

Background

On September 1, 2006, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** a notice of "Opportunity To Request Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order on steel concrete reinforcing bars from the Republic of Korea for the period September 1, 2005, through August 31, 2006. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 71 FR 52061 (September 1, 2006). On September 29, 2006, the Rebar Trade Action Coalition and its individual members¹ (the petitioners) requested a review of the antidumping duty order on steel concrete reinforcing bars from the Republic of Korea produced or exported by Dongkuk Steel Mill Co., Ltd. (DSM), Korea Iron and Steel Co., Ltd. (KISCO), and Hwanyoung Steel Industries Co., Ltd. (HSI) (collectively referred to as the respondents). On October 31, 2006, the Department published a notice of initiation of an administrative review with respect to these companies. *See Notice of Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 71 FR 63752 (October 31, 2006).

On November 14, 2006, the Department received letters from each of the respondents stating that neither they nor any company deemed affiliated with them in the Department's past determinations in this proceeding: 1) exported any subject merchandise to the United States; 2) made any sales of subject merchandise to customers in the United States; or, 3) had any entries of subject merchandise for consumption by customers in the United States during the period of review (*i.e.*, September 1, 2005, through August 31, 2006) (POR). In order to substantiate the respondents' statements, we conducted a query of the U.S. Customs and Border Protection's (CBP) database and found no entries of subject merchandise during the POR. On December 18, 2006, based on our findings, we notified parties of our intent to rescind the review and provided them the opportunity to submit comments (*see* December 18, 2006, memorandum to the file titled *Intent to Rescind in the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review on Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars from the Republic of Korea*) (December 18, 2006, memo). On January 5, 2007, the petitioners filed comments.

The petitioners argue that, prior to rescinding this review, the Department should ensure that during the POR, DSM's U.S. affiliate, Dongkuk International Inc., did not sell subject merchandise produced by Korean manufacturers other than DSM, and did not sell from inventory subject merchandise that entered during a previous POR.

Regarding the petitioners' argument, as stated above, we conducted a query of the CBP database in order to substantiate the respondents' statements that neither they nor their affiliates made exports, sales or entries of subject merchandise during the POR, which is our standard practice for confirming a respondent's "no-shipments" claims. Furthermore, the Department's practice, supported by substantial precedent, requires that there be entries during the POR upon which to assess antidumping duties. *See e.g., Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from Japan: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 70 FR 44088 (August 1, 2005). The results of our query indicate that there were no entries of subject merchandise during the POR. Therefore, absent evidence to the contrary on the record of this review, we have no reason to call into question the statements made by DSM or the other respondents.

Rescission of Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), the Department may rescind an administrative review, in whole or with respect to a particular exporter or producer, if the Department concludes that, during the period covered by the review, there were no entries, exports, or sales of the subject merchandise. Because we found no evidence of entries of subject merchandise and because we have no reason to question the respondents' statement that they nor any company deemed affiliated with them in past segments of this proceeding had sales, exports or entries of subject merchandise during the POR, we are rescinding this review pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3). *See, e.g., Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars From Turkey: Final Results, Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review in Part, and Determination not to Revoke in Part*, 68 FR 53127 (September 9, 2003) (after finding no evidence of entries of subject merchandise from two companies that made "no-shipments" claims, the Department stated that "consistent with our practice, we are rescinding our review for Diler and Ekinciler").

Although the respondents did not have any sales or exports of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR, their subject merchandise may have entered the United States during the POR under their CBP antidumping case number by way of intermediaries (without their knowledge). After 15 days of publication of this notice, the Department will instruct CBP to liquidate such entries at the "All-Others" rate in effect on the date of the entry. *See Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

This notice serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR Sec. 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This notice is published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: February 26, 2007.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022607A]

General Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the Inter-American Tropical Tuna Commission (IATTC); Meeting Announcement

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces the meeting of the General Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the IATTC on May 30, 2007.

DATES: The meeting of the General Advisory Committee will be held on May 30, 2007, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. (or until business is concluded), Pacific Time. **ADDRESS:** The meeting will be held at NMFS, Southwest Regional

¹ Nucor Corporation, Gerdau Ameristeel Corporation, and Commercial Metals Company.

Office, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 3400, Long Beach, CA 90803-4213.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Allison Routt at (562)980-4019 or (562) 980-4030.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

In accordance with the Tuna Conventions Act, as amended, the Department of State has appointed a General Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the IATTC. The U.S. Section consists of the four U.S. Commissioners to the IATTC and the representative of the Deputy Assistant Secretary of State for Oceans and Fisheries. The Advisory Committee supports the work of the U.S. Section in a solely advisory capacity with respect to U.S. participation in the work of the IATTC, with particular reference to the development of policies and negotiating positions pursued at meetings of the IATTC. NMFS, Southwest Region, administers the Advisory Committee in cooperation with the Department of State.

The General Advisory Committee to the U.S. Section to the IATTC will meet to receive and discuss information on: (1) 2006 and 2007 IATTC activities; (2) status of the stocks and status of the fishery in 2006; (3) recent and upcoming meetings of the IATTC and its working groups; (4) possible conservation and management measures for yellowfin and bigeye tuna for 2007 and beyond; (5) measures to be taken in cases of non-compliance with the IATTC's conservation and management measures; (6) management of fishing capacity; (7) measures to address bycatch (such as juvenile tunas, sea turtles, seabirds, and sharks); (8) financial issues pertinent to the financial solvency of the IATTC; (9) IATTC cooperation with other regional fishery management organizations; (10) Advisory Committee operational issues; and other issues.

Special Accommodations

The meeting location is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Allison Routt at (562) 980-4019 or (562) 980-4030 at least 10 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 26, 2007.

James P. Burgess,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 022607E]

International Whaling Commission; 59th Annual Meeting; Announcement of Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice announces the date and location of the public meeting being held prior to the 59th annual International Whaling Commission (IWC) meeting.

DATES: The public meeting will be held April 5, 2007, at 1 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the NOAA Science Center Room, 1301 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cheri McCarty, 301-713-9090, Extension 183.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Secretary of Commerce is charged with the responsibility of discharging the domestic obligations of the United States under the International Convention for the Regulation of Whaling, 1946. The U.S. Commissioner has responsibility for the preparation and negotiation of U.S. positions on international issues concerning whaling and for all matters involving the IWC. He is staffed by the Department of Commerce and assisted by the Department of State, the Department of the Interior, Marine Mammal Commission, and by other agencies.

Once the draft agenda for the annual IWC meeting is completed, it will be posted on the IWC Secretariat's website at <http://www.iwcoffice.org>.

Each year NOAA holds a meeting prior to the annual IWC meeting to discuss the tentative U.S. positions for the upcoming IWC meeting. Because the meeting discusses U.S. positions, the substance of the meeting must be kept confidential. Any U.S. citizen with an identifiable interest in U.S. whale conservation policy may participate, but NOAA reserves the authority to inquire about the interests of any person who appears at a meeting and to determine the appropriateness of that person's participation.

Persons who represent foreign interests may not attend. These stringent measures are necessary to protect the confidentiality of U.S. negotiating

positions and are a necessary basis for the relatively open process of preparing for IWC meetings.

The meeting will be held at 1 p.m. at the NOAA Science Center Room, 1301 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Photo identification is required to enter the building.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to the Cheri McCarty, 301-713-9090 by March 26, 2007.

Dated: February 26, 2007.

William T. Hogarth,

Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

[Docket No.: 070208027-7028-01]

National Medal of Technology's Call for Nominations 2007

AGENCY: Technology Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce's Technology Administration is accepting nominations for its National Medal of Technology (NMT) 2007 program.

Established by statute in 1980, the President of the United States awards the National Medal of Technology to our Nation's leading innovators. If you know of a candidate who has made an outstanding, lasting contribution to the economy through technology, you may obtain a nomination form from: <http://www.technology.gov/medal>.

DATES: The deadline for submission of an application is May 31, 2007.

ADDRESSES: The NMT Nomination form for the year 2007 may be obtained by visiting the Web site at <http://www.technology.gov/medal>. Please return the completed application to the National Medal of Technology Program at: NMT@technology.gov or by mail to: Technology Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4824, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: NMT@technology.gov or call the Technology Administration at 202/482-1575.