

*Determinations and Final Negative Critical Circumstances Determinations: Certain Steel Products from Korea*, 58 FR 37338 (July 9, 1993), the Department determined that this program was not countervailable. Petitioners have not provided any new information or evidence of changed circumstances that warrants reconsideration of that final determination. Therefore, we are not initiating an investigation on this program.

### 3. Industry Promotion and Research and Development Subsidies

a. Environmental Engineering and Technology Development.

b. Industrial Development Fund.  
Petitioners allege that POSCO and Dongkuk Steel are benefitting from industrial promotion funds and research and development subsidies. Petitioners' allegations regarding these two programs are based on the importance of the steel industry to the Korean economy, rather than on information regarding the eligibility criteria or usage of these two programs. The information provided in the petition does not indicate that the programs are *de jure* or *de facto* specific to the steel sector. Therefore, we are not initiating an investigation on these programs.

### 4. Special Depreciation for Energy Saving and Productivity Promotion

Petitioners state that this program allows Korean exporters to claim a special depreciation charge for energy-savings facilities. Petitioners state that POSCO's 1994 SEC Prospectus recorded "special depreciation charges" for energy-saving and productivity promotion facilities and equipment. Note (4) of POSCO's 1994 SEC Prospectus specifically states that pursuant to a change in Korean GAAP (General Accounting Principles), "special depreciation will no longer be allowed for financial reporting purposes, commencing in 1994." Moreover, petitioners have not provided any evidence indicating POSCO took special depreciation after 1993. Therefore, we are not investigating this program.

### 5. Tax Credit for Equipment Investment to Promote Workers' Welfare—Article 88 (Article 72–2 and 90, prior to 1995)

Petitioners allege that Korean steel producers are benefitting from several tax programs, including Articles 72–2 and 90. In support of their allegation, petitioners note that in the 1997 *Stainless Steel Plate* verification report for POSCO dated January 27, 1999, the Department reported that POSCO used tax credits under Articles 72–2 and 90.

However, the Department has not previously found these articles to be countervailable. Furthermore, petitioners did not make any allegations regarding the specificity of these articles, nor did they provide any supporting information. Therefore, we are not initiating an investigation on this program.

### Distribution of Copies of the Petitions

In accordance with section 702(b)(4)(A)(i) of the Act, copies of the public version of the petition have been provided to the representatives of France, India, Indonesia, Italy, and Korea. We will attempt to provide copies of the public version of the petition to all the exporters named in the petition, as provided for under § 351.203(c)(2) of the Department's regulations.

### ITC Notification

Pursuant to section 702(d) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of these initiations.

### Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will determine by April 2, 1999, whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of certain cut-to-length carbon-quality steel plate from France, India, Indonesia, Italy, and Korea. A negative ITC determination for any country will result in the investigation being terminated with respect to that country; otherwise, the investigations will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: March 8, 1999.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Export Trade Certificate of Review

**ACTION:** 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 amended Certificate should be issued.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Morton Schnabel, 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. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential. An original and five copies, plus two copies of the nonconfidential version, 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 1104, Washington, DC 20230. Business confidential information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the Certificate. Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 85–8A018."

U.S. Shippers Association's ("USSA") original Certificate was issued on June 3, 1986 (51 FR 20873, June 9, 1986) and subsequently amended on January 16, 1990 (55 FR 2543, January 25, 1990); November 13, 1990 (55 FR 48664, November 21, 1990); September 22, 1993 (58 FR 51061, September 30,

1993); June 28, 1994 (59 FR 34411, July 5, 1994); April 10, 1997 (62 FR 18586, April 16, 1997); and November 23, 1998 (63 FR 65752, November 30, 1998).

#### Summary of the Application

**Applicant:** U.S. Shippers Association, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

**Contact:** Cara E. Maggioni, Legal Counsel, Telephone: (202) 662-5162. **Application No.:** 85-8A018.

**Date Deemed Submitted:** March 1, 1999.

**Proposed Amendment:** USSA seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add Lyondell Chemical Worldwide, Inc., Newtown Square, PA; and Arch Chemicals, Inc., Norwalk, CT as new "Members" of the Certificate within the meaning of section 325.2(1) of the Regulations (15 C.F.R. 325.2(1)); and

2. Delete ARCO Chemical Company, Newtown Square, PA; and Olin Corporation, Norwalk, CT as "Members" of the Certificate.

Dated: March 11, 1999.

**Morton Schnabel,**

*Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 030599D]

#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils will convene a joint meeting of their Mackerel Stock Assessment Panel (MSAP).

**DATES:** This meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, March 29, and conclude by on Thursday, April 1, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at NMFS Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL.

**Council address:** Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Richard L. Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic Fishery Management Councils will convene their joint MSAP to review stock assessment updates for the Gulf and Atlantic migratory groups of king and Spanish mackerel. The MSAP will consider available information, including but not limited to, commercial and recreational catches, natural and fishing mortality estimates, recruitment, fishery-dependent and fishery-independent data, and data needs. These analyses will be used to determine the condition of the stocks and the levels of acceptable biological catch (ABC) for the 1999-2000 fishing year. The MSAP may also review estimates of stock size (biomass at maximum sustainable yield [Bmsy]) and minimum stock size thresholds (MSST) for each species.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the Panel 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.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by March 22, 1999.

Dated: March 10, 1999.

**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

[I.D. 031099A]

#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Enforcement Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the

exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Monday, March 29, 1999. See

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** The meetings will be held in Saugus, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council (781) 231-0422. Requests for special accommodations should be addressed to the New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, Massachusetts 01906-1097; telephone: (781) 231-0422.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Meeting Dates and Agendas

Monday, March 29, 1999, 9:30 a.m.—Enforcement Oversight Committee with Advisory Panel

Location: Council offices, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906; telephone (781) 231-0422.

Agenda: The Enforcement Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel will review scallop dredge access to Closed Area II and develop recommendations to the Council to improve enforcement.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Enforcement Oversight Committee and Advisory Panel 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 listed in this notice.

#### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 10, 1999.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

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

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