

Closed Session

7. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with the U.S. export control program and strategic criteria related thereto.

A limited number of seats will be available during the public session of the meeting. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. The public may submit written statements at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the Committee suggests that the public forward the materials prior to the meeting to the following address: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OSIES/EA/BXA, MS: 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th St. & Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on January 12, 1999, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittee thereof, dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c) (1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meeting found in section 10(a) (1) and (a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For further information or copies of the minutes call (202) 482-2583.

Dated: May 26, 2000.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration
[A-570-848]

Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of New-Shipper Antidumping Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of initiation of new-shipper antidumping administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has received a request from China Kingdome Import & Export Co., Ltd. (China Kingdome), Rizhao Riyuan Marine and Food Products Co., Ltd. (Rizhao Riyuan), Nantong Shengfa Frozen Food Co., Ltd. (Nantong Shengfa), and Weshan Fukang Foodstuffs Co., Ltd. (Weishan Fukang) to conduct new-shipper administrative reviews of the antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the People's Republic of China (PRC). In accordance with the Department's current regulations, we are initiating this administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Gilgunn or Maureen Flannery, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0648 or (202) 482-3020, respectively.

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

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 Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations, codified at 19 CFR Part 351, (1999).

Background

On March 29, 2000 and March 31, 2000, the Department received timely requests, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(c), for new shipper reviews of this antidumping duty order which has a September anniversary date.

Initiation of Review

In its March 29, 2000 request for review, Rizhao Riyuan certified that it did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation (POI) and that it is not affiliated with any company which exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. Rizhao Riyuan further certified that its export activities are not controlled by the central government of the PRC.

In its March 29, 2000 request for review, Nantong Shengfa certified that it did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI and that it is not affiliated with any company which exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. Nantong Shengfa further certified that its export activities are not controlled by the central government of the PRC.

In its March 31, 2000 request for review, China Kingdome certified that it did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI and that it is not affiliated with any company which exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. China Kingdome further certified that its export activities are not controlled by the central government of the PRC.

In its March 31, 2000 request for review, Weishan Fukang certified that it did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI and that it is not affiliated with any company which exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. Weishan Fukang further certified that its export activities are not controlled by the central government of the PRC. All of the above requests also included all documentation required under 19 C.F.R. 351.214(b)(2)(iv).

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) and 19 CFR 351.214(d), we are initiating new-shipper reviews of the antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the PRC.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(g)(B) of the Department's regulations, the period of review (POR) for a new-shipper review initiated in the month immediately following the semiannual anniversary month will be the six-month period immediately preceding the semiannual anniversary month. Therefore, the POR for these new-shippers is:

Antidumping duty proceeding	Period to be reviewed
Fresh Water Crawfish Tail Meat from the PRC, A-570-848:	
China Kingdoma Import & Export Co., Ltd	9/01/99-2/29/00
Rizhao Riyuan Marine and Food Products Co. Ltd	9/01/99-2/29/00
Nantong Shengfa Frozen Food Co., Ltd	9/01/99-2/29/00
Weshan Fukang Foodstuffs Co., Ltd	9/01/99-2/29/00

Concurrent with publication of this notice and in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(e), we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for each entry of the merchandise exported by the companies listed above, until the completion of the review.

The interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306.

This initiation and notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)) and 19 CFR 351.214.

Dated: May 25, 2000.

Edward C. Yang,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121699A]

Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge, Pile Installation Demonstration Project, San Francisco Bay, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) has been issued to the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA), on behalf of the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS), to take small numbers of Pacific harbor seals and California sea lions, by harassment, incidental to a pile installation demonstration project (PIDP) at the San Francisco-Oakland Bay Bridge (SF-OBB), San Francisco Bay (the Bay), CA.

DATES: This authorization is effective from May 23, 2000, through May 22, 2001.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the application may be obtained by writing to Donna Wieting, Chief, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225, or by telephoning one of the contacts listed here.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055, or Christina Fahy, Southwest Regional Office, NMFS, (562) 980-4023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Section 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses, and if the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as "... an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival."

Subsection 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA established an expedited process by which citizens of the United States can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment. The MMPA now defines "harassment" as:

...any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (a) has the potential to injure a marine

mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild; or (b) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering.

Subsection 101(a)(5)(D) establishes a 45-day time limit for NMFS review of an application followed by a 30-day public notice and comment period on any proposed authorizations for the incidental harassment of small numbers of marine mammals. Within 45 days of the close of the comment period, NMFS must either issue or deny issuance of the authorization.

Summary of Request

On November 22, 1999, NMFS received an application from the FHWA on behalf of CALTRANS, requesting an IHA for the possible harassment of small numbers of Pacific harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), and California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) incidental to conducting the PIDP at the SF-OBB.

CALTRANS is currently in the planning stages of the SF-OBB East Span Seismic Safety Project (ESSSP). The ESSSP would include driving large piles into the Bay bottom. One of the hammers anticipated to be used for this task is larger than any pile-driving hammer previously used in the Bay. Due to the untested nature of these hammers and piles in the Bay, a pile installation demonstration is needed. The PIDP will provide CALTRANS with an opportunity to measure resulting sound pressure levels (SPL), both in air and under water, record impacts to marine mammals and experiment with measures to reduce potential harm to marine mammals prior to general use on SF-OBB piles.

The PIDP site is located between Yerba Buena Island (YBI) and Oakland, in the area to the north of and between existing SF-OBB east span piers E6 and E9 (see figures 1 and 2 of the application). The PIDP site is approximately 2.0 km (1.24 mi) from northeast of the YBI harbor seal haul-out site, which is located immediately to the west of the lighthouse on the southernmost tip of the island.