

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

In the Matter of:)
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Tyco Valves & Controls LP)
9700 West Gulf Bank Road)
Houston, TX 77040)
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Respondent)

ORDER RELATING TO TYCO VALVES & CONTROLS LP

The Bureau of Industry and Security, U.S. Department of Commerce (“BIS”), has notified Tyco Valves & Controls LP (“TV&C”), of its intention to initiate an administrative proceeding against TV&C pursuant to Section 766.3 of the Export Administration Regulations (the “Regulations”),¹ and Section 13(c) of the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (the “Act”),² through issuance of a proposed charging letter to TV&C that alleged that TV&C committed 26 violations of the Regulations. Specifically, the charges are:

¹ The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2010). The violations alleged occurred in between 2005 and 2007. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 2005 through 2007 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations. 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2005-2007). The 2010 Regulations govern the procedural aspects of this case.

² Since August 21, 2001, the Act has been in lapse and the President, through Executive Order 13,222 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 13, 2009 (74 Fed. Reg. 41,325 (Aug. 14, 2009)), has continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1701*et seq.* (2000)).

**Charges 1-26 15 C.F.R. § 764.2(a) - Engaging in Prohibited Conduct by
Exporting Butterfly Valves, Ball Valves and Valve Assemblies
Without the Required Licenses**

On 26 occasions, between on or about January 10, 2005 and on or about March 6, 2007, TV&C engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations by exporting butterfly valves, ball valves and valve assemblies, items classified under Export Control Classification Number ("ECCN") 2B350 and controlled for reasons of chemical and biological weapons proliferation, from the United States to the People's Republic of China ("China"), the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Israel, India, Singapore, and El Salvador without the Department of Commerce licenses required by Section 742.2(a) of the Regulations. In so doing, TV&C committed 26 violations of Section 764.2(a) of the Regulations.

WHEREAS, BIS and TV&C 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;

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

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

FIRST, that a civil penalty of \$218,000 is assessed against TV&C, which shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce within thirty days from the date of issuance 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 date specified herein, TV&C 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 TV&C.

Accordingly, if TV&C should fail to pay the civil penalty in a timely manner, the undersigned may issue an Order denying all of TV&C's export privileges for a period of one year from the date of issuance 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.



David W. Mills
Assistant Secretary of Commerce
for Export Enforcement

Issued this 22 day of July, 2010.

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SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

This Settlement Agreement (“Agreement”) is made by and between Tyco Valves & Controls LP (“TV&C”) 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 (the “Regulations”),¹ issued pursuant to the Export Administration Act of 1979, as amended (the “Act”).²

WHEREAS, TV&C 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;

¹ The Regulations are currently codified in the Code of Federal Regulations at 15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2010). The violations alleged to have been committed occurred between 2005 and 2007. The Regulations governing the violations at issue are found in the 2005 through 2007 versions of the Code of Federal Regulations (15 C.F.R. Parts 730-774 (2005-2007)). The 2010 Regulations establish the procedures that apply to this matter.

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)), which has been extended by successive Presidential Notices, the most recent being that of August 13, 2009 (74 Fed. Reg. 41,325 (Aug. 14, 2009)), has continued the Regulations in effect under the International Emergency Economic Powers Act (50 U.S.C. §§ 1701 *et seq.*) (2000) (“IEEPA”). The Act and the Regulations are available on the Government Printing Office website at: <http://www.access.gpo.gov/bis/>.

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

WHEREAS, BIS has issued a proposed charging letter to TV&C that alleged that TV&C committed 26 violations of the Regulations, specifically:

Charges 1-26 15 C.F.R. § 764.2(a) - Engaging in Prohibited Conduct by Exporting Butterfly Valves, Ball Valves and Valve Assemblies Without the Required Licenses

On 26 occasions, between on or about January 10, 2005 and on or about March 6, 2007, TV&C engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations by exporting butterfly valves, ball valves, and valve assemblies, items classified under Export Control Classification Number ("ECCN") 2B350 and controlled for reasons of chemical and biological weapons proliferation, from the United States to the People's Republic of China ("China"), the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Israel, India, Singapore, and El Salvador without the Department of Commerce licenses required by Section 742.2(a) of the Regulations. In so doing, TV&C committed 26 violations of Section 764.2(a) of the Regulations.

WHEREAS, TV&C 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, TV&C 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, TV&C enters into this Agreement voluntarily and with full knowledge of its rights;

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

WHEREAS, TV&C neither admits nor denies the allegations contained in the proposed charging letter;

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

WHEREAS, the Parties agree to be bound by the Order, if issued;

NOW THEREFORE, the Parties hereby agree as follows:

1. BIS has jurisdiction over TV&C, under the Regulations, in connection with the matters alleged in the proposed charging letter.
2. The following sanction shall be imposed against TV&C in complete settlement of the alleged violations of the Regulations relating to the transactions detailed in the proposed charging letter:
 - a. TV&C shall be assessed a civil penalty in the amount of \$218,000, which shall be paid to the U.S. Department of Commerce within thirty days from the date of issuance of this 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 TV&C. Failure to make timely payment of the civil penalty set forth above may result in the denial of all of TV&C'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, TV&C 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 issued), 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 issued; and (c) seek judicial review or otherwise contest the validity of this Agreement or the Order, if issued.

4. Upon issuance of the Order and timely payment of the \$218,000 civil penalty, BIS will not initiate any further administrative proceedings against TV&C in connection with any violation of the Act or the Regulations arising out of the transactions detailed in the voluntary self disclosure and in the proposed charging letter.

5. BIS will make the proposed charging letter, this Agreement, and the Order, if issued, 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.

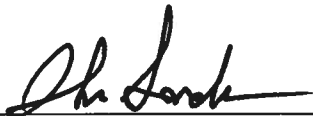
7. No oral agreement, understanding, representation or interpretation not contained in this Agreement may be used to vary or otherwise affect the terms of this Agreement or the Order, if issued, nor shall this Agreement serve to bind, constrain, or otherwise limit any action by any other agency or department 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 issuing 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

TYCO VALVES & CONTROLS LP



John Sonderman
Acting Director
Office of Export Enforcement



Sheryl Roberts-Updike
Vice President
Tyco Valves & Controls LP

Date: 7/12/2010

Date: July 1, 2010

PROPOSED CHARGING LETTER

CERTIFIED MAIL - RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED

Tyco Valves & Controls LP
9700 West Gulf Bank Road
Houston, TX 77040

Attention: Ms. Sheryl Roberts-Updike, Vice President

Dear Ms. Roberts-Updike:

The Bureau of Industry and Security, United States Department of Commerce (“BIS”), has reason to believe that Tyco Valves & Controls LP (“TV&C”), of Houston, Texas, has committed 26 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 TV&C committed the following violations:

Charges 1-26 15 C.F.R. § 764.2(a) - Engaging in Prohibited Conduct by Exporting Butterfly Valves, Ball Valves and Valve Assemblies Without the Required Licenses

As described in greater detail in the attached Schedule of Violations, which is incorporated herein by reference, on 26 occasions, between on or about January 10, 2005 and on or about March 6, 2007, TV&C engaged in conduct prohibited by the Regulations by exporting butterfly valves, ball valves and valve assemblies, items classified under Export Control Classification Number (“ECCN”) 2B350 and controlled for reasons of chemical and biological weapons proliferation, from the United States to the People’s Republic of China (“China”), the United Arab Emirates, Jordan, Brazil, Mexico, Chile, Israel, India, Singapore, and El Salvador without the Department of Commerce licenses required by Section 742.2(a) of the Regulations. In so doing, TV&C committed 26 violations of Section 764.2(a) of the Regulations.

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Accordingly, TV&C is hereby notified that an administrative proceeding is instituted against it pursuant to 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 the greater of \$250,000 per violation, or twice the value of the transaction that is the basis of the violation³;
- Denial of export privileges; and/or
- Exclusion from practice before BIS.

If TV&C 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 (2010). If TV&C defaults, the Administrative Law Judge may find the charges alleged in this letter are true without a hearing or further notice to TV&C. The Under Secretary for Industry and Security may then impose up to the maximum penalty on the charges in this letter.

TV&C is further notified that it is entitled to an agency hearing on the record if TV&C files a written demand for one with its answer. *See* 15 C.F.R. § 766.6 (2010). TV&C 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 (2010).

TV&C is further notified that under the Small Business Regulatory Enforcement Flexibility Act, TV&C may be eligible for assistance from the Office of the National Ombudsman of the Small Business Administration in this matter. To determine eligibility and get more information, please see: <http://www.sba.gov/ombudsman/>.

The Regulations provide for settlement without a hearing. *See* 15 C.F.R. § 766.18 (2010). Should TV&C have a proposal to settle this case, TV&C 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, TV&C's answer must be filed in accordance with the instructions set forth 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* International Emergency Economic Powers Enhancement Act of 2007, Pub. L. No. 110-96, 121 Stat. 1011 (2007).

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

Chief Counsel for Industry and Security
Attention: Gregory Michelsen, Esq.
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 TV&C may wish to have concerning this matter should occur through him. He may be contacted by telephone at (202) 482-5301.

Sincerely,

John Sonderman
Acting Director
Office of Export Enforcement

Enclosure

Schedule of Violations

Charge	Ship Date	Ultimate Destination	Commodity	ECCN	Total Value	Violation
1	10-Jan-05	China	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$4,024	15 CFR 764.2(a)
2	23-Mar-05	U.A.E.	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$372	15 CFR 764.2(a)
3	20-Apr-05	U.A.E.	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$212	15 CFR 764.2(a)
4	15-Jun-05	Jordan	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$1,800	15 CFR 764.2(a)
5	13-Dec-05	China	Valve Assemblies	2B350	\$4,500	15 CFR 764.2(a)
6	15-Dec-05	China	Valve Assemblies	2B350	\$6,000	15 CFR 764.2(a)
7	29-Dec-05	Brazil	Ball Valve	2B350	\$20,053	15 CFR 764.2(a)
8	5-Jan-06	U.A.E.	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$2,205	15 CFR 764.2(a)
9	23-Jan-06	Mexico	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$515	15 CFR 764.2(a)
10	30-Jan-06	U.A.E.	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$5,775	15 CFR 764.2(a)
11	1-Feb-06	Chile	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$266	15 CFR 764.2(a)
12	6-Feb-06	Israel	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$1,819	15 CFR 764.2(a)
13	16-Feb-06	U.A.E.	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$42,028	15 CFR 764.2(a)
14	27-Feb-06	Mexico	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$1,125	15 CFR 764.2(a)
15	13-Mar-06	Mexico	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$1,593	15 CFR 764.2(a)
16	27-Mar-06	Mexico	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$1,953	15 CFR 764.2(a)
17	30-Mar-06	Brazil	Ball Valve	2B350	\$20,053	15 CFR 764.2(a)
18	3-May-06	U.A.E.	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$1,179	15 CFR 764.2(a)
19	5-Jun-06	Mexico	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$14,961	15 CFR 764.2(a)
20	13-Jun-06	Brazil	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$3,661	15 CFR 764.2(a)
21	30-Jun-06	India	Valve Assemblies	2B350	\$1,763	15 CFR 764.2(a)
22	26-Jul-06	El Salvador	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$3,426	15 CFR 764.2(a)
23	6-Dec-06	Singapore	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$6,540	15 CFR 764.2(a)

24	26-Jan-07	Brazil	Butterfly Valves	2B351	\$4,061	15 CFR 764.2(a)
25	6-Feb-07	U.A.E.	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$40,594	15 CFR 764.2(a)
26	6-Mar-07	U.A.E.	Butterfly Valves	2B350	\$4,969	15 CFR 764.2(a)

