

American Society of Mechanical Engineers ("ASME") code stress levels. Alloy pipes made to ASTM standard A-335 must be used if temperatures and stress levels exceed those allowed for A-106 and the ASME codes. Seamless pressure pipes sold in the United States are commonly produced to the ASTM A-106 standard. Seamless standard pipes are most commonly produced to the ASTM A-53 specification and generally are not intended for high temperature service. They are intended for the low temperature and pressure conveyance of water, steam, natural gas, air and other liquids and gasses in plumbing and heating systems, air conditioning units, automatic sprinkler systems, and other related uses. Standard pipes (depending on type and code) may carry liquids at elevated temperatures but must not exceed relevant ASME code requirements. Seamless line pipes are intended for the conveyance of oil and natural gas or other fluids in pipe lines. Seamless line pipes are produced to the API 5L specification. Seamless pipes are commonly produced and certified to meet ASTM A-106, ASTM A-53 and API 5L specifications. Such triple certification of pipes is common because all pipes meeting the stringent ASTM A-106 specification necessarily meet the API 5L and ASTM A-53 specifications. Pipes meeting the API 5L specification necessarily meet the ASTM A-53 specification. However, pipes meeting the A-53 or API 5L specifications do not necessarily meet the A-106 specification. To avoid maintaining separate production runs and separate inventories, manufacturers triple-certify the pipes. Since distributors sell the vast majority of this product, they can thereby maintain a single inventory to service all customers. The primary application of ASTM A-106 pressure pipes and triple-certified pipes is in pressure piping systems by refineries, petrochemical plants and chemical plants. Other applications are in power generation plants (electrical-fossil fuel or nuclear), and in some oil field uses (on shore and off shore) such as for separator lines, gathering lines and metering runs. A minor application of this product is for use as oil and gas distribution lines for

commercial applications. These applications constitute the majority of the market for the subject seamless pipes. However, A-106 pipes may be used in some boiler applications. The scope of this review includes all seamless pipe meeting the physical parameters described above and produced to one of the specifications listed above, regardless of application, and whether or not also certified to a non-covered specification. Standard, line and pressure applications and the above-listed specifications are defining characteristics of the scope of this review. Therefore, seamless pipes meeting the physical description above, but not produced to the ASTM A-335, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-53, or API 5L standards shall be covered if used in a standard, line or pressure application. For example, there are certain other ASTM specifications of pipe which, because of overlapping characteristics, could potentially be used in A-106 applications. These specifications generally include A-162, A-192, A-210, A-333, and A-524. When such pipes are used in a standard, line or pressure pipe application, such products are covered by the scope of this review. Specifically excluded from this review are boiler tubing and mechanical tubing, if such products are not produced to ASTM A-335, ASTM A-106, ASTM A-53 or API 5L specifications and are not used in standard, line or pressure applications. In addition, finished and unfinished oil country tubular goods ("OCTG") are excluded from the scope of this review, if covered by the scope of another antidumping duty order from the same country. If not covered by such an OCTG order, finished and unfinished OCTG are included in this scope when used in standard, line or pressure applications. Finally, also excluded from this review are redraw hollows for cold-drawing when used in the production of cold-drawn pipe or tube. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Assignment and the Reaffirmation of Authority to Make Initial Denials Under the Freedom of Information Act

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of assignment and the reaffirmation of authority to make initial denials under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SUMMARY: This assigns or reaffirms the authority of Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration officials listed in the attachment to make initial decisions with respect to public requests for ITA records under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Peter Han, Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, Office of Organization and Management Support, 14th & Constitution Ave., NW., Room 4001, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The officials listed in the October 19, 2000 memorandum from Timothy J. Hauser, Deputy Under Secretary for International Trade, will be responsible for making initial decisions for records in accordance with FOIA.

Dated: October 20, 2000.

Peter Han,


ITA Freedom of Information Officer, Office of Organization and Management Support.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
The Deputy Under Secretary for
International Trade
Washington, D.C. 20230

OCT 19 2000

MEMORANDUM FOR ATTACHED ADDRESSEES
FROM: Timothy J. Hausel 
SUBJECT: Assignment and the Reaffirmation of Authority
to Make Initial Denials Under the Freedom of
Information Act (FOIA)

This memorandum assigns or reaffirms the authority of officials listed in the attachment to make initial decisions with respect to public requests for ITA records under FOIA. This listing has been amended to include ITA's Assistant Secretaries and Deputy Assistant Secretaries and the Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration. These officials will be responsible for making initial decisions for those records which originate in their offices. Office Directors will continue to make initial decisions with respect to those records which are originated by or reside within their offices.

The list of ITA officials with denial authority will be published in the Federal Register. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Peter Han at ext. 3756 or via e-mail at peter_han@ita.doc.gov.

Attachment

cc: R. LaRussa



ITA FOIA DENYING OFFICIALS

International Trade Administration

Under Secretary for International Trade
Deputy Under Secretary for International Trade
Counselor to the Department
Director, Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee Secretariat
Director, Office of Public Affairs
Director, Office of Legislative and Intergovernmental Affairs

Administration

Chief Financial Officer and Director of Administration
Director, Office of Organization and Management Support
Director, Office of Human Resources Management
Director, Office of Financial Management
Director, Office of Information Resources Management
ITA Freedom of Information Officer

Market Access and Compliance

Assistant Secretary for Market Access and Compliance
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Agreements Compliance
Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Middle East and North Africa
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Europe
Deputy Assistant Secretary for the Western Hemisphere
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Asia and the Pacific
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Africa
Director, Office of Policy Coordination
Director, Office of Multilateral Affairs
Director, Trade Compliance Center
Director, Office of Middle East and North Africa
Director, Office of European Union and Regional Affairs
Director, Office of Eastern Europe, Russia, and the Newly Independent States
Director, Office of Latin American and the Caribbean
Director, Office of NAFTA and Inter-American Affairs
Director, Office of China Economic Area
Director, Office of Pacific Basin
Director, Office of South Asia and Oceania
Director, Office of Japan
Director, Office of Africa

U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service

Assistant Secretary and Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service
Deputy Director General of the U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service
Deputy Assistant Secretary for International Operations
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Promotion Services
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Domestic Operations
Director, Office of Foreign Service Human Resources
Director, Office of Planning
Director, Office of Information Systems

Trade Development

Assistant Secretary for Trade Development
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Transportation and Technology Industries
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles, Apparel and Consumer Goods Industries
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Service Industries and Finance
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Basic Industries
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Information Technology Industries
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Tourism Industries
Director, Office of Trade and Economic Analysis
Director, Advocacy Center
Director, Office of Export Promotion Coordination
Director, Office of Planning, Coordination and Resource Management
Director, Office of Aerospace
Director, Office of Electronic Commerce
Director, Microelectronics, Medical Equipment and Instrumentation
Director, Office of Telecommunications Technologies
Director, Office of Textiles and Apparel
Director, Office of Consumer Goods
Director, Office of Automotive Affairs
Director, Office of Metals, Materials, and Chemicals
Director, Office of Energy, Infrastructure and Machinery
Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs
Director, Office of Finance
Director, Office of Service Industries
Director, Office of Environmental Technologies
Director, Office of Information Technologies

Import Administration

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping Countervailing Duty Enforcement I
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping Countervailing Duty Enforcement II
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping Countervailing Duty Enforcement III
Director for Policy and Analysis
Director, Office of Policy
Director, Office of Accounting
Director, Central Records Unit/Foreign Subsidy Library

Director, Foreign Trade Zones Staff
 Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff
 Director, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement I
 Director, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement II
 Director, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement III
 Director, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement IV
 Director, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement V
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Private Sector Participation in Overseas Trade Missions

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

ACTION: Notice

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce invites U.S. companies to participate in the below listed overseas trade missions. For a more complete description of each trade mission, obtain a copy of the mission statement from the Project Officer indicated for each mission below. Recruitment and selection of private sector participants for these missions will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions dated March 3, 1997. Textile Trade Mission to Central America and the Dominican Republic, El Salvador, Honduras, Dominican Republic and Guatemala, December 3-9, 2000. Recruitment closes on November 1, 2000.

For further information contact: Mr. William Dawson, U.S. Department of Commerce. Tel: 202-482-5155, Fax: 202-482-2859, E-Mail: William_Dawson@ita.doc.gov
 District Heating Mission to Russia, Moscow and St. Petersburg, May 11-17, 2001. Recruitment closes on January 12, 2001

For further information contact: Ms. Rachel Halpern, U.S. Department of Commerce. Tel: 202-482-4423, Fax: 202-482-0170, E-Mail: Rachel_Halpern@ita.doc.gov

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Reginald Beckham, U.S. Department of

Commerce. Tel: 202-482-5478, Fax: 202-482-1999.

Dated: October 19, 2000.

Thomas H. Nisbet,

Director, Promotion Planning and Support Division, Office of Export Promotion Coordination.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101700C]

Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; 2001 Cage Tags

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

ACTION: Notice of vendor to provide fishing year 2001 cage tags.

SUMMARY: NMFS informs surf clam and ocean quahog allocation owners that they will be required to purchase their fishing year 2001 cage tags from a vendor.

ADDRESSES: Written inquiries may be sent to Walt Gardiner at: National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-3799.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Walt Gardiner, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9326.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Federal Atlantic surf clam and ocean quahog fishery regulations at 50 CFR 648.75(b) authorize the Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, to specify in the **Federal Register** a vendor from whom cage tags, required under the Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan, must be purchased. National Band

and Tag Company of Newport, KY, is the authorized vendor of cage tags required for the year 2001 Federal surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries. Detailed instructions for purchasing these cage tags will be provided in a letter to allocation owners within the next several weeks.

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

Dated: October 21, 2000.

Bruce C. Morehead,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101900A]

Marine Mammals; File No. 775-1600

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

ACTION: Receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Michael Sissenwine, Northeast Fisheries Science Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, Room 312, 166 Water St., Woods Hole, Massachusetts 02543-1097, has applied in due form for a permit to take seven species of baleen whales, twenty species of odontocete and four species of pinnipeds for purposes of scientific research.

DATES: Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before November 27, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s): Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-