

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

In the Matter of:)
)
Plast-O-Matic Valves, Inc.)
1384 Pompton Avenue)
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009)
)
Respondent)

ORDER RELATING TO PLAST-O-MATIC VALVES, INC.

The Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce (“BIS”) has notified Plast-O-Matic Valves, Inc. (“POM”), of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against POM pursuant to Section 766.3 of the Export Administration Regulations (currently codified at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2007)) (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 issuance of a proposed charging letter to POM that alleged that POM committed 13 violations of the Regulations. Specifically, the charges are:

¹ The violations alleged to have been committed occurred between 2001 and 2005. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 2001 through 2005 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2001-2005)). The 2007 Regulations establish the procedures that apply to this matter.

² 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, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 44,551 (Aug. 7, 2006)), has continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1701-1706 (2000) (“IEEPA”).

**Charges 1-13 15 C.F.R. § 764.2(a) - Export of Thermoplastic Valves and Controls
Without the Required U.S. Government Authorization**

On 13 occasions between on or about September 21, 2001 and on or about June 16, 2005, POM engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations by exporting thermoplastic valves and controls, items subject to the Regulations and classified under Export Control Classification Number ("ECCN") 2B350, without the Department of Commerce licenses required by Section 742.2 of the Regulations. In doing so, POM committed 13 violations of Section 764.2(a) of the Regulations.

WHEREAS, BIS and POM 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 \$55,000 shall be assessed against POM of which \$13,750 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than September 1, 2007; \$13,750 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than December 1, 2007; \$13,750 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than March 1, 2008; \$13,750 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than June 1, 2008. 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 date specified herein, POM 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 POM. Accordingly, if POM should fail to pay the civil penalty in a timely manner, the undersigned may enter an Order denying all of POM's export privileges 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
Darryl W. Jackson
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
for Export Enforcement

Entered this 12th day of July, 2007.

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Cedar Grove, NJ 07009)
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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Plast-O-Matic Valves, Inc. (“POM”), 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 (2006)) (the “Regulations”),¹ issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401-2420 (2000)) (the “Act”),²

¹ The violations alleged to have been committed occurred between 2001 and 2005. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 2001 through 2005 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2001-2005)). The 2007 Regulations establish the procedures that apply to this matter.

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

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

WHEREAS, BIS has issued a proposed charging letter to POM that alleged that POM committed 13 violations of the Regulations, specifically:

Charges 1-13 15 C.F.R. § 764.2(a) - Export of Thermoplastic Valves and Controls Without the Required U.S. Government Authorization

On 13 occasions between on or about September 21, 2001 and on or about June 16, 2005, POM engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations by exporting thermoplastic values and controls, items subject to the Regulations and classified under Export Control Classification Number ("ECCN") 2B350, without the Department of Commerce licenses required by Section 742.2 of the Regulations. In doing so, POM committed 13 violations of Section 764.2(a) of the Regulations.

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

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

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

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. BIS has jurisdiction over POM, under the Regulations, in connection with the matters alleged in the proposed charging letter.

2. The following sanction shall be imposed against POM in complete settlement of the alleged violations of the Regulations relating to the transactions detailed in the voluntary self-disclosure and the proposed charging letter:

a. POM shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$55,000 of which \$13,750 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than September 1, 2007; \$13,750 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than December 1, 2007; \$13,750 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than March 1, 2008; \$13,750 shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce not later than June 1, 2008.

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 POM. Failure to make timely payment of the civil penalty set forth above may result in the denial of all of POM's export privileges 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, POM 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; and (c) 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 \$55,000 civil penalty, BIS will not initiate any further administrative proceeding against POM in connection with any violation of the Act or the Regulations arising out of the transactions identified in the voluntary self-disclosure and the proposed charging letter.

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.

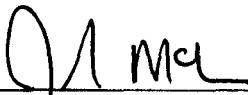
7. No agreement, understanding, representation or interpretation not contained in this Agreement may be used to vary or otherwise affect the terms of this Agreement or the Order, if entered, nor shall this Agreement serve to bind, constrain, or

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.

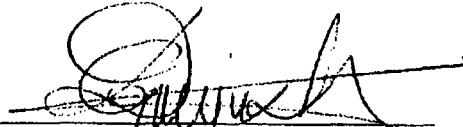
9. Each signatory affirms that he has authority to enter into this Settlement Agreement and to bind his respective party to the terms and conditions set forth herein.

BUREAU OF INDUSTRY AND SECURITY
U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE


John McKenna
Acting Director
Office of Export Enforcement

Date: 7/10/07

PLAST-O-MATIC VALVES, INC.


George Drazinakis
President

Date: 7/5/07

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Plast-O-Matic Valves, Inc.
1384 Pompton Avenue
Cedar Grove, NJ 07009

Attention: *Mr. James Kerstein*
President

Dear Mr. Kerstein:

The Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce (“BIS”), has reason to believe that Plast-O-Matic Valves, Inc. (“POM”), of Cedar Grove, New Jersey, has committed 13 violations of the Export Administration Regulations (the “Regulations”),¹ which are issued under the authority of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (the “Act”).² Specifically, BIS charges that POM committed the following violations:

Charges 1-13 15 C.F.R. § 764.2(a) - Export of Thermoplastic Valves and Controls Without the Required U.S. Government Authorization

As described in greater detail in the attached Schedule of Violations, which is incorporated herein, on 13 occasions between on or about September 21, 2001 and on or about June 16, 2005, POM engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations by exporting thermoplastic valves and controls, items subject to the Regulations and classified under Export Control Classification Number (“ECCN”) 2B350, without the Department of Commerce licenses required by Section 742.2 of the Regulations. In doing so, POM committed 13 violations of Section 764.2(a) of the Regulations.

¹ The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2006). The violations charged occurred from 2001 through 2005. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 2001 - 2005 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2001-2005)). The 2006 Regulations govern the procedural aspects of this case.

² 50 U.S.C. app. §§ 2401- 2420 (2000). 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 most recently by the Notice of August 2, 2005, (70 Fed. Reg. 45273 (August 5, 2005)), has continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1701 - 1706 (2000)) (“IEEPA”).

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Accordingly, POM 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 up to \$11,000 per violation;³

Denial of export privileges; and/or

Exclusion from practice before BIS.

If POM 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. (Regulations, Sections 766.6 and 766.7). If POM defaults, the Administrative Law Judge may find the charges alleged in this letter are true without a hearing or further notice to POM. The Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security may then impose up to the maximum penalty on each of the charges in this letter.

POM is further notified that it is entitled to an agency hearing on the record if POM files a written demand for one with its answer. (Regulations, Section 766.6). POM is also entitled to be represented by counsel or other authorized representative who has power of attorney to represent it. (Regulations, Sections 766.3(a) and 766.4).

The Regulations provide for settlement without a hearing. (Regulations, Section 766.18). Should POM have a proposal to settle this case, POM or its representative should transmit it to the 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, POM'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

³ See 15 C.F.R. § 6.4(a)(2).

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

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

Gregory Michelsen is the attorney representing BIS in this case; any communications that POM may wish to have concerning this matter should occur through him. He may be contacted by telephone at (202) 482-5301.

Sincerely,

Michael Turner
Director
Office of Export Enforcement

Enclosure

SCHEDULE OF VIOLATIONS
PLAST-O-MATIC VALVE, INC.

Charge No.	Shipment Date	Item	ECCN	Country	Violations Charged
1	9/24/2001	½" PVDF/Viton Solenoid Valve	2B350	Taiwan	§ 764.2(a)
2	12/19/2001	1" PTFE Air Operated Diaphragm Valve	2B350	Taiwan	§ 764.2(a)
3	2/21/2003	1" PVDF/Viton Molded Relief Valve	2B350	Taiwan	§ 764.2(a)
4	8/26/2003	½" PVDF/Viton Manual Ball Valve	2B350	Israel	§ 764.2(a)
5	9/9/2003	½" PTFE/Viton Diaphragm Check Valve	2B350	Taiwan	§ 764.2(a)
6	10/23/2003	1" PVDF/PTFE Diaphragm Air Operated Valve	2B350	Israel	§ 764.2(a)
7	2/4/2004	1" PVDF/Viton Relief Valve with PTFE/Viton Composite Diaphragm	2B350	Taiwan	§ 764.2(a)
8	4/27/2004	½" PVDF/Viton Solenoid Valve w/ PTFE Bellows	2B350	Taiwan	§ 764.2(a)
9	8/18/2004	1" PVDF/PTFE Diaphragm Air Operated Valve	2B350	Israel	§ 764.2(a)
10	10/4/2004	2" PTFE/Viton Relief Valve w/PTFE Shaft	2B350	Taiwan	§ 764.2(a)
11	4/19/2005	1" PVDF/Viton Molded Breaker Valve	2B350	Israel	§ 764.2(a)
12	5/23/2005	½" PVDF/Viton Molded Relief Valve	2B350	Peru	§ 764.2(a)
13	6/16/2005	½" PVDF/Viton Manual Ball Valve	2B350	Thailand	§ 764.2(a)

Attachment A