

preliminary determination, the *Sunset Policy Bulletin* dictates that the Department should not make any adjustments to this rate. Moreover, Milliken argued that since the Peruvian Government modified the CERTEX and FENT programs to eliminate exports to the United States from eligibility, rather than the programs in their entirety, no adjustment should be made.

In its substantive response, the *Comite Textil* stated that the net countervailable subsidy that would prevail if the suspended investigation were terminated would be zero, because, as discussed above, there are no countervailable programs in place.

Department's Determination

Because we preliminarily determine that a countervailable subsidy is not likely to continue or recur were the suspended investigation to be terminated, there is no net countervailable subsidy to report to the Commission.

Nature of the Subsidy

Parties' Comments

Neither party addressed this issue.

Department's Position

Because we preliminarily determine that a countervailable subsidy is not likely to continue or recur were the suspended investigation to be terminated, there is no nature of the subsidy to report to the Commission.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, the Department preliminarily finds that termination of the suspended countervailing duty investigation would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy. As a result of this determination, the Department, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, preliminarily intends to terminate the suspended countervailing duty investigation on cotton shop towels from Peru. Pursuant to section 751(c)(6)(A)(iv) of the Act, this termination would be effective January 1, 2000.

Consistent with section 351.218(f)(2)(i) of the *Sunset Regulations* we intend to verify the factual information relied on in making this determination because we preliminarily determine that termination of the suspended investigation is not likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy and our preliminary results are not based on countervailing duty rates determined in the investigation or subsequent reviews.

Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.310(c). Any hearing, if requested, will be held on September 20, 1999. Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than September 13, 1999, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(i). Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than September 16, 1999. The Department will issue a notice of final results of this *Sunset Review*, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments, no later than November 30, 1999.

This five-year ("sunset") review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: July 23, 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 1104H, Washington, DC 20230. 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 84-10A12."

Northwest Fruit Exporters' ("NFE") original Certificate was issued on June 11, 1984 (49 FR 24581, June 14, 1984) and previously amended on May 2, 1988 (53 FR 16306, May 6, 1988); September 21, 1988 (53 FR 37628, September 27, 1988); September 20, 1989 (54 FR 39454, September 26, 1989); November 19, 1992 (57 FR 55510, November 25, 1992); August 16, 1994 (59 FR 43093, August 22, 1994); November 4, 1996 (61 FR 57850, November 8, 1996); October 22, 1997 (62 FR 55783, October 28, 1997); and November 2, 1998 (63 FR 60304, November 9, 1998). A summary of the application for an amendment follows.

Summary of the Application

Applicant: Northwest Fruit Exporters, 105 South 18th Street, #227, Yakima, Washington 98901.

Contact: James R. Archer, Manager, Telephone: (509) 576-8004.

Application No.: 84-10A12.

Date Deemed Submitted: July 22, 1999.

Proposed Amendment: Northwest Fruit Exporters seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add each of the following companies as a new "Member" of the Certificate within the meaning of § 325.2(l) of the Regulations (15 CFR

325.2(l)): Chief Orchards L.L.C., Yakima, Washington; J.C. Watson Co., Parma, Idaho; Jenks Bro. Cold Storage, Inc., Royal City, Washington; Naumes, Inc., Chelan, Washington; The Apple House, Brewster, Washington; Valicoff Fruit Company, Inc., Wapato, Washington; and Washington Cherry Growers, Wenatchee, Washington (controlling entities: Blue Bird, Inc. and Dovex Fruit Company); and

2. Delete the following companies as "Members" of the Certificate: Crisp'n Spicy Growers, Inc., Pateros, Washington; D & G Packing Inc., Plymouth, Washington; Fox Orchards, Mattawa, Washington; Nickell Orchards, Pateros, Washington; and Rolling Hills Orchards, Emmett, Idaho.

Dated: July 23, 1999.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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American Fisheries Act Reports

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

ACTION: 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 September 27, 1999.

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 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Patsy Bearden, NMFS-

Alaska Region, PO Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, (907) 586-7465.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The American Fisheries Act (AFA), signed into law in October 1998, established a complex system that allocates the pollock catch in the Bering Sea and Aleutian Islands management area to entities composed of groups of specific fishing vessels and processors. Under the AFA, groups of vessels delivering to a specific shoreside processor may form a cooperative and receive a direct allocation of pollock catch to be exclusively harvested by that cooperative. At the same time, the AFA restricts the ability of pollock fishing vessels and processors from expanding their level of participation in other (non-pollock) fisheries. To implement the provisions of the AFA, NMFS will need to monitor the catch of these various entities, including newly established fishery cooperatives, for inseason management of directed fisheries and for managing catch limits by AFA-qualified vessels in other fisheries. Timely reports will be necessary for NMFS to determine catch and bycatch taken by AFA-qualified vessels.

The new reports proposed by NMFS include a Shoreside Electronic Delivery Report that is the equivalent of existing Alaska Department of Fish and Game (ADF&G) fish ticket reports. A report would be submitted for each delivery on a daily basis. As an alternative to this new electronic report, processors would have the option to fax ADF&G fish tickets to NMFS. A daily report of pollock catch by vessel also would be required from each of up to eight shoreside fishery cooperatives.

The AFA also lists the 20 catcher/processors and three motherships that may participate in the pollock fisheries, and requires that all AFA-listed catcher/processors carry two observers and weigh all groundfish catch on scales approved by NMFS. The Council has recommended that NMFS extend these observer and scale requirements to the three AFA-listed motherships. The Council also recommended that NMFS require that AFA-listed catcher/processors and motherships provide observer sampling stations. These observer coverage, scale, and sampling station requirements would be identical to existing requirements for catcher/processors participating in the Community Development Quota (CDQ) fisheries. Nine of the 23 AFA-listed catcher/processors and motherships are not currently equipped with NMFS-approved scales and observer sampling stations and would be required to install

scales and observer sampling stations to comply with the AFA. The other 14 vessels participate in the CDQ fisheries and, as a consequence, their facilities already meet the new standards established in the AFA. The information collection requirements associated with scales and weighing catch at-sea in the CDQ program have been approved by the OMB under control number 0648-0330. The information collection requirements associated with observer sampling stations have been approved under OMB control number 0648-0269. These requirements include requesting an annual scale and observer sampling station inspection, maintaining scale and observer sampling station approval documents on board the vessel, conducting a daily at-sea scale test, producing a scale audit trail when requested and producing and maintaining printed output from the scale.

II. Method of Collection

A. Shoreside Electronic Delivery Reports. Shoreside electronic delivery reports would be submitted electronically by each shoreside processor via modem or Internet connection using software provided by NMFS. These daily reports would be in lieu of existing daily production logbooks and weekly production reports which currently must be faxed to NMFS or submitted electronically.

B. Shoreside Pollock Catch Report. Each of up to eight shoreside catcher vessel cooperatives would be required to submit daily pollock catch reports to NMFS over the Internet using a NMFS Home Page established for this purpose that will provide a Web-based reporting form. As an alternative for cooperatives lacking Internet access, reports could be sent to NMFS via fax. The regulations establishing the inshore pollock co-op program will require each catcher vessel cooperative to appoint a designated representative or cooperative manager who will report cooperative activity to NMFS. NMFS anticipates that cooperative managers will operate out of shore-based offices and will therefore have the capability to report cooperative activity to NMFS through normal phone lines and Internet accounts. Consequently, this catcher vessel co-op reporting requirement does not contain an at-sea reporting requirement.

C. Scale and observer sampling station requirements for AFA-listed Catcher/Processors and Motherships. All 23 AFA-listed catcher/processors and motherships will be required to submit a written request for scale and observer sampling station inspection annually. Scales must be tested daily