

from the gross amount of the loan. Law 18,449 exempts documents relating to the financing of exports from this tax.

In the *Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination: Standard Carnations from Chile*, 52 FR 3313, 3314 (February 3, 1987), the Department found the stamp tax exemption countervailable, stating: "Neither the Government of Chile nor the respondent companies gave us clear explanations as to what is meant by 'export credit operations.'" In this proceeding, the GOC has placed on the record the copies and translations of regulations relating to this program which describe the types of operations and instruments eligible for the exemption. We have previously determined that the non-excessive rebate or exemption of indirect taxes levied at the final stage is not considered a subsidy (see, e.g., *Final Negative Countervailing Determination: Welded Carbon Steel Line Pipe from Taiwan*, 50 FR 53364 (December 31, 1985)). Because the amount of the exemption is not greater than the amount of the stamp tax due, we preliminarily determine that this program does not confer countervailable benefits within the meaning of section 771(5)(E) of the Act.

F. Article 59 of Decree Law 824

Under Article 59 of Decree Law 824, effective January 1, 1994, all foreign service providers doing business in Chile are required to pay income tax at the rate of 35 percent. This tax is withheld by the Chilean company to which the service is provided and then paid to the government. The law exempts the foreign service providers from paying the tax if the income was for certain services related to exportable goods and services produced in Chile. If the services are eligible for the exemption, the Chilean company (i.e., the purchaser of the services) is also exempt from the withholding requirement.

We found no evidence that the benefit, if any, resulting from the exemption from the tax and the withholding requirement accrues to the subject merchandise. Therefore, we preliminarily determine that this program does not constitute a countervailable subsidy.

III. Programs Preliminarily Determined To Be Not Used

The following programs were not used:

- A. Institute for Technological Research (INTEC)
- B. Central Bank Chapter XVIII
- C. Export Promotion Fund

- D. CORFO Export Credits and Long-Term Export Financing
- E. Law No. 18,392 (Tax Exemptions)

IV. Programs Preliminarily Determined Not To Exist

Based on information provided by the GOC, we preliminarily determine that the following programs do not exist:

- A. GOC Guarantee of Private Bank Loans
- B. Import Substitution Subsidy for New Industries
- C. Tax Deductions Available to Exporters

Summary

The total estimated preliminary net countervailable subsidy rate for all producers or exporters of fresh Atlantic salmon in Chile is 0.62 percent, **AD VALOREM**, which is *de minimis*. Therefore, we preliminarily determine that countervailable subsidies are not being provided to producers, or exporters of fresh Atlantic salmon in Chile.

Verification

In accordance with section 782(i) of the Act, we will verify the information submitted by respondents prior to making our final determination.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of our determination. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all non-privileged and nonproprietary information relating to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order, without the written consent of the Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

If our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will make its final determination within 45 days after the Department make its final determination.

Public Comment

In accordance with 19 CFR 355.38, we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on this preliminary determination. The hearing will be held on March 6, 1998, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3708, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. Individuals who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request within ten days of the publication of

this notice in the **Federal Register** to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room B099, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Parties should confirm by telephone the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled time.

Requests for a public hearing should contain: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; (3) the reason for attending; and (4) a list of the issues to be discussed. In addition, ten copies of the business proprietary version and five copies of the nonproprietary version of the case briefs must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary no later than February 24, 1998. Ten copies of the business proprietary version and five copies of the nonproprietary version of the rebuttal briefs must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary no later than March 3, 1998. An interested party may make an affirmative presentation only on arguments included in that party's case or rebuttal briefs. Written arguments should be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 355.38 and will be considered if received within the time limits specified above.

This determination is published pursuant to section 703(f) of the Act.

Dated: November 10, 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Department of the Army

Availability of U.S. Patents for Non-Exclusive, Exclusive, or Partially-Exclusive Licensing

AGENCY: U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Adelphi, Maryland.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: In accordance with 37 CFR 404.6, announcement is made of the availability of the following U.S. patents for non-exclusive, partially exclusive or exclusive licensing. All of the listed patents have been assigned to the United States of America as represented by the Secretary of the Army, Washington, DC.

These patents cover a wide variety of technical arts including: A new type kinetic energy projectile; a new ceramic nanocomposite; a device to locate the position of impact of a projectile on a

target and an impact absorbing sole for parachutists.

Under the authority of Section 11(a)(2) of the Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-502) and Section 207 of Title 35, United States Code, the Department of the Army as represented by the U.S. Army Research Laboratory wish to license the U.S. patents listed below in a non-exclusive, exclusive or partially exclusive manner to any party interested in manufacturing, using, and/or selling devices or processes covered by these patents.

Title: Kinetic Energy Projectile with Fin Leading Edge Protection mechanisms.

Inventor: Ameer G. Mikhail.

Patent Number: 5,668,347.

Issue Date: September 16, 1997.

Title: Device for Locating the Position of Impact of a Projectile.

Inventors: George M. Thomson, Thomas W. Kottke and Paul R. Berning.

Patent Number: 5,669,608.

Issue Date: September 23, 1997.

Title: Sion Low Dielectric Constant Ceramic Nanocomposite.

Inventors: Gary Gilde, Parimal Patel, Clifford Hubbard, Brain Pothier, Thomas Hynes, William Croft and Joe Wells.

Patent Number: 5,677,252.

Issue Date: October 14, 1997.

Title: Impact Absorbing Soles for Parachutist.

Inventors: Jim Faughn and Harrison P. Crowell, III.

Patent Number: 5,675,915.

Issue Date: October 14, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Michael Rausa, Technology Transfer Office, AMSRL-CS-TT/Bldg 434, U.S. Army Research Laboratory, Aberdeen Proving Ground, Maryland 21005-5425, tel: (410) 278-5028; fax: (410) 278-5820.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: None.

Mary V. Yonts,

Alternate Army Federal Register Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

AGENCY: Department of Education

ACTION: Submission for OMB review; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the submission for OMB review as required

by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before December 19, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be addressed to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attention: Dan Chenok, Desk Officer, Department of Education, Office of Management and Budget, 725 17th Street, NW., Room 10235, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503. Requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, DC 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U. S. C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

Dated: November 13, 1997.

Gloria Parker,

Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Final Performance Report for the Business and International Education Program (BIE).

Frequency: At the Completion of the Project Period.

Affected Public: Not-for-profit institutions.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 30

Burden Hours: 150

Abstract: The data collected through the final performance report will enable ED officials to determine the impact of the BIE federal funds on its recipients. US/ED will use the information collected to meet Government Performance and Results Act requirements and to provide budget justifications.

Office of Postsecondary Education

Type of Review: Extension.

Title: Guaranty Agency Quarterly/Annual Report.

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit; State, local or Tribal Gov't, SEAs or LEAs.

Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 37

Burden Hours: 2,941

Abstract: The Guaranty Agency Quarterly/Annual Report is submitted by 37 agencies operating a student loan insurance Program under agreement with the Department of Education. These reports are used to evaluate agency operations, make payments to agencies as authorized by law, and to make reports to Congress.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

National Petroleum Council; Notice of Open Meeting

AGENCY: Department of Energy.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. No. 92-463, 86 Stat. 770), notice is hereby given of the following meeting:

NAME: National Petroleum Council (NPC).

DATE AND TIME: Thursday, December 11, 1997, 9:00 am.