

commitments made under the suspension agreements. Furthermore, petitioner claims that the GOC still maintains BANCOLDLEX benefits and the CERT program. The FTC cites the Statement of Administrative Action ("SAA") accompanying the URAA as stipulating that, "as long as a subsidy program continues to exist, Commerce will not consider company- or industry-specific renunciations of countervailable subsidies, by themselves, as an indication that continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies is unlikely."

Respondents argue that the certifications supplied to the Department exceed both the requirements of the Department's regulations and the terms of the suspension agreements. Second, respondents claim that abolition of programs (such as the BANCOLDLEX program) is not required for termination for non-use, and that the FTC has failed to point out that the GOC has eliminated countervailable benefits by eliminating preferential rates to flower producers/exporters under the BANCOLDLEX program. Third, respondents note that the Department has found that the CERT program has been abolished for flower exports to the United States since "at least" 1988. In conclusion, respondents claim that the FTC's reliance on the SAA is ill-conceived, because the Department has relied on more than simply company-specific renunciations: in fact, for the most part, the subsidy programs at issue no longer exist for flower producers/exporters; the Department has the aforementioned certifications from the GOC; and finally, there is a record of "7-11 years" compliance with the suspension agreements.

Department's Position: We agree with respondents. With regard to CERT, flower producers/exporters are prohibited by Colombian law from receiving CERT rebates on exports to the United States and Puerto Rico. With regard to BANCOLDLEX loans for the period 1990-94, flower producers/exporters have been prohibited by the terms of various GOC resolutions from receiving loans at countervailable rates, and have been unable to obtain loans at rates below the Department's benchmarks pursuant to Colombian law and BANCOLDLEX instructions to refinancers of BANCOLDLEX loans. Furthermore, the GOC has certified that it will not confer any loans constituting countervailable subsidies on flower producers/exporters. Finally, the record of compliance with the terms of these suspension agreements over the period 1990-94, together with the actions

described above, indicates that continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies is unlikely.

Final Results of Reviews

After considering all of the comments received, we determine that the GOC and the producers/exporters of the subject merchandise have complied with all the terms of the suspension agreements during the period January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994. We determine that no countervailable benefits have been bestowed on subject merchandise, and furthermore, that producers/exporters of subject merchandise have not used the above programs for at least five years (or, in the case of programs only recently created, for the life of the program). Additionally, we note that the GOC has stated for the record that it will institute or maintain appropriate measures to ensure that export loan programs will be administered to guarantee that loans granted to recipients are comparable to commercial loans that a flower producer/exporter could obtain in the market, such as those alternative sources of financing available to agriculture in Colombia, and will not confer any loan program countervailable subsidies on flower producers/exporters. Furthermore, the GOC has certified that, for the subject merchandise, it shall not reinstate those programs which the Department has found countervailable, and it shall not substitute other countervailable programs. Finally, producers/exporters have certified that they will not apply for or receive any net subsidy on exports to the United States of subject merchandise from those programs that the Department has found countervailable in any proceeding involving Colombia or from other countervailable programs.

Therefore, we determine that the GOC and the producers/exporters covered by these agreements have met the requirements for termination of the suspended countervailing duty investigations on roses and other cut flowers and miniature carnations, as required by 19 CFR 355.25. We, therefore, determine to terminate the suspended investigation on roses and other cut flowers from Colombia and the suspended investigation on miniature carnations from Colombia.

Lastly, as a result of this determination, we will also terminate the reviews in progress for these agreements covering the 1995 period.

These administrative reviews and this notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1)(C) of the Tariff Act (19 U.S.C.

1675(a)(1)(C) and 1675(c)) and 19 CFR 355.22 and 355.25.

Dated: August 26, 1996.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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Intent To Revoke Countervailing Duty Order

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of intent to revoke countervailing duty order.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is notifying the public of its intent to revoke the countervailing duty order listed below. Domestic interested parties who object to revocation of this order must submit their comments in writing not later than the last day of September 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 30, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Albright or Maria MacKay, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department may revoke a countervailing duty order if the Secretary of Commerce concludes that it is no longer of interest to interested parties. Accordingly, as required by the Department's regulations (at 19 C.F.R. 355.25(d)(4)), we are notifying the public of our intent to revoke the countervailing duty order listed below, for which the Department has not received a request to conduct an administrative review for the most recent four consecutive annual anniversary months.

In accordance with section 355.25(d)(4)(iii) of the Department's regulations, if no domestic interested party (as defined in sections 355.2 (i)(3), (i)(4), (i)(5), and (i)(6) of the regulations) objects to the Department's intent to revoke this order pursuant to this notice, and no interested party (as defined in section 355.2(i) of the regulations) requests an administrative review in accordance with the Department's notice of opportunity to request administrative review, we shall conclude that the countervailing duty order is no longer of interest to

interested parties and proceed with the revocation. However, if an interested party does request an administrative review in accordance with the Department's notice of opportunity to request administrative review, or a domestic interested party does object to the Department's intent to revoke pursuant to this notice, the Department will not revoke the order.

Countervailing duty order	
Canada: Steel Rail (C-122-805).	09/22/89, 54 FR 39032

Opportunity To Object

Not later than the last day of September 1996, domestic interested parties may object to the Department's intent to revoke this countervailing duty order. Any submission objecting to the revocation must contain the name and case number of the order and a statement that explains how the objecting party qualifies as a domestic interested party under sections 355.2 (i)(3), (i)(4), (i)(5), or (i)(6) of the Department's regulations.

Seven copies of any such objections should be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Room B-099, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230.

This notice is in accordance with 19 CFR 355.25(d)(4)(i).

Dated: August 21, 1996.

Jeffrey P. Bialos,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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Export Trade Certificate of Review; Notice of Application To Amend Certificate

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Dawn Busby, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of

1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. A Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from state and federal government antitrust actions and from private, treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the Federal Register identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether an amended Certificate should be issued. An original and five (5) copies should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1800H, Washington, D.C. 20230. Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 89-7A016."

Geothermal Energy Association's ("GEA") original Certificate was issued on February 5, 1990 (55 FR 4647, February 9, 1990) and previously amended on November 7, 1990 (55 FR 47784, November 15, 1990); April 17, 1991 (56 FR 16328, April 22, 1991); September 11, 1991 (56 FR 47068, September 17, 1991); October 25, 1993 (58 FR 58325, November 1, 1993); September 26, 1994 (59 FR 50575, October 4, 1994); and March 6, 1996 (61 FR 11189). A summary of the application for an amendment follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: Geothermal Energy Association ("GEA"), 2001 Second Street, Suite 5, Davis, California 95616.

Contact: John Armstrong, Counsel, Telephone: (703) 356-3100.

Application No.: 89-7A016.

Date Deemed Submitted: August 23, 1996.

Proposed Amendment: Geothermal Energy Association seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add the following company as a new "Member" of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): Ormat Technologies, Inc. as the controlling

entity of the GEA Certificate Member Ormat International, Inc.

2. Delete the following companies as "Members" of the Certificate: University of Utah Research Institute; and Big Bear Mud & Engineering Company; and

3. Change the listing of the company names for the current members: "Calpine Corporation" d.b.a "Santa Rosa Geothermal Company, L.P." to the new listing "Calpine Corporation"; and "Unocal Geothermal Division and its controlling entity, "Unocal Corporation" to "Union Oil of California", d.b.a. "Unocal and/or Unocal Corporation".

Dated: August 26, 1996.

W. Dawn Busby,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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CONSUMER PRODUCT SAFETY COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission.

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, September 5, 1996, 10:00 a.m.

LOCATION: Room 410, East West Towers, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, Maryland.

STATUS: Closed to the Public.

MATTER TO BE CONSIDERED:

Compliance Status Report

The staff will brief the Commission on the status of various compliance matters.

For a recorded message containing the latest agenda information, call (301) 504-0709.

CONTACT PERSON FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION: Sadye E. Dunn, Office of the Secretary, 4330 East West Highway, Bethesda, MD 20207 (301) 504-0800.

Dated: August 27, 1996.

Todd A. Stevenson,

Deputy Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Recognition of Accrediting Agencies

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Request for comments on an accrediting agency's requested expansion of scope during the review of its application to the Secretary for renewal of recognition.