

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

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

Background

On August 27, 1999, Timothy Haley, president of the Floral Trade Council (FTC), the FTC, and the FTC's Committees on Standard Carnations, Standard Chrysanthemums, and Pompon Chrysanthemums (the Committees) requested that the Department conduct a changed-circumstances administrative review to revoke the antidumping duty order on certain fresh cut flowers from Ecuador, retroactive to March 1, 1997. The FTC and the Committees stated that they no longer have an interest in maintaining the antidumping duty order.

We preliminarily determined that the affirmative statement of no interest by the FTC and the Committees constituted changed circumstances sufficient to warrant revocation of this order. On September 9, 1999, we published a notice of initiation of a changed-circumstances antidumping duty administrative review and preliminary results of review with intent to revoke the order (64 FR 48981). We invited interested parties to comment on the preliminary results of this changed-circumstances review.

The only comment that we received was a September 23, 1999, statement from Expoflores, an association of Ecuadorian flower producers and exporters, Claveles de la Montana, S.A., Floricultura Ecuaclevel S.A., Agritab Cia. Ltda., Florisol Cia. Ltda., and Flores del Quinche S.A. (The five companies are respondents in the administrative review covering the period March 1, 1997, through February 28, 1998.) In this statement, these parties expressed their support for the changed-circumstances review and requested that the Department revoke the order with respect to all merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after March 1, 1997.

Scope of Review

The products covered by this changed-circumstances review are certain fresh cut flowers from Ecuador including standard carnations, standard

chrysanthemums, and pompon chrysanthemums. These products are currently classifiable under item numbers 0603.10.70.10, 0603.10.70.20, and 0603.10.70.30, respectively, of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the Department's written description of the scope remains dispositive.

The changed-circumstances review covers all producers and exporters of certain fresh cut flowers from Ecuador.

Final Results of Changed-Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Revocation of Order

Pursuant to section 751(d)(1) of the Act, the Department may revoke, in whole or in part, an antidumping duty order based on a review under section 751(b) of the Act (*i.e.*, a changed-circumstances review). Section 751(b)(1) of the Act requires that a changed-circumstances administrative review be conducted upon receipt of a request containing sufficient information concerning changed circumstances. The Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.216(d) require the Department to conduct a changed-circumstances administrative review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221 if it decides that changed circumstances exist that are sufficient to warrant a review. Section 782(h)(2) of the Act and § 351.222(g)(1)(i) of the Department's regulations provide further that the Department may revoke an order, in whole or in part, if it concludes that the order under review is no longer of interest to domestic interested parties.

The FTC and its Committees are domestic interested parties as defined by section 771(9)(E) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.102(b). Based on the affirmative statement by the FTC and the Committees of no interest in the continued application of the order and based on the fact that no other domestic interested parties objected to or otherwise commented on our preliminary results of this review, we determine that there are changed circumstances sufficient to warrant revocation of the order. Therefore, the Department is revoking the antidumping duty order on certain fresh cut flowers from Ecuador, retroactive to March 1, 1997.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.222(g)(4), we will instruct the Customs Service to end the suspension of liquidation and to refund any estimated antidumping duties collected for all unliquidated entries of certain fresh cut flowers from Ecuador entered

or withdrawn from warehouse on or after March 1, 1997. We will also instruct the Customs Service to pay interest on such refunds in accordance with section 778 of the Act.

Termination of Administrative Reviews

As the result of the revocation, the Department is terminating the administrative reviews covering the following periods: March 1, 1997, through February 28, 1998 (initiated on April 24, 1998 (63 FR 20378)); March 1, 1998, through February 28, 1999 (initiated on April 30, 1999 (64 FR 23269)).

This changed-circumstances administrative review, revocation of the antidumping duty order, termination of administrative reviews, and notice are in accordance with sections 751(b), 751(d) and 782(h)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216 and 351.222.

Dated: October 13, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-533-810]

Stainless Steel Bar From India; Notice of Extension of Time Limit for New Shipper Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the final results of the new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India. The period of review is February 1, 1998 through July 31, 1998. This extension is made pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 19, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zak Smith, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-0189.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Because this case is extraordinarily complicated, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time

limit for completion of the final results to not later than January 15, 2000, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("the Act"). See September 20, 1999, Memorandum from Richard W. Moreland to Robert LaRussa on file in the public file of the Central Records Unit, B-099 of the Department.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: September 21, 1999.

Richard W. Moreland,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Overseas Trade Missions; Invitation to U.S. Companies

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce invites U.S. companies to participate in the following overseas trade missions that they also explain at the following website: <http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm>. For a comprehensive description of the trade mission, obtain a copy of the mission statement from the project officer listed below. The recruitment and selection of private sector participants will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions announced by Secretary Daly on March 3, 1997.

The Conference on Southeast Europe: Commercial Opportunity and Partnership: Sofia, Bulgaria, November 1-2, 1999

For Further Information Contact: Sam Kozloff at the Department of Commerce. Telephone number 202-482-1599 or FAX 202-482-3159.

Defense Trade Mission 2000, The Hague, Netherlands and Brussels, Belgium, February 1-3, 2000

For Further Information Contact: Sam Kozloff at the Department of Commerce. Telephone number: 202-482-1599 or FAX number: 202-482-3159.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: April Stockfleet at the U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 202-482-1599 or FAX 202-482-3159.

Dated: October 14, 1999.

John Klingelhut,

Director, Office of Public/Private Initiatives.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Nominations for Recovery Science Review Panel To Guide Recovery Planning Process for Pacific Anadromous Salmonid Species

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

ACTION: Notice of request for nominations.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) is ready to begin formal recovery planning for Evolutionarily Significant Units (ESUs) of Pacific anadromous salmonid species listed as threatened or endangered species under the U.S. Endangered Species Act (ESA). The scope of this recovery planning effort will encompass listed ESUs in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, and California. This notice is a solicitation for nominations to a Recovery Science Review Panel to guide the technical and scientific aspects of the recovery planning process and ensure its consistency and scientific credibility.

DATES: Nominations must be received on or before December 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Office of Science and Technology, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 ATTN: Salmonid Recovery Panel.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: M. Elizabeth Clarke, Office of Science and Technology, NMFS, (301)713-2363.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NMFS will soon begin formal recovery planning for over 20 ESUs of Pacific anadromous salmonid species listed under the ESA over the past several years. Formal ESA recovery efforts that are already underway for listed Snake River and Sacramento River populations may eventually be integrated into this process. NMFS will establish Technical Recovery Teams for discrete geographic areas, or domains. The Technical Recovery Teams will be responsible for establishing delisting criteria and recovery goals for listed anadromous salmonid species within their domain.

To facilitate this complex recovery planning process and ensure its consistency and scientific credibility, NMFS intends to establish a single Recovery Science Review Panel (the Panel) which will advise the Northwest and Southwest Region's Science Directors.

While the Technical Recovery Teams will work independently, the Panel will provide scientific guidance and review the Teams' processes and products. The Panel will consist of 3-5 highly qualified and independent scientists and will perform the following functions:

1. Review the credentials of candidates nominated for Technical Recovery Teams to determine if they meet established criteria for technical expertise. NMFS will select the teams from the qualified candidates;
2. Review core principles and elements of the recovery planning process being developed by the NMFS;
3. Ensure that well-accepted and consistent ecological and evolutionary principles form the basis for all recovery efforts;
4. Review processes and products of all Technical Recovery Teams for scientific credibility and to ensure consistent application of core principles across ESUs and recovery domains;
5. Oversee peer review for all recovery plans and appropriate substantial intermediate products.

Candidates for this Panel should:

1. Be scientists of international reputation who have a distinguished record of scientific accomplishment in the fields of ecology, evolutionary biology, conservation biology, fisheries biology, or salmon biology.
2. Have held positions of scientific leadership during their career.
3. Have demonstrated fairness and cooperation during their career.
4. Meet National Research Council standards for independence and conflict of interest.

Initial terms shall be 3 years for the Recovery Science Review Panel. Before completion of the final year, and after considering workloads, other commitments, and future needs for recovery planning, members' terms will be reviewed and adjusted (as appropriate) to provide for a staggering of termination dates. We anticipate that fulfilling the responsibilities of the Panel will require approximately a 10-15 percent time commitment (2-3 days per month) from Panel members. Panel members will be compensated for their time and expenses.

Due to the Panel's role in NMFS' development of recovery plans, NMFS considers the Panel to be a "recovery