

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[C-423-809, C-475-823, C-580-832, and C-791-806]

Notice of Postponement of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Investigations: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils From Belgium, Italy, the Republic of Korea, and the Republic of South Africa

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 8, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zak Smith (Belgium), at (202) 482-1279; Cynthia Thirumalai (Italy), at (202) 482-4087; Christopher Cassel (the Republic of Korea), at (202) 482-4847; and Dana Mermelstein (the Republic of South Africa), at (202) 482-0984, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Postponement

On April 20, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated countervailing duty investigations of stainless steel plate in coils from Belgium, Italy, the Republic of Korea, and the Republic of South Africa. On May 27, 1998, in accordance with section 351.205(e) of the Department's regulations, petitioners made a timely request that the Department postpone its preliminary determinations. As we find no compelling reasons to deny this request, we are postponing the preliminary determinations in these investigations to no later than August 28, 1998, pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

This notice is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: June 1, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060198A]

Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of an experimental fishing permit.

SUMMARY: This notice announces receipt of an application from John Gauvin, Groundfish Forum, Inc., for an Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP). If awarded, this permit would be used to develop a device for flatfish trawls that may lower halibut bycatch rates without significantly lowering catch rates of target flatfish species. It is intended to promote the objectives of the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the EFP application are available by writing to Steven Pennoyer, Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, Attn: Lori Gravel.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Susan Salveson, 907-586-7228.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The FMP and its implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 679.6 authorize issuance of EFPs to allow fishing that would otherwise be prohibited. Procedures for issuing EFPs are contained in the implementing regulations. NMFS received a permit request from the applicant on May 15, 1997, that, if approved, would be used to develop a device for flatfish trawls that may lower halibut bycatch rates without significantly lowering catch rates of target flatfish species.

In accordance with regulations, NMFS has determined that the proposal warrants further consideration and has initiated consultation with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) by forwarding the application to the Council. The Council will consider the EFP application during its June 10-15, 1998, meeting which will be held at the Grand Aleutian Hotel, Dutch Harbor, Alaska. The applicant has been invited to appear in support of the application if the applicant desires.

A copy of the application is available for review from the NMFS Regional Administrator (see **ADDRESSES**).

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: June 2, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests

AGENCY: Department of Education.

SUMMARY: The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 7, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Written comments and 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, D.C. 20202-4651.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

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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 Acting 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.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner, (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the

Department enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected, and (5) how might the Department minimize the burden of this collection on the respondents, including through the use of information technology.

Dated: June 2, 1998.

Hazel Fiers,

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

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education

Type of Review: New.

Title: Annual Report of Title I Allocation to Local Educational Agencies (LEAs).

Frequency: Annually.

Affected Public: State, local or Tribal Gov't; SEAs or LEAs.

Reporting and Recordkeeping Hour Burden:

Responses: 52.

Burden Hours: 416.

Abstract: An annual survey will be conducted to collect data on Title I allocations to local educational agencies in order for the Department of Education to establish a prior year base on which to determine "hold-harmless" guarantees for each LEA when computing Title I, Part A allocations in accordance with the authorizing statute.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

Office of Elementary and Secondary Education; Intent To Repay to the State of New Mexico Department of Education Funds Recovered as a Result of Two Final Audit Determinations

AGENCY: Department of Education.

ACTION: Notice of intent to award grantback funds.

SUMMARY: Under section 459 of the General Education Provisions Act (GEPA), 20 U.S.C. 1234h, the U.S. Department of Education (Department) intends to repay to the State of New Mexico Department of Education, the State educational agency (SEA), an amount equal to 75 percent of the principal amount of funds returned to the Department as the result of final audit determinations. The Department's recovery of funds followed the SEA's issuance of a final letter of determination dated April 10, 1996 to Roswell Independent School District (RISD) requiring the return of \$62,957.83, which was subsequently sent to the Department on June 11, 1996.

This notice describes the SEA's plan, submitted on behalf of RISD, the local educational agency (LEA), for the use of the repaid funds and the terms and conditions under which the Department intends to make those funds available. The notice invites comments on the proposed grantback.

DATES: All Comments must be received on or before July 8, 1998.

ADDRESSES: All written comments should be addressed to Mary Jean LeTendre, Director, Compensatory Education Programs, Office of Elementary and Secondary Education, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Portals Building, Room 4400, Washington, D.C. 20202-6132. Comments may also be sent through the Internet to: comments@ed.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: S. Colene Nelson, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, SW, Portals Building, Room 4400, Washington, D.C. 20202-6132. Telephone: (202) 260-0979. 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. Internet address: Colene_Nelson@ed.gov.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

A. Background

The Department has recovered \$62,957.83 from the New Mexico SEA in satisfaction of claims arising from an audit of Roswell Independent School District (LEA) covering fiscal years (FY) 1993 and 1994.

The claims involved the LEA's administration of Chapter 1 of Title I of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965, as amended in 1988, a program providing financial assistance to State and local educational agencies to address the special educational needs of educationally deprived children in areas with high concentrations of children from low-income families (Chapter 1). Specifically, the audit determinations, made by an independent auditor acting under the Single Audit Act of 1984 and upheld by the SEA, found that for FY 1993, \$30,769.72 representing partial salaries of six associates at Washington Avenue Elementary was allocated to the Chapter 1 program. However, the LEA

did not maintain appropriate time distribution records to support the allocation. Also, for the following FY 1994, \$32,188.11 representing partial salaries of six associates at Washington Avenue Elementary was allocated to the Chapter 1 program. In this instance, only the August and September time distribution reports were available. The auditors found that no additional time and attendance reports were maintained during the year demonstrating the actual time that staff spent on Chapter 1 activities. In the absence of appropriate support documentation to substantiate the salaries and wages chargeable to the Chapter 1 program, as required by Office of Management and Budget Circular A-87, "Cost Principles for State and Local Governments," the SEA required the LEA to reimburse the Federal Government in the amount of \$62,957.83 for both audited years.

B. Authority for Awarding a Grantback

Section 459(a) of GEPA, 20 U.S.C. 1234h, provides that whenever the Secretary has recovered program funds following a final audit determination, the Secretary may consider those funds to be additional funds available for the program and may arrange to repay to the SEA or LEA affected by that determination an amount not to exceed 75 percent of the recovered funds. The Secretary may enter into this grantback arrangement if the Secretary determines that the—

(1) Practices or procedures of the SEA or LEA that resulted in the audit determination have been corrected, and the SEA or LEA is, in all other respects, in compliance with the requirements of the applicable program, provided that the SEA or LEA was notified of any noncompliance with such requirements and given a reasonable period of time to remedy that noncompliance;

(2) SEA has submitted to the Secretary a plan for the use of the funds to be awarded under the grantback arrangement that meets the requirements of the program, and, to the extent possible, benefits the population that was affected by the failure to comply or by the misexpenditures that resulted in the audit exception; and

(3) Use of funds to be awarded under the grantback arrangement in accordance with the SEA's plan would serve to achieve the purposes of the program under which the funds were originally granted.

C. Plan for Use of Funds Awarded Under a Grantback Arrangement

Pursuant to section 459(a)(2) of GEPA, the SEA has applied for a grantback of \$47,218—75 percent of the principal