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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Sunshine Act Meeting

AGENCY: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights.

DATE AND TIME: Friday, December 10, 1999, 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, 624 Ninth Street, NW., Room 540, Washington, DC 20425.

STATUS:

Agenda

- I. Approval of Agenda
- II. Approval of Minutes of November 5, 1999 Meeting
- III. Announcements
- IV. Staff Director's Report
- V. Racial and Ethnic Tensions in American Communities: Poverty, Inequality, and Discrimination, Volume VII: The Mississippi Delta Report
- VI. Equal Educational Opportunity and Nondiscrimination for Girls in Advanced Mathematics, Science, and Technology Education: Federal Enforcement of Title IX Report
- VII. State Advisory Committee Report
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 - The Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996: An Examination of Its Impact on Legal Immigrants and Refugees in Rhode Island (Rhode Island)
- VIII. Future Agenda Items

CONTACT PERSON FOR FURTHER

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General Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-427-810]

Certain Steel Products from France; Notice of Final Court Decision and Amended Final Determination of Countervailing Duty Investigation

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

ACTION: Notice of final court decision and amended final determination of countervailing duty investigation.

SUMMARY: On August 24, 1999, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit affirmed the U.S. Court of International Trade's decisions sustaining the Department of Commerce's final determination in the countervailing duty investigation of certain steel products from France, as modified by two remand determinations. As there is now a final and conclusive court decision in this action, we are amending our final determination.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rosa Jeong or Blanche Ziv, Office of Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Group I, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3099, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3853 and 482-4207, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On July 9, 1993, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published notice of its final affirmative countervailing duty determination of certain steel products from France. The Department's final determination is set forth in *Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determinations; Certain Steel Products from France*, 58 FR 37304 (July 9, 1993), and in relevant parts of the General Issues Appendix to *Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination; Certain Steel Products from Austria*, 58 FR 37217, 37231-36 (July 9, 1993). Subsequent to the publication of the Department's countervailing duty order, the petitioners and the respondents challenged the Department's final determination before the U.S. Court of International Trade (CIT).

Thereafter, the CIT issued its decision in *British Steel plc v. United States*, 879 F. Supp. 1254 (CIT 1995), which addressed general issues common to various countervailing duty investigations of certain steel products which, including the French investigation, had been before the Department concurrently. While affirming the Department's final determination on other general issues, the CIT rejected the Department's reliance on IRS tables showing industry-specific average useful life of assets in determining an allocation period of 15 years. In a subsequent remand determination dated June 30, 1995, the Department calculated a company-specific allocation period for Usinor Sacilor based on the average useful life of non-renewable physical assets, and the CIT affirmed it. *British Steel plc v. United States*, 929 F. Supp. 426 (CIT 1996).

Meanwhile, the CIT addressed issues specific to the French investigation in three decisions, which affirmed the Department's final determination on all but one issue. With regard to that issue, in *Inland Steel Industries, Inc. v. United States*, 967 F. Supp. 1338 (1997), the CIT accepted the Department's request for a voluntary remand. Specifically, during the verification of Usinor Sacilor's questionnaire responses, the Department had discovered that six Credit National loans included in the 1991 consolidation of outstanding Credit National loans were export promotion loans. Although in its final concurrence memorandum the Department stated that it would determine these loans to be specific, it inadvertently overlooked these loans in its final determination and calculations. On July 7, 1997, the Department filed its required remand results with the CIT, which were affirmed on December 5, 1997. *Inland Steel Industries, Inc. v. United States*, 985 F. Supp. 132 (CIT 1997).

Consistent with the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit's (CAFC) decision in *Timken Co. v. United States*, 893 F.2d 337 (Fed. Cir. 1990), once the CIT litigation was concluded, the Department published a "Notice of Court Decision" in the **Federal Register** on January 12, 1998 (63 FR 1827). In that notice, we stated that we would continue to suspend liquidation of any subject merchandise entered, or

withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption until a final and conclusive decision in the case was reached. We also announced that we would instruct the Customs Service to change the relevant cash deposit rates in the event that the CIT's ruling is not appealed or the CAFC issues a final decision affirming the CIT's ruling.

On August 24, 1999, in *Inland Steel Industries, Inc. v. United States*, 188 F.3d 1349 (Fed. Cir. 1999), the CAFC affirmed the CIT's decisions on all issues before it. On November 4, 1999, the CAFC issued its mandate.

Therefore, as there is now a final and conclusive court decision in this case, we are amending our final determination.

Amendment to Final Determination

Pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1516a(e), we are now amending our final determination in certain steel products from France. The recalculated net subsidy rate for all programs for Usinor Sacilor and the country-wide rate is 15.13% *ad valorem*. We will instruct the Customs Service to change the cash deposit requirements accordingly. In addition, because there have been no requests for administrative reviews of the countervailing duty order, the Department will instruct the Customs Service to proceed with liquidation of subject merchandise entered on or after December 7, 1992, the date of the Department's preliminary determination, and before April 6, 1993, the date on which the Department's authority to impose provisional measures lapsed as explained in the final determination, 58 FR at 37314, as well as subject merchandise entered on or after August 17, 1993, the date on which the countervailing duty order was published, and before December 31, 1998, which is the last day of the most recent period for which no administrative review was requested.

Dated: November 19, 1999.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcing a Meeting of the Computer System Security and Privacy Advisory Board

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App., notice is hereby given that the Computer System Security and Privacy Advisory Board (CSSPAB) will meet Tuesday, December 7, 1999, and Wednesday, December 8, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Thursday, December 9, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The Advisory Board was established by the Computer Security Act of 1987 (Pub. L. 100-235) to advise the Secretary of Commerce and the Director of NIST on security and privacy issues pertaining to federal computer systems. All sessions will be open to the public. Details regarding the Board's activities are available at <http://csrc.nist.gov/csspab/>.

DATES: The meeting will be held on December 7-8, 1999, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and on December 9, 1999, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD, Administration Building, Lecture Room B.

Agenda

- Welcome and Overview
- Issues Update and Briefings
- Legislative Updates
- Office of Management and Budget/Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs Briefing
- Briefing on GSA's Access Certificates Electronic Services (ACES)
- Discussion on Fair Information Practices and Privacy Protection
- NIST Computer Security Updates
- Planning for Security Program Metrics Workshop
- Pending Business/Discussion
- Public Participation
- Agenda Development for March 2000 Meeting
- Wrap-Up

Note that agenda items may change without notice because of possible unexpected schedule conflicts of presenters.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: The Board agenda will include a period of time, not to exceed thirty minutes, for oral comments and questions from the public. Each speaker will be limited to five minutes. Members of the public who are interested in speaking are asked to contact the Board Secretariat at the telephone number indicated below. In addition, written statements are invited and may be submitted to the Board at any time. Written statements should be directed to the CSSPAB Secretariat, Information Technology Laboratory, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, National

Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930. It would be appreciated if 35 copies of written material were submitted for distribution to the Board and attendees no later than December 6, 1999. Approximately 15 seats will be available for the public and media.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Edward Roback, Board Secretariat, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930, telephone: (301) 975-3696.

Dated: November 23, 1999.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director, National Institute of Standards and Technology.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 112699A]

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 Fishery Management Council will convene a public meeting of the Shrimp Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: The Shrimp AP meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 6, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the New Orleans Airport Hilton Hotel, 901 Airline Highway, Kenner, Louisiana; telephone 504-469-5000.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, Florida, 33619; telephone 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Shrimp AP will convene to review scientific information on the effects of the cooperative shrimp seasonal closure with the state of Texas. The Shrimp AP will also receive a presentation regarding the status of the shrimp stocks in the Gulf of Mexico and an overfishing report. The Shrimp AP may develop