

In its decision in *Timken Co. v. United States*, 893 F.2d 337 (Fed. Cir. 1990) (*Timken*), the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit held that, pursuant to 19 USC section 1516a(e), the Department must publish a notice of a court decision which is not "in harmony" with a Department determination, and must suspend liquidation of entries pending a "conclusive" court decision. The CIT's opinion in *Kajaria Iron Castings Pvt. Ltd., et al. v. United States*, Slip Op. 01-5 (CIT Jan. 24, 2001), constitutes a decision not in harmony with the Department's final affirmative results of countervailing duty administrative review. Publication of this notice fulfills the *Timken* requirement.

Accordingly, the Department will continue to suspend liquidation pending the expiration of the period of appeal, or, if appealed, upon a "conclusive" court decision.

Dated: February 13, 2001.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-427-819, C-428-829, C-421-809, C-412-821]

Low Enriched Uranium From France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Determinations in Countervailing Duty Investigations

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary determinations in countervailing duty investigations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit of the preliminary determinations in the countervailing duty (CVD) investigations of low enriched uranium from France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom from March 2, 2001 until no later than May 7, 2001. This extension is made pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 21, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Grossman (France) at (202) 482-3146; Robert Copyak (Germany) at (202) 482-2209; Stephanie Moore (the

Netherlands) at (202) 482-3692; and Eric B. Greynolds (the United Kingdom) at (202) 482-6071, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement VI, Group II, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4012, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 regulations codified at 19 CFR part 351 (2000).

Extension of Due Date for Preliminary Determinations

On December 27, 2000, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated the CVD investigations of low enriched uranium from France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom. See *Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations: Low Enriched Uranium from France, Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom*, 66 FR 1085 (January 5, 2001). Currently, the preliminary determinations are due no later than March 2, 2001. However, pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we have determined that these investigations are "extraordinarily complicated" and are therefore extending the due date for the preliminary determinations to no later than May 7, 2001.

Under section 703(c)(1)(B), the Department can extend the period for reaching a preliminary determination until not later than the 130th day after the date on which the administering authority initiates an investigation if:

(B) The administering authority concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating and determines that—

(i) The case is extraordinarily complicated by reason of—

(I) The number and complexity of the alleged countervailable subsidy practices;

(II) The novelty of the issues presented;

(III) The need to determine the extent to which particular countervailable subsidies are used by individual manufacturers, producers, and exporters; or

(IV) The number of firms whose activities must be investigated; and

(ii) Additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination.

Regarding the first requirement, we find that in each case all concerned parties are cooperating. Regarding the second requirement, we find that each of these four cases is extraordinarily complicated for the following reasons.

France

The French CVD investigation is extraordinarily complicated because of the novelty of the issues presented. We are investigating an allegation that the Government of France through its national electric utility, Electricite de France, purchased uranium from the producer of the subject merchandise at prices that constitute "more than adequate remuneration" under section 771(5)(E)(iv) of the Act. This is a novel issue because this is the first time the Department has investigated this type of subsidy allegation.

Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom

These three investigations are extraordinarily complicated because of the novelty of the issue presented. Petitioners have alleged that a single cumulative CVD rate applicable to all of Urenco Ltd.'s operations in Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom should be applied. Urenco Ltd. is the holding company for a group of companies located in Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom which produce enriched uranium for commercial sale. The Urenco Group was created in 1971, pursuant to the Treaty of Almelo, signed by the governments of Germany, the Netherlands and the United Kingdom. Therefore, the Department is investigating, and must determine, whether the subsidies provided by the three Treaty of Almelo countries to the Urenco Group's operations in Germany, the Netherlands, and the United Kingdom should be attributed to the sales of all of Urenco's international operations because Urenco is an "international consortium" under section 701(d) of the Act. To date, the provisions of section 701(d) have never been used in any CVD investigation or administrative review. Thus, we determine this to be a novel issue.

Accordingly, we deem these four investigations to be extraordinarily complicated and determine, with regard to the third requirement noted above, that additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determinations. Therefore, pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we are postponing the preliminary determinations in these investigations to no later than May 7, 2001.

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

January 20, 2001, Bernard T. Carreau is fulfilling the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Dated: February 9, 2001.

Bernard T. Carreau,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement II.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, March 6, 2001 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Wednesday, March 7, 2001 from 9:15 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of nine members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include a briefing on construction of the Advanced Measurement Laboratory; a presentation, "In the News: What Are They Saying About NIST?"; and participation by members in the NIST Centennial event, "NIST and Industry: Teaming Up in the New Century." Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:30 a.m. end at 10:15 a.m. on March 6, 2001 and to begin at 9:15 a.m. and to end at 11 a.m. on March 7, 2001, on staffing of management positions at NIST, the NIST budget, including funding levels of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership, and feedback sessions will be closed.

DATES: The meeting will convene March 6, 2001 at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 11 a.m. on March 7, 2001.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Tenth Floor Conference Room, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Janet R. Russell, Administrative Coordinator, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-1004, telephone number (301) 975-2107.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 12, 2001, that portions of the meeting of the visiting Committee on Advanced Technology which involve discussion of proposed funding of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(9)(B), because those portions of the meetings will divulge matters the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of proposed agency actions; and that portions of meetings which involve discussion of the staffing issues of management and other positions at NIST may be closed in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy.

Dated: February 14, 2001.

Karen H. Brown,

Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 021301D]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Skate Oversight Committee and Advisory

Panel, Habitat Oversight Committee, Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC) and Scallop Committee in March, 2001 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between Tuesday, March 6, 2001 and Monday, March 12, 2001. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Warwick, RI, Newburyport, Danvers and East Boston, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

Tuesday, March 6, 2001, 10 a.m.— Scientific and Statistical Committee
Location: Rossi's, 50 Water Street, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 499-0240.

The SSC committee will develop plans to provide the Council advice on the priorities identified by the Council. These include: (1) Review of fishing mortality and biomass reference points for selected groundfish species and skates; (2) Review of changes in the scallop reference points that might result from a rotational area management strategy and the scientific basis of proposed scallop rotational area management measures as developed by the Council and Scallop Plan Development Team (PDT); (3) Evaluation of the available information on the stock structure of monkfish and its implications for management. Review of the monkfish assessment update (to be done by the Monkfish Monitoring committee, and review of fishing mortality and biomass reference points; (4) Review of the update of whiting status that will be completed by the Whiting PDT; (5) Other issues that it might advise the Council on such as the potential value of marine protected areas (MPAs) and closed areas (quantify benefits from existing closed areas) and multispecies management issues.

Tuesday, March 6, 2001, 9:30 a.m.— Joint Skate Committee and Advisory Panel Meeting.

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000.