

FOREIGN CLAIMS SETTLEMENT COMMISSION  
OF THE UNITED STATES  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20579

IN THE MATTER OF THE CLAIM OF

NORBERT HEATH  
AGNES HEATH

Under the International Claims Settlement  
Act of 1949, as amended

Claim No. CU-3545

Decision No. CU

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PROPOSED DECISION

This claim against the Government of Cuba, under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949, as amended, in the amount of \$4,078.75 was presented by NORBERT HEATH and AGNES HEATH based upon the asserted ownership and loss of stock interests. Claimants, NORBERT HEATH and AGNES HEATH state that they are nationals of the United States.

Under Title V of the International Claims Settlement Act of 1949 [78 Stat. 1110 (1964), 22 U.S.C. §§1643-1643K (1964), as amended, 79 Stat. 988 (1965)], the Commission is given jurisdiction over claims of nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba. Section 503(a) of the Act provides that the Commission shall receive and determine in accordance with applicable substantive law, including international law, the amount and validity of claims by nationals of the United States against the Government of Cuba arising since January 1, 1959 for

losses resulting from the nationalization, expropriation, intervention or other taking of, or special measures directed against, property including any rights or interests therein owned wholly or partially, directly or indirectly at the time by nationals of the United States.

Claimants have based their claim on 100 shares of Manati Sugar Company and on 500 shares of Francisco Sugar Company.

Section 502(1) of the Act defines the term "national of the United States" as "(B) a corporation or other legal entity which is organized under the laws of the United States, or of any State, the District of Columbia, or the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, if natural persons who are citizens of the United States own, directly or indirectly, 50 per centum or more of the outstanding capital stock or other beneficial interest of such corporation or entity."

Documentation submitted to the Commission by the Manati Sugar Company reflects that Manati Sugar Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of New York. The President of Manati Sugar Company has informed the Commission that over 50 per centum of the capital stock of said corporation is owned by United States citizens, which would qualify it as a United States national within the purview of Section 502(1)(B) of the Act.

Documentation submitted to the Commission by the Francisco Sugar Company reflects that the Francisco Sugar Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of New Jersey. The Vice-President of the Francisco Sugar Company has informed the Commission that over 50 per centum of the capital stock of said corporation is owned by United States citizens which would qualify it as a United States national within the purview of Section 502(1)(B) of the Act.

Section 505(a) of the Act provides that

A claim under section 503(a) of this title  
based upon an ownership interest in any  
corporation, association, or other entity  
which is a national of the United States  
shall not be considered . . . .

The Commission concludes that since this claim is based on stock interests in corporations which qualify as United States nationals, the Commission is precluded, under Section 505(a) of the Act from considering this claim. Accordingly, it is hereby denied.

The Commission deems it unnecessary to make specific findings with respect to other elements of this claim.

Dated at Washington, D. C.,  
and entered as the Proposed  
Decision of the Commission

**JUL 26 1967**

*Edward D. Re*

Edward D. Re, Chairman

*Theodore Jaffe*

Theodore Jaffe, Commissioner

*LaVern R. Dilweg*

LaVern R. Dilweg, Commissioner

**CERTIFICATION**

**This is a true and correct copy of the decision  
of the Commission which was entered as the final  
decision on --AUG-25-1967--**

*Frank Macfarlane*  
Clerk of the Commission

NOTICE: Pursuant to the Regulations of the Commission, if no objections are filed within 15 days after service or receipt of notice of this Proposed Decision, the decision will be entered as the Final Decision of the Commission upon the expiration of 30 days after such service or receipt of notice, unless the Commission otherwise orders. (FCSC Reg., 45 C.F.R. 531.5(e) and (g) as amended, 32 Fed. Reg. 412-13 (1967).)

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