

### Scope of the Investigation

For purposes of this investigation, the products covered are all purified CMC, sometimes also referred to as purified sodium CMC, polyanionic cellulose, or cellulose gum, which is a white to off-white, non-toxic, odorless, biodegradable powder, comprising sodium CMC that has been refined and purified to a minimum assay of 90 percent. Purified CMC does not include unpurified or crude CMC, CMC Fluidized Polymer Suspensions, and CMC that is cross-linked through heat treatment. Purified CMC is CMC that has undergone one or more purification operations which, at a minimum, reduce the remaining salt and other by-product portion of the product to less than ten percent.

The merchandise subject to this investigation is classified in the

Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS") at subheading 3912.31.00. This tariff classification is provided for convenience and customs purposes; however, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

### Amended Preliminary Determination

In accordance with section 735(e) of the Act, we have determined that significant ministerial errors were made in the calculation of Noviant's preliminary margin. Specifically, we have determined that there were errors concerning the calculation of constructed export price ("CEP") profit, third-party commissions, indirect selling expenses, currency conversions, billing adjustments, and level of trade. We have disregarded comments by petitioner as they were not timely filed

in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(c)(2). For a detailed discussion of the above-cited ministerial error allegations and the Department's analysis, *see* Memorandum to Richard O. Weible, "Allegation of Significant Ministerial Errors; Preliminary Determination in the Antidumping Duty Investigation of Purified Carboxymethylcellulose from the Netherlands" dated January 27, 2005, a public version of which is on file in room B-099 of the main Commerce building.

Therefore, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(e), we are amending the preliminary determination of the antidumping duty investigation of Purified CMC to correct these significant ministerial errors. The revised preliminary weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

Exporter/manufacturer	Original weighted-average margin percentage	Revised weighted-average margin percentage
Noviant BV .....	27.11	13.27
All others .....	22.21	12.84

### Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 735(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we are directing U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") to continue to suspend liquidation of all imports of Purified CMC from the Netherlands. CBP shall require a cash deposit or the posting of a bond equal to the weighted-average amount by which the normal value exceeds the export price or CEP, as indicated in the chart above. These suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

This determination is issued and published in accordance with sections 735(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: January 28, 2005.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### International Trade Administration

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#### Stainless Steel Plate in Coils From Taiwan; Notice of Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results in Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 3, 2005.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Elizabeth Eastwood or Jill Pollack at (202) 482-3874 or (202) 482-4593, respectively, AD/CVD Operations, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background

On June 30, 2004, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (69 FR 39409) a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel plate in coils from Taiwan. The period of review (POR) is May 1, 2003, through April 30, 2004, and the preliminary results are currently due no later than January 31, 2004.

#### Extension of Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department shall make a preliminary determination in an administrative review of an antidumping order within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the date of publication of the order. The Act further provides, however, that the Department may extend the 245-day period to 365 days if it determines it is not practicable to complete the review within the foregoing time period. We determine that it is not practicable to complete this administrative review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act because the Department received a filing from the petitioners in this administrative review<sup>1</sup> on January 21, 2005, in which the petitioners allege that Ta Chen Stainless Pipe Co., Ltd. misclassified entries of subject merchandise made during the POR as non-subject merchandise. The Department requires further time in order to analyze the issue. Consequently, we have extended the deadline for completing the preliminary results until May 31, 2005.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act (19

<sup>1</sup> The petitioners are Allegheny Ludlum Corp., United Auto Workers Local 3303, Zanesville Armco Independent Organization and the United Steelworkers of America, and AFL-CIO/CLC.

U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)) and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

Dated: January 28, 2005.

**Barbara E. Tillman,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### The Manufacturing Council: Meeting of The Manufacturing Council

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Manufacturing Council will hold a full Council meeting to discuss topics related to the state of manufacturing. The Manufacturing Council is a Secretarial Board at the Department of Commerce, established to ensure regular communication between Government and the manufacturing sector. This will be the third meeting of The Manufacturing Council and will include updates by the Council's three subcommittees. For information about the Council, please visit the Manufacturing Council Web site at: <http://www.manufacturing.gov/council.htm>.

**DATES:** February 18, 2005. *Time:* 1:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** Henry Ford Museum, Lovett Hall, 20900 Oakwood Blvd., Dearborn, MI 48124. This program is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be submitted no later than February 10, 2005, to The Manufacturing Council, Room 4043, Washington, DC, 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** The Manufacturing Council Executive Secretariat, Room 4043, Washington, DC 20230 (Phone: 202-482-1369). The Executive Secretariat encourages interested parties to refer to The Manufacturing Council Web site (<http://www.manufacturing.gov/council/>) for the most up-to-date information about the meeting and the Council.

Dated: January 28, 2005.

**Sam Giller,**

*Executive Secretary, The Manufacturing Council.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904; NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

**AGENCY:** NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of first request for panel review.

**SUMMARY:** On January 21, 2005, Tembec, Inc. filed a First Request for Panel Review with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the Determination under Section 129(a)(4) of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, made by the United States International Trade Commission, respecting Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada. This determination was published in the **Federal Register**, (69 FR 75916) on December 20, 2004. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-CDA-2005-1904-03 to this request.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on January 21, 2005, requesting panel

review of the determination described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is February 22, 2005);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is March 7, 2005); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: January 27, 2005.

**Caratina L. Alston,**

*United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered Species; Permit No. 1226 and Permit No. 1239

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

**ACTION:** Scientific research permit modifications.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that requests for modifications to scientific research permits No. 1226 submitted by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation, Hudson River Fisheries Unit, Bureau of Marine Resources, 21 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, New York, 12561-1696 (Kathryn A. Hattala, Principal Investigator) and No. 1239 submitted by Dr. Boyd Kynard, U.S. Geological Survey, Conte Anadromous Fish Research Center, P.O. Box 796, One Migratory Way, Turners Falls, Massachusetts 01376, have been granted.