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Dear Ms. Garza and Mr. Yarowsky:

This is in response to the <u>Federal Register</u> notice of May 19, 2005 regarding the Export Trading Company Act ("ETCA"), 15 U.S.C. §§ 4001-21.

We support the ETCA and urge the Commission to recommend that it be retained by Congress. If the ETCA is lost, U.S. exporters would be without the only mechanism under the law that provides antitrust immunity and benefits the US economy by encouraging exports of US products.

Thank you for the opportunity to present this comment.

Sincerely,

Martin S. Simon President