

POR-average costs as adjusted for inflation for each month of the POR, as described above.

B. ICDAS

We based NV on the starting price to unaffiliated customers. We made deductions for inland freight expenses (offset by freight revenue), where appropriate, pursuant to section 773(a)(6)(B) of the Act. Pursuant to section 773(a)(6)(C)(iii) if the Act, we also made deductions for home market credit expenses (offset by interest revenue), where appropriate. We recalculated home market credit expenses using the interest rates observed at verification.

Pursuant to section 773(a)(6)(C)(iii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.410(c), we made circumstance-of-sale adjustments by adding U.S. credit expenses, bank charges, and Exporters' Association fees.

In addition, we deducted home market packing costs and added U.S. packing costs, in accordance with section 773(a)(6) of the Act.

Currency Conversion

The Department's preferred source for daily exchange rates is the Federal Reserve Bank. However, the Federal Reserve Bank does not track or publish exchange rates for Turkish Lira. Therefore, we made currency conversions based on the daily exchange rates from the Dow Jones News/Retrieval Service.

Preliminary Results of the Review

We preliminarily determine that the following margins exist for the respondents during the period October 10, 1996, through March 31, 1998 (for Ekinciler) and October 10, 1996, thorough July 31, 1998 (for ICDAS):

Manufacturer/producer/exporter	Margin percentage
Ekinciler Holding A.S./ Ekinciler Demir Celik A.S.	1.50
ICDAS Celik Enerji Tersane ve Ulasim Sanayi A.S.	10.22

The Department will disclose to parties the calculations performed in connection with these preliminary results within five days of the date of publication of this notice. Interested parties may request a hearing within 30 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held two days after the date rebuttal briefs are filed. Interested parties may submit cases briefs not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 35 days after the date of

publication of this notice. The Department will issue the final results of the administrative and new shipper reviews, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such written comments, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results.

Upon completion of the administrative and new shipper reviews, the Department shall determine, and the Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.212(b)(1), we have calculated importer-specific assessment rates based on the ratio of the total amount of antidumping duties calculated for the examined sales to the total entered value of those sales, where available. Where the entered value was not available, we estimated the entered value by subtracting international movement expenses from the gross sales value. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2), we will instruct the Customs Service to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties any entries for which the assessment rate is *de minimis* (i.e., less than 0.50 percent). The assessment rate will be assessed uniformly on all entries of that particular importer made during the POR. The Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to the Customs Service.

Further, the following deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of rebar from Turkey entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of these administrative and new shipper reviews, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: 1) The cash deposit rates for the reviewed companies will be the rates established in the final results of these reviews; 2) for previously investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; 3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in these reviews, or the LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and 4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 16.06 percent, the all others rate established in the LTFV investigation.

These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f)(2) to file a certificate

regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties. These administrative and new shipper reviews and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and (a)(2)(B) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1) and (a)(2)(B)) and 19 CFR 351.213 and 214.

Dated: April 30, 1999.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Opportunity To Apply for Membership on the U.S.-Korea Committee on Business Cooperation

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is currently seeking interim applications for membership on the U.S. side of the U.S.-Korea Committee on Business Cooperation (CBC). The purpose of the CBC is to facilitate stronger commercial ties between U.S. and Korean private sector businesses. This is accomplished by undertaking work programs, reporting on the results, and presenting written recommendations to the two governments. The CBC is chaired by the U.S. Secretary of Commerce and the Korean Minister of Commerce, Industry and Energy. Its activities are coordinated by an equal number of private sector representatives from the United States and Korea. The CBC held its second meeting in Seoul, Korea, on March 27, 1999. The work of the CBC is currently focused through eight sector-specific subgroups: (1) government procurement, (2) environmental technologies, (3) venture capital, (4) automobiles, (5) filmed entertainment, (6) electronic commerce, (7) a business opportunity network on the Internet, and (8) telecommunications. In particular, the Department is seeking representatives from the following sectors: electronic commerce, energy, and biotechnology.

MEMBERSHIP OPPORTUNITY: The CBC charter will expire October 1, 1999, and may be renewed upon the mutual agreement of the U.S. and Korea. There are several vacancies on the U.S. side of the CBC. Applications are now being sought for U.S. private sector members

to serve beginning immediately and until October 1, 1999. Private sector members will serve at the discretion of the Secretary. They are expected to participate fully in defining and implementing CBC work programs, reporting on the results, and presenting written recommendations to the two governments. It is expected that private sector individuals chosen for the CBC will attend at least 75% of CBC meetings, which are held alternately in the U.S. and Korea. Private sector members are fully responsible for travel, living and personal expenses associated with their participation in the CBC. The private sector members will serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of the particular business sector in which they operate, not those of their individual firms. Private sector members are not special government employees.

Objectives

The goals of the CBC are as follows:

- Identifying commercial opportunities, impediments, and issues of concern to the respective business communities;
- Improving the dissemination of appropriate commercial information on both markets;
- Adopting sectoral or project-oriented approaches to expand business opportunities, addressing specific problems, and making recommendations to decision-makers where appropriate;
- Promoting trade/business development and promotion programs to assist the respective business communities in accessing each market, including trade missions, exhibits, seminars, and other events;
- Facilitating appropriate technical cooperation; and
- Considering other steps that may be taken to foster growth and enhance commercial relations.

Membership Criteria

Eligibility criteria. An applicant must be:

- a U.S. citizen residing in the United States; and
 - not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938 (FARA).
- In reviewing eligible applicants, the Commerce Department will consider:
- Expertise in one of the business sectors noted above in which the CBC will be active;
 - Readiness to initiate and be responsible for activities in one or more of the business sectors in which the CBC will be active; and
 - Prospective member contributes to membership diversity of company size,

type, location, demographics and/or traditional under-representation in business.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: name and title of the individual requesting consideration; name and address of the company or organization sponsoring each individual; company's product or service line; size of the company; export experience and major markets; a brief statement of why each candidate should be considered for membership on the CBC; the particular segment of the business community each candidate would represent; a personal resume; and a statement signed by the applicant that he or she is a U.S. citizen residing in the United States and not a registered foreign agent under FARA. Up to two applicants from the same organization can be considered.

DEADLINE: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received no later than May 25, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to Philip R. Agress, Director, Office of Korea and Southeast Asia, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2320, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20230, fax (202) 482-0469.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Droker, Director, Korea and Taiwan Affairs, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 2036, 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone (202) 482-3876, fax (202) 482-3316.

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Philip Agress,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia and the Pacific.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

United States-Egypt Presidents' Council: Membership

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Amendment to notice of membership opportunity: Extension to deadline for applications.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce established and monitors the activities of the U.S.-Egypt Presidents' Council, the private sector component of the Gore-Mubarak Partnership. The **Federal Register**

published a notice of membership opportunities for American business representatives on the U.S. side of the Council on April 12, 1999. The deadline was May 7, 1999. This notice hereby extends the deadline by which applications must be received.

DATES: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received no later than: Friday, May 21, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to Thomas Sams, Egypt Desk Officer, Office of the Near East, U.S. Department of Commerce either by fax on 202-482-0878 or by mail to Room H-2029B, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Sams, Office of the Near East, Room H-2029B, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, phone: 202-482-4441.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amends the notice of membership opportunities on the U.S.-Egypt Presidents' Council published in the **Federal Register** on April 12, 1999 (64 FR 17617-17618).

Dated: May 4 1999.

Thomas R. Parker,

Director, Office of the Near East.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Industrial Phosphoric Acid From Israel: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Preliminary Results and Partial Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on industrial phosphoric acid from Israel for the period January 1, 1997 through December 31, 1997. For information on the net subsidy for each reviewed company, as well as for all non-reviewed companies, please see the *Preliminary Results of Review* section of this notice. If the final results remain the same as these preliminary results, we will instruct the U.S. Customs