

to 19 CFR part 351 (62 FR 27296 (May 19, 1997)).

Amended Preliminary Determination

We are amending the preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value for stainless steel wire rod (SSWR) from Japan to reflect the correction of a ministerial error made in a margin calculation in that determination. We are publishing this amendment to the preliminary determination pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(e).

Case History

On February 25, 1998, the Department preliminarily determined that SSWR from Japan is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (63 FR 10854 (March 5, 1998)). On February 27, 1998, we disclosed our calculations for the preliminary determination to counsel for Daido Steel Company, Ltd., Hitachi Metals, Ltd. (Hitachi), and Nippon Steel Corporation. On March 5, 1998, we disclosed our calculations for the preliminary determination to counsel for the petitioner.

On March 2 and 4, 1998, we received submissions, timely filed pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(c)(2), from Hitachi, alleging ministerial errors in the Department's preliminary determination. In its submissions, Hitachi requested that these errors be corrected and an amended preliminary determination be issued reflecting these changes. We did not receive comments from any other respondent or from the petitioner.

Amendment of Preliminary Determination

The Department's regulations provide that the Department will correct any significant ministerial error by amending the preliminary determination. See 19 CFR 351.224(e). A significant ministerial error is an error the correction of which, either singly or in combination with other errors:

- (1) Would result in a change of at least five absolute percentage points in, but not less than 25 percent of, the weighted-average dumping margin calculated in the original (erroneous) preliminary determination; or
- (2) Would result in a difference between a weighted-average dumping margin of zero (or *de minimis*) and a weighted-average dumping margin of greater than *de minimis*, or vice versa. See 19 CFR 351.224(g).

After analyzing Hitachi's submissions, we have determined that a ministerial error was made in the margin calculation for Hitachi in the preliminary determination. Specifically,

we inadvertently failed to convert the constructed value unit cost information from a per-kilogram basis to a per-pound basis, which is the basis on which the U.S. sales of further manufactured products were reported. See Memorandum To Louis Apple From The Team, dated March 13, 1998, for a detailed discussion of Hitachi's ministerial error and the Department's analysis.

Because the correction of this ministerial error results in a zero margin for Hitachi, the Department hereby amends its preliminary determination to correct this error. In addition, because section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act directs the Department to exclude zero margins from the calculation of the "All Others Rate," we have recalculated the "All Others Rate." The revised weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

Manufacturer/producer/exporter	Weighted-average margin percentage
Hitachi Metals, Ltd	0.00
Daido Steel Co., Ltd	31.38
Nippon Steel Corp	24.41
Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd ...	31.38
Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd	31.38
All Others	26.59

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 733(d)(2) of the Act, the Department will direct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to require a cash deposit or posting of bond on all entries of subject merchandise from Japan—excepted those produced and exported by Hitachi—at the rates indicated above, that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. The suspension of liquidation will remain in effect until further notice. The revised company-specific rate for Hitachi and the "All Others" rate, as well as those rates which have not changed are listed above.

International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 773(f) of the Act, we have notified the International Trade Commission of the amended preliminary determination.

This amended preliminary determination is published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: March 18, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Fisheries Finance Program Applications; Proposed Collection; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before May 26, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Charles L. Cooper, Financial Services Division, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-2396.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Respondents will be commercial fishing industry individuals, partnerships, or corporations which want to obtain Federal financing or refinancing of commercial fishing vessels, fisheries shoreside or aquacultural facilities, or individual fishing quotas, or obtain payment for surrendering their fishing permits and/or vessels under a fishing capacity reduction program. The information collected from applicants will be used to determine their eligibility for financial assistance under the Fisheries Finance Program pursuant to 50 CFR part 253.

II. Method of Collection

The collection of information will be collected on the Fisheries Finance Program Application Form.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0012.

Form Number: NOAA FORM 88-1.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Businesses and other for profit organizations—commercial fishermen, partnerships, and corporations applying for financing or buyback funds.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1650.

Estimated Time Per Response: 6.3 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,400.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: No capital, operations, or maintenance costs are expected.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: March 17, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 031898C]

Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT); Spring Species Working Group Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT announces its Spring Meeting with its Species Working Groups on April 6-8, 1998.

DATES: The open sessions of the Committee will be held on April 6, 1998, from 3 p.m. to 5 p.m.; on April 7, 1998, from 8 a.m. to approximately 9:30 a.m.; and on April 8, 1998, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Closed meetings of the Species Working Groups will be held on April 7, 1998, from approximately 9:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. and on April 8, 1998, from 8:30 a.m. to 10 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 8777 Georgia Avenue, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathon Krieger (301) 713-2276.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to ICCAT will meet in open session to discuss (1) the U.S. implementation of ICCAT recommendations; (2) research and monitoring activities; (3) the results of the Committee's Species Working Groups meetings; and (4) other matters relating to the international management of ICCAT species, including possible special presentations by individual speakers. While the public will have access to the open sessions of the meeting, there will be no opportunity for public comment. Sessions of the Advisory Committee's Species Working Groups will not be open to the public, but the results of those discussions will be reported to the full Advisory Committee during the Committee's open session on April 8. In addition, the Advisory Committee will meet in closed session the morning of April 8 to discuss internal operational matters. Accordingly, the determination has been made that the committee shall go into executive session at that time.

Special Accommodations

The meeting locations are physically accessible to people with disabilities.

Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Jonathon Krieger at (301) 713-2276 at least five days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 19, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Coastal Migratory Committee (Committee) and Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission's Bluefish Board (Board) will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 8, 1998, from 1:00 p.m. until 5:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Adam's Mark Hotel, City Avenue and Monument Road, Philadelphia, PA; telephone: 215-581-5000.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review the recommendations of the Council's Scientific and Statistical Committee regarding the status of the bluefish stock. The Committee and Board may recommend management measures compatible with the new assessment information.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Committee and Board for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.