

statement is expected to be released in the Fall of 1996. The UCRB final environmental impact statement is scheduled for release in the fall of 1997 (61 FR 47859). The scientific assessment documents and the UCRB EIS are anticipated to include information relevant to the management issues on the Flathead National Forest regarding old growth habitat and associated species.

The purpose of preparing a revised supplemental EIS for the Flathead National Forest LRMP is to amend LRMP goals, objectives and standards, as well as LRMP monitoring requirements, for timber and wildlife pending completion of the UCRB process and revision of the Flathead National Forest LRMP. To avoid confusion with the previous proposed action, the current proposal is labeled as Amendment 21.

The Forest Service believes it is important to give reviewers notice at this early stage of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of draft environmental impact statements must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519, 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the draft environmental impact statement stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final environmental impact statement may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Supp. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final environmental impact statement.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the draft environmental impact statement should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the draft environmental impact statement or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. (Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing

the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Dated: November 18, 1996.

Rodd E. Richardson,

Acting Forest Supervisor.

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Comprehensive Management Plans for the Wild and Scenic Rivers on the Ozark National Forest

AGENCY: Forest service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of the availability of comprehensive management plans for Wild and Scenic Rivers.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service, USDA has prepared comprehensive management plans for the following designated Wild and Scenic Rivers located on the Ozark National Forest in Arkansas: Big Piney Creek, Buffalo, Hurricane Creek, Mulberry, North Sylamore Creek, and Richland Creek. These plans may be reviewed at the USDA Forest Service, Southern Regional Office, 1720 Peachtree Road, NW, Atlanta, Georgia and the Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, 605 West Main, Russellville, Arkansas. Information may be obtained by contacting Richard Bowie, Ozark-St. Francis National Forests, 605 West Main, Box 1008, Russellville, AR 72811-1008, (501) 968-2354.

Dated: November 26, 1996.

R. Gary Pierson,

Acting Deputy Regional Forester for Natural Resources.

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Rural Telephone Bank, USDA

Staff Briefing for the Board of Directors

Time and Date: 2 p.m., Tuesday, December 10, 1996.

Place: Room 5066, South Building, Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

Status: Open.

Matters to be Discussed: General discussion involving privatization planning; update on legislative issues affecting the Bank and RUS telecommunications loan programs; interest rates for Bank funds advanced during FY 1996; proposed changes to loan policies; and status of State Telecommunications Modernization Plans.

Action: Regular Meeting of the Board of Directors.

Time and Date: 9 a.m., Wednesday, December 11, 1996.

Place: Williamsburg Room, Jamie L. Whitten Building, Department of Agriculture,

1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

Status: Open.

Matters to be Considered: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to Order.
2. Report on election results.
3. Swearing in newly elected Board members.

4. Election of Board Officers: Chairperson, Vice Chairperson, Secretary, and Treasurer.

5. Action on Minutes of August 22, 1996, Board Meeting.

6. Report on loans approved fourth quarter of FY 1996.

7. Report on requests for waiver of prepayment premium.

8. Summary of financial activity for fourth quarter FY 1996.

9. Report of ad hoc committee on privatization of the Bank.

10. General discussion regarding proposed changes to loan policies.

11. Consideration of resolutions to replace lost stock certificates.

12. Establish date and location of next regular Board meeting.

13. Adjournment.

Contact Person for More Information:

Barbara L. Eddy, Deputy Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

Wally Beyer,

Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 960828234-6331-03]

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Guidelines for Empowerment Contracting

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; extension of comment period.

SUMMARY: On September 13, 1996, the Department of Commerce issued proposed Guidelines for Empowerment Contracting and requested public comments to be submitted on or before October 15, 1996, (61 FR 48463). On October 28, 1996, the Department reopened the comment period and extended the deadline for receiving comments to December 1, 1996, (61 FR 55616). Pursuant to public request, this notice serves to extend the deadline for receipt of comments through January 6, 1997.

The guidelines set forth proposed policies and procedures intended to promote economy and efficiency in Federal procurement by granting

qualified large businesses and qualified small businesses appropriate incentives to encourage business activity in areas of general economic distress. The guidelines are proposed in accordance with the President's Executive Order 13005 entitle, "Empowerment Contracting." The standards set forth in the proposed guidelines will serve as the basis for a proposed revision to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). Information obtained from public comment on the guidelines will be used to help draft the proposed FAR revision.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before January 6, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Department of Commerce, Office of the Assistance General Counsel for Finance and Litigation, Room 5896, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Levine, 202-482-1071.

Dated: November 27, 1996.

Lawrence Parks,

Director, Office of Regional Growth.

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International Trade Administration

[A-351-820]

Ferrosilicon From Brazil: Extension of Time Limits of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limits of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results in the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on ferrosilicon from Brazil, covering the period March 1, 1995 through February 29, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 4, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sal Tauhidi or Wendy Frankel, Office of Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4851 or (202) 482-5849.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On April 25, 1996, the Department initiated this administrative review of the antidumping duty order on ferrosilicon from Brazil. The current time limits are

December 2, 1996 for the preliminary results and March 31, 1997 for the final results. Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time limits as mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act), the Department is extending the time limits for the preliminary results to April 1, 1997. Accordingly, we will issue the final results by 120 days from the date of publication of the preliminary results.

These extensions are in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: November 26, 1996.

Jeffrey P. Bialos,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administrative.

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Roller Chain, Other Than Bicycle, From Japan: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, and Determination Not To Revoke in Part

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of antidumping duty administrative review, and determination not to revoke in part.

SUMMARY: On June 4, 1996, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping finding on roller chain, other than bicycle, from Japan (61 FR 28171). The review covers seven manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States and the period April 1, 1994 through March 31, 1995. We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results. Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have changed the results from those presented in the preliminary results of review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 4, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Dulberger, Matthew Blaskovich, Ron Trentham or Zev Primor, AD/CVD Enforcement, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-5253.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On June 4, 1996, the Department published in the Federal Register (61 FR 28168) the preliminary results and intent to revoke the order in part of the administrative review (Preliminary Results) of the antidumping finding on roller chain, other than bicycle, from Japan (38 FR 9226, April 12, 1973).

This review covers seven manufacturers/exporters: Daido Kogyo Co., Ltd. (Daido), Izumi Chain Manufacturing Co., Ltd. (Izumi), Enuma Chain Mfg. Co., Ltd. (Enuma), Hitachi Metals Techno Ltd. (Hitachi), Pulton Chain Co., Ltd. (Pulton), Peer Chain Company (Peer), and R.K. Excel. Hitachi, Pulton, and Peer made no shipments of the subject merchandise during the period of review and the review has been rescinded with respect to these companies. See Preliminary Results, 61 FR at 28171.

Although we preliminarily determined to revoke the finding in part with respect to Enuma and Daido, we have determined not to revoke the finding in regard to these companies because they have not sold the subject merchandise at not less than normal value (NV) in this review and for at least three consecutive review periods.

The Department has now completed this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute 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's regulations are to the current regulations, as amended by the interim regulations published in the Federal Register on May 11, 1995 (60 FR 25130).

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by the reviews are shipments of roller chain, other than bicycle, from Japan. The term "roller chain, other than bicycle," as used in these reviews includes chain, with or without attachments, whether or not plated or coated, and whether or not manufactured to American or British standards, which is used for power transmission and/or conveyance. Such chain consists of a series of alternately-assembled roller links and pin links in which the pins articulate inside from the bushings and the rollers are free to turn on the bushings. Pins and bushings