

are working together as CALFED to provide policy direction and oversight for the process.

One area of Bay-Delta management includes the establishment of a joint State-Federal process to develop long-term solutions to problems in the Bay-Delta system related to fish and wildlife, water supply reliability, natural disasters, and water quality. The intent is to develop a comprehensive and balanced plan which addresses all of the resource problems. This effort, the CALFED Bay-Delta Program (Program), is being carried out under the policy direction of CALFED. The program is exploring and developing a long-term solution for a cooperative planning process that will determine the most appropriate strategy and actions necessary to improve water quality, restore health to the Bay-Delta ecosystem, provide for a variety of beneficial uses, and minimize Bay-Delta system vulnerability. A group of citizen advisors representing California's agricultural, environmental, urban, business, fishing, and other interests who have a stake in finding long-term solutions for the problems affecting the Bay-Delta system has been chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA) as Advisory Council BDAC to advise CALFED on the program mission, problems to be addressed, and objectives for the Program. The BDAC provides a forum to help ensure public participation, and will review reports and other materials prepared by CALFED staff. The BDAC has established a subcommittee called the Ecosystem Roundtable to provide input on annual workplans to implement ecosystem restoration projects and programs.

Minutes of the meeting will be maintained by the Program, Suite 1155, 1416 Ninth Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, and will be available for public inspection during regular business hours, Monday through Friday within 30 days following the meeting.

Dated: April 5, 1999.

Kirk Rodgers,

Acting Regional Director, Mid-Pacific Region.
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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. TA-201-68]

Lamb Meat

Determination

On the basis of the information in the investigation, the Commission unanimously—

(1) Determines, pursuant to section 202(b) of the Trade Act of 1974, that lamb meat¹ is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of the threat of serious injury to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported article; and

(2) Makes negative findings, pursuant to section 311(a) of the North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA) Implementation Act (19 U.S.C. 3371(a)), with respect to imports of lamb meat from Canada and Mexico.

Recommendations With Respect to Remedy

The Commission² (Chairman Bragg and Commissioners Crawford and Askey) recommends:

(1) That the President impose a tariff-rate quota system, for a 4-year period, on imports of lamb meat that are the subject of this investigation, as follows (all weights are in terms of carcass-weight equivalents):

First year: 20 percent ad valorem on imports over 78 million pounds;

Second year: 17.5 percent ad valorem on imports over 81.5 million pounds;

Third year: 15 percent ad valorem on imports over 81.5 million pounds; and

Fourth year: 10 percent ad valorem on imports over 81.5 million pounds;

(2) That the President implement appropriate adjustment assistance measures, drawing on authorized programs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Commerce providing specialized direct payments, research, and animal health programs, in such combination as to most effectively "facilitate efforts by the

¹ The imported article covered by this investigation is fresh, chilled, or frozen lamb meat. Excluded from the scope of the investigation are imports of live lambs and sheep and meat of mature sheep (mutton). Lamb meat is provided for in subheadings 0204.10.00, 0204.22.20, 0204.23.20, 0204.30.00, 0204.42.20, and 0204.43.20 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS).

² The Commission notes that, pursuant to section 330(d)(2) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1330(d)(2)), the remedy recommendation of Chairman Bragg and Commissioners Crawford and Askey in this investigation is to be treated as the remedy finding of the Commission for purposes of section 203 of the Trade Act.

domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition and provide greater economic and social benefits than costs." In this context, we recommend that the President look to the industry's report by PriceWaterhouseCoopers and its recommendations when considering adjustment assistance options;

(3) Having made negative findings with respect to imports of lamb meat from Canada and Mexico under section 311(a) of the NAFTA Implementation Act, that such imports be excluded from the tariff-rate quota; and

(4) That the tariff-rate quota not apply to imports of lamb meat from Israel, or to any imports of lamb meat entered duty-free from beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act or the Andean Trade Preference Act.

Vice Chairman Miller and Commissioner Hillman recommend:

(1) That the President increase the rate of duty, for a 4-year period, on imports of lamb meat the subject of this investigation, to the rates of duty as follow: 22 percent ad valorem in the first year of relief, 20 percent ad valorem in the second year, 15 percent ad valorem in the third year, and 10 percent ad valorem in the fourth year;

(2) That the President identify and implement adjustment measures and other action authorized under law that is likely to facilitate positive adjustment to import competition; specifically, that the President make assistance available to the lamb meat industry through Federal programs, primarily those administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture, and take action to ensure that the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center is fully operational;

(3) Having made negative findings with respect to imports of lamb meat from Canada and Mexico under section 311(a) of the NAFTA Implementation Act, that such imports be excluded from the increased tariffs;

(4) That the increased rates of duty not apply to imports of lamb meat from Israel, or to any imports of lamb meat entered duty-free from beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act or the Andean Trade Preference Act.

Commissioner Koplan recommends:

(1) That the President impose a quantitative restriction, for a 4-year period, on imports of lamb meat the subject of this investigation, as follows: 52 million pounds in the first year, 56 million pounds in the second year, 61 million pounds in the third year, and 70 million pounds in the fourth year (all

quantities are carcass-weight-equivalents);

(2) That the President, within the overall quantitative restriction, provide separate allocations for Australia, New Zealand, and "all other" countries in proportion to their average share of imports entered during calendar years 1995-1997;

(3) That the President take all action necessary to ensure that the National Sheep Industry Improvement Center is fully operational as soon as possible, and that the President make available either through the Center or directly to the industry the full measure of Federal assistance programs, including those administered by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

(4) Having made negative findings with respect to imports of lamb meat from Canada and Mexico under section 311(a) of the NAFTA Implementation Act, that such imports be excluded from the quota; and

(5) That the quota not apply to imports of lamb meat from Israel, or to any imports of lamb meat entered duty-free from beneficiary countries under the Caribbean Basin Economic Recovery Act or the Andean Trade Preference Act.

The Commissioners find that the respective actions that they have recommended will address the threat of serious injury found to exist and be most effective in facilitating the efforts of the domestic industry to make a positive adjustment to import competition.

Background

Following receipt of a petition filed on October 7, 1998, on behalf of the American Sheep Industry Association, Inc., Harper Livestock Company, National Lamb Feeders Association, Winters Ranch Partnership, Godby Sheep Company, Talbott Sheep Company, Iowa Lamb Corporation, Ranchers' Lamb of Texas, Inc., and Chicago Lamb and Veal Company, the Commission, effective October 7, 1998, instituted investigation No. TA-201-68, Lamb Meat, under section 202 of the Trade Act of 1974 to determine whether lamb meat is being imported into the United States in such increased quantities as to be a substantial cause of serious injury, or the threat thereof, to the domestic industry producing an article like or directly competitive with the imported article.

Notice of the institution of the Commission's investigation and of the scheduling of public hearings to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC,

and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of October 23, 1998 (63 F.R. 56940). The hearing in connection with the injury phase of the investigation was held on January 12, 1999, and the hearing on the question of remedy was held on February 25, 1999. Both hearings were held in Washington, DC; all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the President on April 5, 1999. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3176 (April 1999), entitled Lamb Meat: Investigation No. TA-201-68.

Issued: April 7, 1999.

By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

National Institute of Justice

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National Institute of Justice Announcement of the Fifth Meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence

AGENCY: Office of Justice Programs,
National Institute of Justice, Justice.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: Announcement of the fifth meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The fifth meeting of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence will take place beginning on Thursday, May 6, 1999, 9:00 AM-5:00 PM, Mountain Daylight Time and will continue on Friday, May 7, 1999, 9:00 AM-1:00 PM, Mountain Daylight Time. The meeting will take place at the Hilton of Santa Fe, 100 Sandoval Street, Santa Fe, New Mexico 87501, Phone: 505-988-2811.

The National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence, established pursuant to section 3(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), 5 U.S.C. App. 2, will meet to carry out its advisory functions under Sections 201-202 of the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, as amended. This meeting will be open to the public.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Christopher H. Asplen, AUSA,
Executive Director (202) 616-8123.

Authority: This action is authorized under the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968, §§ 201-03, as amended, 42 U.S.C. 3721-23 (1994).

Background

The purpose of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence is to provide the Attorney General with recommendations on the use of current and future DNA methods, applications and technologies in the operation of the criminal justice system, from the Crime scene to the courtroom. Over the course of its Charter, the Commission will review critical policy issues regarding DNA evidence and provide recommended courses of action to improve its use as a tool of investigation and adjudication in criminal cases.

The Commission will address issues in five specific areas: (1) The use of DNA in postconviction relief cases, (2) legal concerns including *Daubert* challenges and the scope of discovery in DNA cases, (3) criteria for training and technical assistance for criminal justice professionals involved in the identification, collection and preservation of DNA evidence at the crime scene, (4) essential laboratory capabilities in the face of emerging technologies, and (5) the impact of future technological developments in the use of DNA in the criminal justice system. Each topic will be the focus of the in-depth analysis by separate working groups comprised of prominent professionals who will report back to the Commission.

Jeremy Travis,

Director, National Institute of Justice.

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION

NSF2000 Steering Committee: Notice of Sunshine Act Meeting

In accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Pub. L. 92-463, as amended), the National Science Foundation announces the following meeting.

NAME: NSF 50th Anniversary Public Advisory Committee Meeting (#5213).

DATE AND TIME: May 12, 1999, 10:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

PLACE: National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1235, Arlington, VA 22230.

TYPE OF MEETING: Open.

CONTACT PERSONS: William Line, National Science Foundation, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Suite 1245, Arlington, VA 22230—, (703) 306-1070.