

limit for the preliminary and final results of the 1996-97 antidumping duty administrative review for the antidumping order on certain welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Thailand, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (hereinafter, "the Act").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Totaro or Dorothy Woster, AD/CVD Enforcement Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-1374 or 482-3362, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit of 365 days. In the instant case, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit. See Memorandum from Roland L. MacDonald to Robert S. LaRossa (August 5, 1998).

Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by the Act (245 days from the last day of the anniversary month for preliminary results, 120 additional days for final results), in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time limit for the final results until October 5, 1998.

Dated: August 5, 1998.

Roland L. MacDonald,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Determination for Countervailing Duty Investigations: Stainless Steel Sheet and Strip in Coils From France, Italy, and the Republic of Korea

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 12, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Marian Wells (France), at (202) 482-6309; Cynthia Thirumalai (Italy), at (202) 482-4087; and Eva Temkin (the

Republic of Korea), at (202) 482-1767, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Postponement

On June 30, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated countervailing duty investigations of stainless steel sheet and strip in coils from France, Italy, and the Republic of Korea. On July 22, 1998, in accordance with 19 CFR 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 November 9, 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: August 6, 1998.

Robert S. LaRossa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of a Workshop to Discuss the Development and Implementation of a Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme for Information Technology (IT) Security

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology.

ACTION: Notice of Public Workshop.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) and the National Security Agency (NSA), partners in the National Information Assurance Partnership (NIAP), invite interested parties to attend a public workshop to discuss the development of a Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme for IT Security. The purpose of the Common Criteria Scheme is to meet the needs of industry and government and for cost-effective security evaluation of IT products, (e.g., operating systems, database management systems, firewalls). The proposed scheme represents a significant change to previous IT product evaluation programs conducted by NSA and completes the transition of

security testing and evaluation from the government to the private sector.

DATES: The workshop will take place on September 9, 1998 from 9:00 A.M. until 5:00 P.M. Interested parties should contact NIST at the address or telephone numbers listed below to confirm their interest in attending the workshop.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will take place at the Sheraton International Hotel (BWI Airport), 7032 Elm Road, Baltimore, MD 21240, phone: (410) 859-3300, fax: (410) 859-0565.

FOR FURTHER TECHNICAL INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Ron S. Ross, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 820 West Diamond Avenue (Room 426), Gaithersburg, MD 20899, email: rross@nist.gov, phone: (301) 975-5390, fax: (301) 948-0279. Alternate point of contact is: Ms. Robin Medlock, Information Technology Laboratory, National Institute of Standards and Technology, email: rmedlock@nist.gov, phone: (301) 975-5017, fax: (301) 948-0279. Detailed workshop information (to include copies of draft documents related to the Common Criteria Scheme) is available on the NIAP web site at <http://niap.nist.gov>. Laboratory accreditation information can be accessed at the following web sites: International Laboratory Accreditation Co-operation (ILAC), <http://www.ilac.org>, Asia Pacific Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (APLAC), <http://www.ianz.govt.nz/aplac/>, National Voluntary Laboratory Accreditation Program (NVLAP) <http://ts.nist.gov/nvlap>.

WORKSHOP REGISTRATION: To register for the workshop, visit the NIAP web site at <http://niap.nist.gov> and follow the link for Events. Registration must be received by August 26, 1998. For confirmation or additional information, contact Lazer Fuerst at Mitretek Systems, phone: (703) 610-1689, fax: (703) 610-1699, email: scheme-workshop@mitretek.org.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Recent advances in information technologies and the proliferation of computing systems and networks world-wide have raised the level of concern about security in both the public and private sectors. Security concerns are motivated by a growing use of IT products throughout industry and government in a variety of critical areas—from electronic commerce to national defense. Consumers have access to a growing number of security-enhanced IT products with different capabilities and limitations and must make important decisions about which

products provide an appropriate degree of protection for their information.

In order to help consumers choose commercial off-the-shelf IT products, NIST and NSA are developing a program to evaluate conformance of IT products to international standards. This program has the following objectives:

- To develop, operate, and maintain a Common Criteria Evaluation and Validation Scheme;
- To provide for security evaluations in private sector laboratories;
- To ensure that evaluations of IT products are performed to consistent standards and to increase confidence in the security of those products;
- To improve the availability of evaluated IT products;
- To create a climate for IT security products of "Make them here, test them here, sell them world-wide".

The proposed scheme will promote evaluations of IT products conducted in the private sector by accredited testing laboratories. Products will be evaluated against the Common Criteria for Information Technology Security Evaluation, an emerging International Standards Organization (ISO) standard. Evaluation results will be validated by NIAP leading to the issuance of a validation certificate and placement on a validated products list. Certificates for the validated products will be recognized by participants in mutual recognition agreements based on the Common Criteria, thus reducing the need for multiple security evaluations.

This workshop is for the following audiences:

- Manufacturers, developers, and integrators of IT products interested in having their products evaluated against the Common Criteria;
- Testing laboratories interested in evaluating IT products to the Common Criteria;
- Government and private sector consumers desiring IT products evaluated against the Common Criteria and validated by NIAP.

The workshop will cover a variety of topics to include:

- Introduction to IT product security evaluation;
- Overview of the Common Criteria Scheme;
- Status report on the Common Criteria and Common Evaluation Methodology;
- Laboratory accreditation;
- Validation of evaluation results by NIAP.

Dated: August 6, 1998.

Robert E. Hebner,

Acting Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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 its Ad Hoc Finfish Stock Assessment Panel (Panel).

DATES: The meeting of the Panel will be held beginning at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, August 24, 1998 and will conclude by 12:00 noon on Thursday, August 27, 1998.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Gulf Coast Research Laboratory, 703 East Beach Drive, Ocean Springs, MS.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Steven Atran, Population Dynamics Statistician, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Panel will be re-convened to develop additional alternatives for the overfishing criteria as required by the Sustainable Fisheries Act (SFA). In a previous meeting held June 22-25, 1998, the Panel developed a generalized procedure for selecting proxies for expressing maximum sustainable yield (MSY) and optimum yield (OY) in terms of spawning potential ratio (SPR). The Panel discussed, but did not come to a consensus on, the use of the ratio of natural mortality rate to growth rate coefficients (the M/K ratio) as a scaling factor for setting appropriate levels of SPR. When it reconvenes, the Panel will re-examine the use of M/K ratios as a basis for resiliency of fish to overfishing. In addition, the Panel will examine additional alternatives for MSY proxies for red snapper, king mackerel, and red drum based on juvenile fish recruitment, stock biomass levels, or other relevant indices.

Although other issues not contained in this agenda may come before the Panels for discussion, in accordance

with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Panel action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in the agenda listed in this notice.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by contacting the Gulf Council (see ADDRESSES).

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 the Council (see ADDRESSES) by August 17, 1998.

Dated: August 5, 1998.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Patent and Trademark Office

Disclosure Document Program

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 13, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be directed to the attention of Robert J. Spar, Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231, by telephone at (703) 305-9285 or by facsimile transmission to (703) 308-6916.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Disclosure Document Program allows inventors to submit papers that provide evidence of the date of conception of an invention. The disclosure document papers will be