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Preliminary Results of Review

In accordance with section 355.22(c)(4)(ii) of the Department's *Interim Regulations*, we have calculated an individual subsidy rate for each producer/exporter subject to this administrative review. For the period January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994, we preliminarily determine the net subsidy for United Engineering Steels Limited to be 1.69 percent *ad valorem*. If the final results of this review remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess countervailing duties for United Engineering Steels Limited at 1.69 percent *ad valorem*. The Department also intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to collect a cash deposit of 1.69 percent of the f.o.b. invoice price on all shipments of the subject merchandise from United Engineering Steels Limited, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review.

The URAA replaced the general rule in favor of a country-wide rate with a general rule in favor of individual rates for investigated and reviewed companies. The procedures for countervailing duty cases are now essentially the same as those in antidumping cases, except as provided for in section 777A(e)(2)(B) of the Act. Requests for administrative reviews must now specify the companies to be reviewed. *See* § 355.22(a) of the *Interim Regulations*. The requested review will normally cover only those companies specifically named. Pursuant to 19 C.F.R. § 355.22(g), for all companies for which a review was not requested, duties must be assessed at the cash deposit rate, and cash deposits must continue to be collected, at the rate previously ordered. As such, the countervailing duty cash deposit rate applicable to a company can no longer change, except pursuant to a request for a review of that company. *See Federal-Mogul Corporation and The Torrington Company v. United States*, 822 F.Supp. 782 (CIT 1993) and *Floral Trade Council v. United States*, 822 F.Supp. 766 (CIT 1993) (interpreting 19 C.F.R. 353.22(e), the antidumping regulation on automatic assessment, which is

identical to 19 C.F.R. 355.22(g)). Therefore, the cash deposit rates for all companies except those covered by this review will be unchanged by the results of this review. We will instruct Customs to continue to collect cash deposits for non-reviewed companies at the most recent company-specific or country-wide rate applicable to the company.

Accordingly, the cash deposit rates that will be applied to non-reviewed companies covered by this order are 20.33 percent *ad valorem* for ASW and 9.76 percent *ad valorem* for all other non-reviewed companies, which are the rates calculated in the most recently completed administrative proceeding. *See Lead Bar II*, 60 FR at 54841. These rates shall apply to all non-reviewed companies until a review of a company assigned these rates is requested. In addition, for the period January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994, the assessment rates applicable to all non-reviewed companies covered by this order are the cash deposit rates in effect at the time of entry.

Public Comment

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of the calculation methodology and interested parties may request a hearing not later than 10 days after the date of publication of this notice. Interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs on these preliminary results within 30 days of the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, may be submitted seven days after the time limit for filing the case brief. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Any hearing, if requested, will be held seven days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 C.F.R. 355.38.

Representatives of parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs, under 19 C.F.R. 355.38, are due. The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief or at a hearing.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)).

Dated: April 29, 1996.

Paul L. Joffe,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites proposals from qualified organizations for funding projects to provide manufacturing extension services to small- and medium-sized manufacturers in the United States. NIST will provide assistance for the creation and support of manufacturing extension centers in accordance with the provisions of Section 5121 of the Omnibus Trade and Competitiveness Act of 1988 (Pub. L. 100-418), codified in 15 U.S.C. 278k, and final rule 15 CFR part 290 published September 17, 1990 and amendment published May 2, 1994.

Manufacturing extension centers must be affiliated with a U.S.-based not-for-profit institution or organization. Support may be provided for a period not to exceed six years. Support beyond the initial award is dependent upon satisfactory performance and the availability of funds. Applicants are required to provide 50% or more of the operating costs for providing these manufacturing extension services in year 1 through 3 and an increasing percentage in years 4 through 6.

DATES: Proposals from qualified applicants must be received at the address below by 5 p.m. EDST, July 8, 1996. Selection of awards will be made in September 1996.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must submit one signed original and six (6) copies of their proposal along with a Standard Form 424, 424-A, and 424-B (Rev 4-92), Form CD-511 and Form SF-LLL to the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Building 301, Room C121, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001. Plainly mark on the outside of the package that it contains a manufacturing extension center proposal.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

For information regarding this announcement, contact Roger Kilmer of the Manufacturing Extension Partnership by calling (301) 975-5020; or by mailing information requests to the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, Building 301, Room C121, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20899-0001. Information packets, which include background materials on MEP, existing centers and the necessary application forms, should be requested via a one page fax sent to (301) 963-6556. Please include name, organization, mailing address, telephone number, and fax number on this request.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance

The catalog number for the award of Manufacturing Technology Centers funds in the Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance is 11.611.

Funding Availability

It is anticipated that approximately \$20,000,000 will be available to support manufacturing extension centers under their program. The funding level for individual awards is not prescribed. The funding requested by the applicant should be directly related to the level of activity of the center, which is a function of the number of manufacturers in the designated service region, and to the availability of applicant-provided cash and in-kind contributions to be used as cost share.

Award Period

The projects awarded under this program will have an initial performance period of one year. These projects are renewable on an annual basis up to a maximum of six (6) years subject to the review requirements described in 15 CFR 290.8. Renewal of these projects shall be at the sole discretion of NIST and shall be based upon satisfactory performance, priority of the need for the service, existing legislative authority, and availability of funds.

Additional Requirements

(a) *Federal policies and procedures.* Recipients and sub-recipients are subject to all Federal laws and Federal and NIST policies, regulations, and procedures applicable to Federal financial assistance awards. Applicants under this program are not subject to the requirements of Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs".

(b) *No obligation for future funding.* If an application is selected for funding,

the Department of Commerce has no obligation to provide any additional future funding in connection with that award. Renewal of an award to increase funding or to extend the period of performance is at the total discretion of the Department of Commerce.

(c) *Indirect costs.* The total dollar amount of the indirect cost proposed in an application under this program must not exceed the indirect cost rate negotiated and approved by a cognizant Federal agency prior to the proposed effective date of the award or 100 percent of the total proposed direct costs dollar amount in the application, whichever is less.

(d) *Pre-award activities.* If applicants incur any costs prior to an award being made, they do so solely at their own risk of not being reimbursed by the Government. Applicants are also hereby notified that notwithstanding any written or verbal assurance that they may have received, there is no obligation on the part of NIST to cover pre-award costs.

(e) *Delinquent Federal debts.* No award of Federal funds shall be made to an applicant who has an outstanding delinquent Federal debt until either:

(1) The delinquent account is paid in full;

(2) A negotiated repayment schedule is established and at least one payment is received; or

(3) Other arrangements satisfactory to NIST are made.

(f) *Past performance.* Unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for funding.

(g) *Name check review.* All non-profit applicants are subject to a name check review process. Name checks are intended to reveal if any key individuals associated with the applicant have been convicted of or are presently facing criminal charges such as fraud, theft, perjury, or other matters which significantly reflect on the applicant's management honesty or financial integrity.

(h) *Primary applicant certification.* All primary applicants must submit a completed Form CD-511, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension and Other Responsibility Matters; Drug-Free Workplace Requirements and Lobbying," and the following explanations are hereby provided.

(1) *Nonprocurement debarment and suspension.* Prospective participants (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, Section 105) are subject to 15 CFR part 26, "Nonprocurement Debarment and Suspension" and the related section of

the certification form prescribed above applies;

(2) *Drug-free workplace.* Recipients (as defined at 15 CFR part 26, section 605) are subject to 15 CFR part 26, subpart F, "Governmentwide Requirements for Drug-Free Workplace (Grants)" and the related section of the certification form prescribed above applies;

(3) *Anti-lobbying.* Persons (as defined at 15 CFR part 28, Section 105) are subject to the lobbying provisions of 31 U.S.C. 1352, "Limitation on use of appropriated funds to influence certain Federal contracting and financial transactions," and the lobbying section of the certification form prescribed above applies to applications/bids for grants, cooperative agreements, and contracts for more than \$100,000, and loans and loan guarantees for more than \$150,000, or the single family maximum mortgage limit for affected programs, whichever is greater; and

(4) *Anti-lobbying disclosures.* Any applicant that has paid or will pay for lobbying using any funds must submit an SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities," as required under 15 CFR part 28, appendix B.

(i) *Lower tier certifications.* Recipients shall require applicants/bidders for subgrants, contracts, subcontracts, or other lower tier covered transactions at any tier under the award to submit, if applicable, a completed Form CD-512, "Certifications Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Ineligibility and Voluntary Exclusion-Lower Tier Covered Transactions and Lobbying" and disclosure form, SF-LLL, "Disclosure of Lobbying Activities." Form CD-512 is intended for the use of recipients and should not be transmitted to NIST. SF-LLL submitted by any tier recipient or subrecipient should be submitted to NIST in accordance with the instructions contained in the award document.

(j) *False statements.* A false statement on an application is grounds for denial or termination of funds and grounds for possible punishment by a fine or imprisonment as provided in 18 U.S.C. 1001.

(k) *American-made equipment and products.* Applicants are hereby notified that they are encouraged, to the greatest extent practicable, to purchase American-made equipment and products with the funding provided under this program in accordance with Congressional intent.

(l) *North American Free Trade Agreement Patent Notification Procedures.* Pursuant to Executive Order 12889, the Department of Commerce (DoC) is required to notify the owner of

any valid patent covering technology whenever the DoC or its financial assistance recipient, without making a patent search, knows (or has demonstrable reasonable grounds to know) that technology covered by a valid United States patent has been or will be used without a license from the owner. Applicants selected for awards under this program are required to comply with this executive order.

(m) *Paperwork Reduction Act*. This notice contains collection of information requirements subject to the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) which have been approved by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB Control Number 0693-0005, 0348-0043 and 0348-0044). Notwithstanding any other provision of the law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information, subject to the requirements of the PRA, unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

Dated: April 30, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,
Associate Director.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council; Open Meeting

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Open Meeting.

SUMMARY: NOAA will conduct a meeting of the Sancturay Advisory Council (SAC) for the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary on May 8, 1996, in Honolulu, Hawaii. The SAC was established to advise NOAA's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division regarding the development and management of the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary. The Advisory Council was convened under the National Marine Sanctuaries Act.

TIME AND PLACE: Wednesday, May 8, 1996, from 9:30 AM until 4:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Honolulu

International Airport—Interisland Terminal, Ohia Room #1, 7th floor.

AGENDA: General issues related to the Hawaiian Islands Humpback Whale National Marine Sanctuary are expected to be discussed, including discussions concerning the comments received on the Sanctuary's Draft Environmental Impact Statement and Management Plan, the SAC Charter, an overview of current Sanctuary programs, and the formation of issue-specific working groups.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The meeting will be open to the public. Seats will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Allen tom (808) 879-2818 or Brady Phillips at (301) 713-3141, ext. 169.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: May 1, 1996.

David L. Evans,

Acting Deputy Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management.

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Marine Mammals and Endangered Species; Permits

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of modification request for scientific research permit 837 (P771 #67); request for comments.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Mammal Laboratory has applied in due form for a modification to permit 837 for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written comments must be received on or before June 5, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s): Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221); and

Director, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Building 1, Seattle WA 98115-07009 (206/526-6150).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should

be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, NOAA, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular request would be appropriate.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modification is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*), and fur seal regulations at 50 CFR part 215.

The modification requests authorization to increase numbers of animals incidentally harassed during censusing and other activities; increase numbers of allowable captures on Bogoslof Island; conduct activities using Time-Depth Recorders; and increase numbers of animals receiving Time-Wet Recorders. Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, the National Marine Fisheries Service is forwarding copies of this modification to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: April 22, 1996.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

MidAmerica Commodity Exchange Proposed Futures Contract in the Mexican Peso

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability of the terms and conditions of proposed commodity futures contract.

SUMMARY: The MidAmerica Commodity Exchange (MidAm or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in Mexican peso futures. The Director of the Division of Economic Analysis (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the proposal for comment is in the public interest, will assist the