

ACTION: Staff Briefing for the Board of Directors.

TIME AND DATE: 2 p.m., Thursday, August 15, 2002.

PLACE: Conference Room 0204—South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE DISCUSSED:

1. Annual retirement of class A stock.
2. Annual class C stock dividend rate.
3. Loan loss reserve for FY 2002.
4. Contract for legal advisor.
5. Annual report for FY 2001.
6. Current telecommunications industry issues.
7. Administrative issues.

ACTION: Board of Directors Meeting.

TIME AND DATE: 9 a.m., Friday, August 16, 2002.

PLACE: Conference Room 104—A, Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Oath of office for new board members.
3. Action on Minutes of the May 8, 2002, board meeting.
4. Secretary's Report on loans approved.
5. Treasurer's Report.
6. Report on the allowance for loan loss reserve for FY 2002.
7. Privatization Committee Report.
8. Consideration of resolution to retire class A stock in FY 2002.
9. Consideration of resolution to set annual class C stock dividend rate.
10. Consideration of resolution to approve the annual report for FY 2001.
11. Consideration of resolution to approve Curtis Anderson to serve as the Deputy Governor of the Bank.
12. Governor's Remarks.
13. Adjournment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: July 24, 2002.

Hilda Gay Legg,

Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-806]

Notice of Extension of Time Limit of Preliminary Results of New Shipper Review: Silicon Metal from the People's Republic of China

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit of the preliminary results of the new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the People's Republic of China (PRC) until no later than November 20, 2002. The period of review is June 1, 2001 through November 30, 2001. This extension is made pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 30, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Christian Hughes or Maureen Flannery, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0648 or (202) 482-3020, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statutes and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the provisions codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (2001).

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act requires the Department to issue the preliminary results of a new shipper review within 180 days from the date of initiation of the review. However, if the Department determines that the case is extraordinarily complicated, section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act allows the Department to extend this deadline to a maximum of 300 days.

Background

On December 31, 2001, the Department received a timely request from China Shanxi Province Lin Fen Prefecture Foreign Trade Import and Export Corp. (Lin Fen), in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(ii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(c), for a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order

on silicon metal from the PRC. *See Antidumping Duty Order: Silicon Metal From the People's Republic of China*, 56 FR 26649 (June 10, 1991). Because the request met all of the requirements set forth in section 751(a)(2)(ii) of the Act and section 351.214(d) of the regulations, we initiated a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the PRC for the period June 1, 2001 to November 30, 2001. On January 31, 2002, the Department initiated this new shipper review (67 FR 5966).

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Due to the extraordinarily complicated nature of this case, we are unable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214 (i). In particular, the Department needs additional time in which to address the issues of Lin Fen's relationship with other companies, and whether Lin Fen should be given a separate rate. Furthermore, the Department requires additional time to gather surrogate value information. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214 (i) (2), the Department is extending the time limit for the completion of preliminary results. These preliminary results will now be due no later than November 20, 2002.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to sections 751(a)(1) and 777 (i) (1) of the Act.

Dated: July 23, 2002

Barbara E. Tillman,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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 Mexico

Mexico City and Guadalajara, October 23–25, 2002, Recruitment closes on August 30, 2002

For further information contact: Ms. Rachel Alarid, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone (202) 482–5154, e-mail Rachel_Alarid@ita.doc.gov, or Ms. Pamela Kirkland, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone (202) 482–3587, e-mail Pamela_Kirkland@ita.doc.gov.

Medical Device Trade Mission to Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore

Hanoi, Ho Chi Minh City, Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Singapore, March 23 to April 3, 2003, Recruitment closes on February 7, 2003

For further information contact: Ms. Lisa C. Huot, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 202–482–2796, e-mail Lisa_Huot@ita.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Thomas Nisbet, U.S. Department of Commerce, telephone 202–482–5657, or e-mail Tom_Nisbet@ita.doc.gov.

Dated: July 23, 2002.

Thomas H. Nisbet,

Director, Export Promotion Coordination, Office of Planning, Coordination and Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 070102D]

Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Building Demolition Activities at Mugu Lagoon, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application and proposed authorization for a small take exemption; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the Department of the Navy, Naval Base Ventura County (NBVC) for an authorization to take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment incidental to the demolition and removal of buildings located at the

entrance of Mugu Lagoon in Point Mugu, CA. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to authorize NBVC to incidentally take, by harassment, small numbers of harbor seals and other marine mammals in the above mentioned area from September 26, 2002 through September 26, 2003. This authorization proposal is identical to the authorization issued to NBVC on September 26, 2001.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than August 29, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to Donna Wieting, Chief, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910–3225. Comments cannot be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. A copy of the application and a list of references used in this document may be obtained by writing to this address or by telephoning one of the contacts listed here.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth Hollingshead, (301) 713–2322, or Christina Fahy, (562) 980–4023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 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, notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have no more than 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 that the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking 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 defines “harassment” as:

any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild; or (ii) 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.

Pursuant to section 101(a)(5)(D), NMFS issued an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to NBVC on September 26, 2001, for the harassment of small numbers of marine mammals incidental to the demolition and removal of buildings located at the entrance of Mugu Lagoon in Point Mugu, CA during a 1-year period. On April 10, 2002, NMFS received a letter from NBVC requesting that the IHA be re-issued for an additional year to allow the completion of building demolition and removal activities at Mugu Lagoon. These activities are summarized below. A more complete description may be found in the original proposal of IHA issuance published on October 1, 2001 (66 FR 50416).

Description of Activities

This proposed authorization for the harassment of small numbers of marine mammals incidental to the demolition and removal of approximately 12 buildings and associated infrastructures is almost identical to that proposed in the October 1, 2001 **Federal Register** notice. The one difference is that the current proposal is only for phase two of the demolition activities. Phase one activities, involving cleanup and removal of contaminated building materials, sand, and soil were completed in 2001 and a satisfactory marine mammal monitoring report covering this phase of the work was submitted to NMFS on December 21, 2001.

The second phase of the project, scheduled to begin after August 1, 2002, will be the demolition and removal of the remaining structures using standard construction procedures and equipment.