involves the use of any item subject to the Regulations that has been or will be exported from the United States. For purposes of this paragraph, servicing means installation, maintenance, repair, modification or testing.

Third, after notice and opportunity for comment as provided in Section 766.23 of the Regulations, any other person, firm, corporation, or business organization related to Bishop 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 order to prevent evasion of this Order.

Fourth, in accordance with Part 756 of the Regulations, Bishop may file an appeal of this Order with the Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security. The appeal must be filed within 45 days from the date of this Order and must comply with the provisions of Part 756 of the Regulations.

Fifth, a copy of this Order shall be delivered to the Bishop. This Order shall be published in the Federal Register.

Sixth, this Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect until May 7, 2018.

Issued this 26th day of March, 2015.

Thomas Andrubonis,
Acting Director, Office of Exporter Services.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Bureau of Industry and Security
Order Renewing Order Temporarily Denying Export Privileges; X–TREME Motors LLC, et al.

In the Matter of: X–TREME Motors LLC, a/ k/ a XTREME Motors, 2496 South 1900 West, West Haven, Utah 84401; and XTREME Outdoor Store, a/ k/ a XTREME Outdoors, 2496 South 1900 West, West Haven, Utah 84401; and Tyson Preece, 3930 West Old Highway Road, Morgan, Utah 84050; and Corey Justin Preece, a/ k/ a Corey Preece, a/ k/ a Justin Preece, 1245 South Morgan Valley Drive, Morgan, Utah 84050; and Toby Green, 480 West 175 North, Morgan, Utah 84050.

Pursuant to Section 766.24 of the Export Administration Regulations, 15 CFR parts 730–774 (2014) (“EAR” or the “Regulations”), I hereby grant the request of the Office of Export Enforcement (“OEE”) to renew the September 30, 2014 Order Temporarily Denying the Export Privileges of X–TREME Motors LLC, also known as XTREME Motors; XTREME Outdoor Store, also known as XTREME Outdoors; Tyson Preece; Corey Justin Preece, also known as Corey Preece or Justin Preece; and Toby Green I find that renewal of the Temporary Denial Order (“TDO”) is necessary in the public interest to prevent an imminent violation of the EAR.

I. Procedural History and Background

On September 30, 2014, I signed a TDO denying for 180 days the export privileges of X–TREME Motors LLC and XTREME Outdoor Store (collectively, “X–TREME”). Tyson Preece, Corey Justin Preece, and Toby Green were added to the TDO as related persons in accordance with Section 766.23 of the Regulations. The TDO was issued ex parte pursuant to Section 766.24(a), and went into effect upon issuance on September 30, 2014. Copies of the TDO were sent to each party named in the September 30, 2014 order in accordance with Sections 766.5 and 766.24(d) of the Regulations, and on October 7, 2014, the TDO was published in the Federal Register.

In support of the original TDO, OEE presented evidence that X–TREME repeatedly exported items controlled for Crime Control reasons without the required licenses to various destinations, including Russia and China. In order to conceal the actual contents of the shipments the Respondents intentionally mislabeled the contents on U.S. Customs Declarations. Between September 1, 2014, and the issuance of the TDO on September 30, 2014, the United States Government detained approximately 20 shipments containing rifle scopes to destinations, including Russia and China. Moreover, despite the execution of the search warrant and since reviewed, OEE has determined that X–TREME’s unlawful export activities were more extensive than known at the time the TDO issued, including that X–TREME engaged in at least 44 unlicensed exports over a 30-day period prior to the issuance of the TDO. In addition to the unlicensed export of rifle scopes discussed above, OEE also identified unlicensed exports of stun guns and Oleoresin Capsicum spray, items also controlled for Crime Control reasons.

II. TDO Renewal

A. Legal Standard

Pursuant to Section 766.24(b) of the Regulations, BIS may issue or renew 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. 15 CFR 766.24(b)(1). “A violation may be ‘imminent’ either in time or degree of likelihood.” 15 CFR 766.24(b)(9). BIS may show “either that a violation is about to occur, or that the general circumstances of the matter under investigation or case under investigation or case under a violation is about to occur, or that the time or degree of likelihood.” 15 CFR 766.24(b)(3). BIS may show “either that it is necessary in the public interest to prevent an imminent violation.” 15 CFR 766.24(b)(3). BIS may show “either that the order is necessary in the public interest to prevent an imminent violation.” 15 CFR 766.24(b)(3).

B. Request for Renewal

OEE’s request for renewal is based upon the facts underlying the issuance of the TDO and the evidence developed over the course of this investigation, including the evidence summarized in Section I, supra. OEE’s on-going investigation of X–TREME, in conjunction with the United States Attorney’s Office for the District of Utah, included the execution of a search warrant at X–TREME’s place of business on September 29, 2014. Based on evidence obtained via the search warrant and since reviewed, OEE has determined that X–TREME’s unlawful export activities were more extensive than known at the time the TDO issued, including that X–TREME engaged in at least 44 unlicensed exports over a 30-day period prior to the issuance of the TDO. In addition to the unlicensed export of rifle scopes discussed above, OEE also identified unlicensed exports of stun guns and Oleoresin Capsicum spray, items also controlled for Crime Control reasons.

Moreover, despite the execution of the search warrant and the issuance of the TDO the following day, X–TREME continued to engage in unlawful export activities. On October 21, 2014 and October 28, 2014, respectively, X–TREME exported or attempted to export items subject to the Regulations to Canada. While the October 28, 2014 shipment was stopped by the United States Postal Service, X–TREME was successful in exporting the October 21, 2014 shipment. Both of these transactions plainly violated the TDO, which prohibits X–TREME from engaging in any export-related activities involving items subject to the EAR.

C. Findings

I find that the evidence presented by OEE demonstrates that renewal of the TDO is necessary to avoid an imminent violation of the Regulations based upon X–TREME’s deliberate and covert violations of the pre- and post-issuance of the TDO. Accordingly, renewal of the TDO is needed to give notice to persons and companies in the United States and abroad that they should cease dealing with the Respondents in export and re-export transactions involving items subject to the EAR or other activities prohibited by the TDO. Doing so is consistent with the public interest to preclude future violations of the EAR.

It is therefore ordered:

First, that X–TREME MOTORS LLC, a/k/a XTREME MOTORS, 2496 South 1900 West, West Haven, Utah 84401; XTREME OUTDOOR STORE, a/k/a XTREME OUTDOORS, 2496 South 1900 West, West Haven, Utah 84401; TYSON PREECE, 3930 West Old Highway Road, Morgan, Utah 84050; COREY JUSTIN PREECE, a/k/a COREY PREECE, a/k/a JUSTIN PREECE, 1245 South Morgan Valley Drive, Morgan, Utah 84050; and TOBY GREEN, 480 West 175 North, Morgan, Utah 84050; and when acting for or on their behalf, any successors or assigns, agents, or employees (each a “Denied Person” and collectively the “Denied Persons”) 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 to be exported from the United States that is subject to the Export Administration Regulations (“EAR”), or in any other activity subject to the EAR including, but not limited to:

A. Applying for, obtaining, or using any license, License Exception, or export control document;

B. Carrying on negotiations concerning, or ordering, buying, receiving, using, controlling, 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, or in any other activity subject to the EAR;

C. Benefiting 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 in any other activity subject to the EAR;

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

A. Export or reexport to or on behalf of a Denied Person any item subject to the EAR;

B. Take any action that facilitates the acquisition or attempted acquisition by a Denied Person 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 a Denied Person acquires or attempts to acquire such ownership, possession or control;
C. Take any action to acquire from or to facilitate the acquisition or attempted acquisition from a Denied Person of any item subject to the EAR that has been exported from the United States;

D. Obtain from a Denied Person 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; 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 a Denied Person, or service any item, of whatever origin, that is owned, possessed or controlled by a Denied Person if such service involves the use of any item subject to the EAR that has been or will be exported from the United States. 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 a Denied Person by affiliation, ownership, control, or position of responsibility in the conduct of trade or related services may also be made subject to the provisions of this Order.

In accordance with the provisions of Section 766.24(e) of the EAR, X–TREME Motors LLC and/or XTREME Outdoor Store 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 Sections 766.23(c)(2) and 766.24(e)(3) of the EAR, Tyson Preece, Corey Justin Preece and/or Toby Green may, at any time, appeal their inclusion as a related person 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. The Respondents may oppose such a request to renew this Order by filing a written submission with the Assistant Secretary 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 served on the Respondents and shall be published in the Federal Register.

This Order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect for 180 days. Dated: March 27, 2015.

David W. Mills, Assistant Secretary of Commerce for Export Enforcement.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; NOAA Marine Debris Program Performance Progress Report

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 1, 2015.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Jennifer Jessup, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at fj Jessup@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Tom Barry at (301) 713–4248 x161 or tom.barry@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This request is for a new information collection.

The NOAA Marine Debris Program (MDP) supports national and international efforts to research, prevent, and reduce the impacts of marine debris. The MDP is a centralized office within NOAA that coordinates and supports activities, both within the bureau and with other federal agencies, that address marine debris and its impacts. In addition to inter-agency coordination, the MDP uses partnerships with state and local agencies, tribes, non-governmental organizations, academia, and industry to investigate and solve the problems that stem from marine debris through research, prevention, and reduction activities, in order to protect and conserve our nation’s marine environment and ensure navigation safety.

The Marine Debris Research, Prevention, and Reduction Act (33 U.S.C. 1951 et seq.) as amended by the Marine Debris Act Amendments of 2012 (Pub. L. 112–213, Title VI, Sec. 603, 126 Stat. 1576, December 20, 2012) outlines three central program components for the MDP to undertake: (1) Mapping, identification, impact assessment, removal, and prevention; (2) reducing and preventing fishing gear loss; and (3) outreach to stakeholders and the general public. To address these components, the Marine Debris Act authorized the MDP to establish several competitive grant programs on marine debris research, prevention and removal that provide federal funding to non-federal applicants throughout the coastal United States and territories.

The terms and conditions of the financial assistance awarded through these grant programs require regular progress reporting and communication of project accomplishments to MDP. Progress reports contain information related to, among other things, the overall short and long-term goals of the project, project methods and monitoring techniques, actual accomplishments (such as tons of debris removed from an ecosystem, numbers of volunteers participating in a cleanup project, etc.), status of approved activities, challenges or potential roadblocks to future progress, and lessons learned. This information collection enables MDP to monitor and evaluate the activities supported by federal funds to ensure accountability to the public and to ensure that funds are used consistent with the purpose for which they were appropriated. It also ensures that reported information is standardized in such a way that allows for it to be meaningfully synthesized across a diverse set of projects and project types. MDP uses the information collected in a variety of ways to communicate with federal and non-federal partners and stakeholders on individual project and general program accomplishments.

The MDP operates within the Office of Response and Restoration as part of NOAA’s National Ocean Service.

II. Method of Collection

Respondents to this collection may choose to submit electronically or in paper format.