

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA") effective January 1, 1995 ("the Act").

Affiliated Parties/Trading Companies

In accordance with section 355.22 of the Department's Interim Regulations, this review covers only those producers or exporters of the subject merchandise for which a review was specifically requested. A review was requested for Saha Thai. However, Saha Thai is affiliated with SAF, an export trading company that began operations in 1993. All pipe exported by SAF is produced by Saha Thai. Because these two companies are affiliated, we are treating them as one corporate entity for purposes of our calculations.

Scope of the Review

On March 29, 1994, the Department clarified the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) numbers that were applicable to the subject merchandise (see *Memorandum to Susan Esserman from Susan Kuhbach*, available in the Central Records Unit, Room B099, Main Commerce Building). This clarification was necessary because of annual changes in the HTS. The scope now reads:

Imports covered in this review are shipments of circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes (pipes and tubes) with an outside diameter of 0.375 inches or more but not over 16 inches, of any wall thickness. These products, commonly referred to in the industry as standard pipe or structural tubing, are produced to various ASTM specifications, most notably A-120, A-53 and A-135. During the review period, this merchandise was classified under item numbers 7306.30.10 and 7306.30.50 of the HTS. The HTS numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Analysis of Programs

Programs Preliminarily Determined To Be Not Used

In our preliminary results, we determined that Saha Thai/SAF did not apply for or receive benefits under the following programs during the review period:

- A. Export Packing Credit;
- B. Tax Certificates for Exporters;
- C. Electricity Discounts for Exporters;
- D. Tax and Duty Exemptions Under Section 28 of the Investment Promotion Act;
- E. Repurchase of Industrial Bills;

- F. Export Processing Zones;
- G. International Trade Promotion Fund/Export Promotion Fund;
- H. Reduced Business Taxes for Producers of Intermediate Goods for Export Industries;
- I. Additional Incentives under the IPA.

We received no comments. Therefore, our findings remain unchanged.

Final Results of Review

In accordance with section 355.22(c)(4)(ii) of the Department's *Interim Regulations*, we calculated an individual subsidy rate for each producer/exporter subject to this administrative review. For the period January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994, we determine the net subsidy for Saha Thai/SAF to be zero.

Net subsidies—producer/exporter	Net subsidy rate (percent)
Saha Thai/SAF	0.00

As provided for in the Act, any rate less than 0.5 percent *ad valorem* in an administrative review is *de minimis*. Accordingly, the Department intends to instruct Customs to liquidate, without regard to countervailing duties, shipments of the subject merchandise from Saha Thai/SAF exported on or after January 1, 1994, and on or before December 31, 1994.

The URAA replaced the general rule in favor of a country-wide rate with a general rule in favor of individual rates for investigated and reviewed companies. The procedures for countervailing duty cases are now essentially the same as those in antidumping cases, except as provided for in section 777(e)(2)(B) of the Act. Requests for administrative reviews must now specify the companies to be reviewed. See 19 CFR § 355.22(a). The requested review will normally cover only those companies specifically named. Pursuant to 19 CFR § 355.22(g), for all companies for which a review was not requested, duties must be assessed at the cash deposit rate previously ordered. Accordingly, for the period January 1 through December 31, 1994, the assessment rates applicable to all non-reviewed companies covered by this order are the cash deposit rates in effect at the time of entry.

This countervailing duty order was subject to section 753 of the Act. See, *Countervailing Duty Order; Opportunity to Request a Section 753 Injury Investigation*, 60 FR 27,963 (May 26, 1995). Because no domestic interested parties exercised their right under section 753(a) of the Act to request an injury investigation, the International

Trade Commission made a negative injury determination with respect to this order, pursuant to section 753(b)(4) of the Act. As a result, the Department revoked this countervailing duty order, effective January 1, 1995, pursuant to section 753(b)(3)(B) of the Act.

Revocation of Countervailing Duty Orders, 60 FR 40,568 (August 9, 1995). Accordingly, the Department will not issue further instructions with respect to cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties.

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 C.F.R. § 355.34(d). Timely written notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)).

Dated: September 12, 1996.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award's Judges Panel; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet on Tuesday, October 8, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., on Wednesday, October 9, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; on Thursday, October 10, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., and on Friday, October 11, 1996, from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The Panel's agenda includes reviewing the 1996 award process and final judging of 1996 applicants, including a review of each of the 1996 site visits. The review process involves

examination of records and discussions of applicant data, and will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code.

DATES: The meeting will convene October 8, 1996, at 8:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on October 11, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building Conference Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director for Quality Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 29, 1996, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, section 10(d) for those portions of the meeting which involve examination of records and discussions of matters mentioned above, may be closed to the public in accordance with section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, since those portions of the meeting are likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person which is privileged or confidential.

Dated: September 16, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

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Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award's Board of Overseers; Notice of Meeting

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, DOC.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on Monday, November 8, 1996, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. The Board of Overseers consists of eleven members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, assembled to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the conduct of the Baldrige Award. The purpose of the meeting on November 8, 1996, will be for the Board of Overseers

to receive and then discuss reports from the National Institute of Standards and Technology with the chairman of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. These reports will cover the following topics: overview of the 1996 award cycle; report by the task force on the 10th anniversary of the program; report of task force on public relations; discussions of plans for the 1997 award, develop recommendations and report same to the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology.

DATES: The meeting will convene November 8, 1996 at 8:30 a.m., and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. on November 8, 1996.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Administration Building Conference Room (seating capacity 36, includes 24 participants), Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director for Quality Programs, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

Dated: September 16, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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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 (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel.

DATES: This meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m. on October 15, and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on October 17, 1996.

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

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steve Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel will review a new stock assessment for vermilion snapper, an update to the 1995 stock assessment for red snapper, and available biological information and landings data for amberjack species. For red snapper, the panel will recommend a range of allowable biological catch (ABC) which is consistent with a rebuilding schedule for this stock. For the other species, the panel may recommend an ABC range if there is sufficient biological information available to determine an ABC range for achieving optimum yield, or they may identify future research needs.

Under the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan's framework procedure for setting total allowable catch (TAC), the Council may implement through a regulatory amendment, for species where an ABC range has been specified, a TAC which is allocated between the recreational and commercial sectors, and quotas, bag limits, size limits, and other measures needed to attain TAC. If an ABC range and TAC is not specified, the Council must use the more lengthy plan amendment process to implement any changes to management measures.

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 (see **ADDRESSES**) by October 8, 1996.

Dated: September 13, 1996.

Gary C. Matlock,

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

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Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Advisory Council was established in December 1993 to advise NOAA's Sanctuaries and Reserves Division regarding the management of the Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary. The Advisory Council was