

# Department of Energy Streamlines Small-Scale LNG Export Authorizations

The Department of Energy has announced a final rule that will expedite the approval process for small-scale exports of natural gas, reports **Cadwalader**.

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The DOE explained that the new rule is intended to accelerate its processing of small-scale export applications and reduce administrative burdens for the small-scale natural gas export market.

Effective August 24, 2018, the DOE will issue an export authorization, without public notice and comment, to an applicant submitting a complete application to export natural gas, including liquefied natural gas (“LNG”), to countries with which the United States has not entered into a free trade agreement (“FTA”) that requires national treatment for trade in natural gas and with which trade is not prohibited by U.S. law or policy (i.e., non-FTA countries), if the application meets two criteria.

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