

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

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**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Applicable Statute**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's regulations are to the current regulations as codified at 19 CFR 351 (1998).

**Background**

On April 24, 1998, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products from the United Kingdom ("UK"), covering the period January 1, 1997, through December 31, 1997 (63 FR 20378). In our notice of initiation, we stated our intention to issue the final results of this review no later than March 31, 1998. The preliminary results of review are currently due no later than December 1, 1998. Due to the complexity of the legal and methodological issues presented by this review, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675 (a)(3)(A)).

**Postponement of Preliminary Results of Review**

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order/finding for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) allows the Department to extend this time period to a maximum of 365 days and 180 days, respectively.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results this review within the original time frame. See Memorandum from Holly A. Kuga to Robert S. LaRussa, "Extension of Preliminary Results: Certain Hot-Rolled

Lead and Bismuth Carbon Steel Products from the United Kingdom (C-412-811)", dated November 27, 1998.

The deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this review is now no later than March 31, 1999, which is the full amount of time the Department can extend the preliminary results under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. The deadline for issuing the final results of this review will be no later than 120 days from the publication of the preliminary results.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675 (a)(3)(A)).

Dated: November 27, 1998.

**Holly A. Kuga,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

[C-489-502]

**Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes and Welded Carbon Steel Line Pipe From Turkey: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Extension of Time Limits of Preliminary Results of Reviews.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative reviews of the countervailing duty order on certain welded carbon steel pipes and tubes and welded carbon steel line pipe from Turkey. The reviews cover two manufacturers/exporters and the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 7, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Stephanie Moore or Eric B. Greynolds, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3692 or (202) 482-6071, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Because it is not practicable to complete these reviews within the initial time limits

established by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department is extending the time limits for completion of the preliminary results until no later than March 31, 1999. See Memorandum to Robert S. LaRussa, dated November 25, 1998, which is a public document on file in the Central Records Unit. The deadline for the final results of these reviews will continue to be 120 days after publication of the preliminary results.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)).

Dated: November 25, 1998.

**Holly A. Kuga,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE (DOC)**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)**

**Cooperative Program for Operational Meteorology, Education, and Training (COMET)**

**AGENCY:** National Weather Service (NWS).

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Issue Notice of Noncompetitive Financial Assistance Award.

**SUMMARY:** NOAA issues this notice to announce its fiscal year 1999 plan to continue its financial support of the COMET Cooperative Agreement sponsored by the NWS. The COMET program, which is part of the University Corporation for Atmospheric Research (UCAR), establishes scientific training in meteorology for Federal agencies, the private sector, and universities; expedites the transfer of scientific knowledge; provides for formal collaborative research agreements between the NWS and participating universities and other groups; and finds innovative ways to enhance the performance of weather forecasters and improve the utilization of weather products by the public.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

LeRoy Spayd, Chief, Science and Training Core, Office of Meteorology, NWS, Room 13308, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Telephone: 301-713-1970 x 194. E-mail: leroy.spayd@noaa.gov.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The COMET cooperative agreement represents a close link between NOAA staff and universities, enabling the

participating university staff, students, and NWS operational staff to share observations, interpretations, and theory of the complex atmospheric circulations, which are now observable with new information obtained through the modernization of the NWS. A Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) exists between UCAR and NOAA although no financial assistance is provided through the MOA. The research is currently funded by a cooperative agreement. The period of the cooperative agreement starting with the fiscal year 1999 funding cycle will be for 3 years.

Subject to the availability of funds, NOAA intends to continue support to the COMET program during the fiscal year 1999 funding cycle. The COMET program is a cooperative agreement between the NWS and the UCAR, which represents all universities with meteorology and oceanographic graduate and undergraduate programs. We believe UCAR is the only entity which can draw on all of the talent of the participating universities to provide the programs needed by the Federal and university meteorological community.

NOAA does not intend to establish or fund new cooperative agreements at this time. This notice is not a solicitation for proposals.

**Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance:** The NWS COMET program is listed in the Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance under number 11.467, Meteorologic and Hydrologic Modernization Development.

**Classification:** This action has been determined not to be significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

**John J. Kelly, Jr.,**

Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Marine Mammals

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

**ACTION:** Request to transfer a non-releasable rehabilitated marine mammal.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Marine Mammal Care Center at Fort

MacArthur, 3601 South Gaffey Street, San Pedro, CA 90731, has requested authorization to transfer a non-releasable rehabilitated California sea lion (*Zalophus californianus*) to Gabriel J. Kerschner, Wild Things, Inc., 1211 Ponderosa Way, Weimar, CA 95736, for purposes of public display.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before January 6, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The authorization request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289).

Written comments on this request should be mailed to the Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301) 713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy submitted by mail and postmarked no later than the closing date of the comment period. Please note that comments will not be accepted by e-mail or by other electronic media.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Ann Hochman, 301/713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Marine Mammal Care Center is requesting authorization to transfer one female California sea lion from unreleasable beached and stranded stock for the purpose of public display, as authorized by the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The permanent retention for public display purposes of a beached or stranded marine mammal taken for the purpose of rehabilitation under section 109(h) of the MMPA must be authorized by NMFS before such animals may be retained by the rehabilitating facility, transported domestically to a public display facility, or exported to another facility for public display purposes, in accordance with applicable MMPA requirements.

In order to obtain any marine mammal for public display purposes, the recipient must meet the following three public display criteria: (1) Offer a program for education or conservation purposes that is based on professionally recognized standards of the public display community; (2) be registered or hold a license issued under 7 U.S.C.

2131 *et seq.*, i.e., from the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS), U.S. Department of Agriculture; and (3) maintain facilities for the public display of marine mammals that are open to the public on a regularly scheduled basis and to which access is not limited or restricted other than by charging of an admission fee.

Wild Things, Inc., has an exhibitor's license, No. 93-C-0382, issued by APHIS under the Animal Welfare Act (AWA). However, Wild Things, Inc., does not currently maintain marine mammals. The care and maintenance of captive marine mammals must adhere to the requirements of the AWA. Consequently, a copy of the request is also being sent to APHIS.

Wild Things, Inc., is open to the public on the first Saturday of each month with access that is not limited or restricted other than by charging an admission fee, and will offer an educational program based upon the standards of the American Association of Zoos and Aquariums. Wild Things, Inc., plans to add this marine mammal to its outreach program to local school assembly programs. Transportation associated with these assembly programs will be conducted according to APHIS standards under the AWA. Also, Wild Things, Inc., will be required to submit to NMFS a transport notification 15 days in advance of any proposed transport, as required under section 104(c) of the MMPA.

Dated: December 1, 1998.

**Art Jeffers,**

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

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## COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

### Applications of the New York Mercantile Exchange for Designation as a Contract Market in PJM Electricity Futures and Options, Submitted Under 45-Day Fast Track Procedures

**AGENCY:** Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of proposed terms and conditions for applications for contract market designation.

**SUMMARY:** The New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX or Exchange) has applied for designation as a contract market in PJM (Pennsylvania-Maryland-New Jersey) electricity futures and