

**(a) MANDATORY AUTHORIZATION ORDER**

After six months from June 21, 1938, no [person](#) shall export any [natural gas](#) from the United [States](#) to a foreign country or import any [natural gas](#) from a foreign country without first having secured an order of the [Commission](#) authorizing it to do so. The [Commission](#) shall issue such order upon application, unless, after opportunity for hearing, it finds that the proposed exportation or importation will not be consistent with the public interest. The [Commission](#) may by its order grant such application, in whole or in part, with such modification and upon such terms and conditions as the [Commission](#) may find necessary or appropriate, and may from time to time, after opportunity for hearing, and for good cause shown, make such supplemental order in the premises as it may find necessary or appropriate.