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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Meat Import Limitations

First Quarterly Estimate

The Meat Import Act of 1979, as amended (19 U.S.C. 2253 note) (the "Act"), provides for limiting the quantity of fresh, chilled, or frozen meat of bovine, sheep (except lamb), and goats; and processed meat of beef or veal (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States subheadings 0201.10.00, 0201.20.20, 0201.20.40, 0201.20.60, 0201.30.20, 0201.30.40, 0201.30.60, 0202.10.00, 0202.20.20, 0202.20.40, 0202.20.60, 0202.30.20, 0202.30.40, 0202.30.60, 0204.21.00, 0204.22.40, 0204.23.40, 0204.41.00, 0204.42.40, 0204.43.40, and 0204.50.00), other than products of Canada and Mexico, which may be imported into the United States in any calendar year. Such limitations are to be imposed when the Secretary of Agriculture estimates that imports of articles, other than products of Canada and Mexico, provided for in Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States subheadings 0201.10.00, 0201.20.40, 0201.20.60, 0201.30.40, 0201.30.60, 0202.10.00, 0202.20.40, 0202.20.60, 0202.30.40, 0202.30.60, 0204.21.00, 0204.22.40, 0204.23.40, 0204.41.00, 0204.42.40, 0204.43.40, and 0204.50.00 (hereinafter referred to as "meat articles"), in the absence of limitations under the Act during such calendar year, would equal or exceed 110 percent of the estimated aggregate quantity of meat articles prescribed for calendar year 1995 by section 2(c) as adjusted under section 2(d) of the Act. In accordance with the requirements of the Act, I have made the following estimates:

1. The estimated aggregate quantity of meat articles prescribed by subsection 2(c) as adjusted by subsection 2(d) of the Act for calendar year 1995 is 1,152.6 million pounds.

2. The first quarterly estimate of the aggregate quantity of meat articles which would, in the absence of limitations under the Act, be imported during calendar year 1995 is 1,250 million pounds.

Done at Washington, DC, this 27th day of December 1994.

Mike Espy,

Secretary of Agriculture.

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Consolidated Farm Service Agency

National Conservation Review Group; Meeting

AGENCY: Consolidated Farm Service Agency, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Conservation Review Group will meet to consider recommendations from State and County Conservation Review Groups with respect to the operational features of the Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP), the Emergency Conservation Program (ECP), the Forestry Incentives Program (FIP) and the Water Bank Program (WBP). Comments and suggestions will be received from the public concerning the ACP and ECP administered by the Consolidated Farm Service Agency (CFSA) and the FIP and WBP administered by the Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS).

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for February 2, 1995.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), South Building, room 4960, at 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Diane Sharp, CFSA, USDA, P.O. Box 2415, room 4768, South Building, Washington, DC, 20013-2415, telephone 202-720-7333.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Conservation Review Group meeting is scheduled to be held from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. on February 2, 1995, at the USDA South Building, room 4960, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC. Meeting sessions will be open to the public.

The agenda will include consideration of State and County Review Group recommendations for changes in the administrative procedures and policy guidelines of the ACP, ECP, FIP, and WBP. An opportunity will be provided for the public to present comments at the meeting on these conservation and environmental programs administered by CFSA and NRCS.

Because of time constraints and anticipated participation from interested individuals and groups, comments will be limited to not more than 5 minutes. Individuals or groups interested in making recommendations may also make them in writing and submit them to Diane Sharp, CFSA, USDA, P.O. Box 2415, room 4768-S, Washington, DC 20013-2415. The meeting may also include discussion of current procedures, criteria, and guidelines relevant to the implementation of these programs.

Because of limited space, persons desiring to attend the meeting should call Diane Sharp at 202-720-7333 to make reservations.

Signed at Washington, DC, on December 29, 1994.

Bruce R. Weber,

Acting Administrator, Consolidated Farm Service Agency.

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Forest Service

Swan Lake-Lake Tye Intertie Transmission Line

AGENCY: Forest Service, Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to prepare an Environmental Impact Statement.

SUMMARY: Ketchikan Public Utilities proposes to build and operate a 115 kV electric transmission line in Southeast Alaska between the switchyard of the Swan Lake Hydroelectric Station on Revillagigedo Island and the switchyard at the Lake Tye Hydroelectric Station the Alaska mainland. The proposed new line would be a single-circuit 115 kV line having three conductors and no shield wire. The proposed action would intertie the electrical systems of Ketchikan Public Utilities, Petersburg Municipal Power and Light, and Wrangell Municipal Light and Power.

The proposed intertie would lie within a corridor identified during an earlier feasibility study as the "preferred site" of the transmission line. The corridor is approximately 57 miles long and one mile wide and lies almost entirely on National Forest System land (Tongass National Forest) administered by the U.S. Forest Service. The corridor follows lower elevations to minimize visual impacts, avoid steep and unstable areas, and avoid extreme weather conditions. A 200-foot-wide right-of-way would be cleared for the transmission line. The line would require long aerial crossings at Eagle Bay, Bell Arm, the Behm Canal, and Shrimp Bay with span lengths of approximately 2,000, 1,200, 4,000, and 2,000 feet, respectively. There are variations of portions of the preferred route in the vicinity of Orchard Lake, Behm Canal, and Eagle Lake and River.

DATES: Comments concerning the scope of this project should be received by March 7, 1995. Public scoping meetings are scheduled during this comment period in Ketchikan, Wrangell, Petersburg, and Juneau. The location and time of the meetings will be announced in the local media.

ADDRESSES: Send written comments and suggestions concerning the scope of this project to Linn W. Shipley, Acting District Ranger, Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan Ranger District, Attn: Swan Lake-Lake Tyee EIS, 3031 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, AK 99901.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Questions about the proposal and the EIS should be directed to Becky Cross, EIS Liaison, Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan Ranger District, 3031 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, Alaska 99901, Telephone (907) 225-2148.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Possible variations to the basic transmission line intertie include construction and use of an access road to serve the majority of the line from Eagle Bay to Carroll Inlet. The access road would not connect with any existing road and would not provide access between the project area and Ketchikan or another urban area. In addition to construction access, the road is intended to provide maintenance access to the transmission line. To the extent feasible, some portions of the road would follow the transmission line right-of-way for direct access to clearing and construction operations. The assumed road specifications are: a maximum grade of about 10 percent; a curve radius of about 100 feet; a shotrock surface about 14 feet wide and 24 to 30 inches deep; corrugated metal pipe culverts or small bridges to cross permanent and intermittently flowing

stream channels; and incorporation of any nearby logging roads or other vehicular trails into the access road where feasible.

An alternative to aerial crossings of large water bodies is use of submarine crossings of Bell Arm, the Behm Canal, and Shrimp Bay. The aerial conductors would connect to a terminal station or structure on the shore near the water body and continue as self-contained fluid-filled or dielectric cables underwater to the opposite shore, where they would pass through a terminal station to continue as aerial conductors.

To meet Ketchikan's energy needs, other alternatives which may be considered could include development of new power generation in the Ketchikan area and electrical load conservation measures. Finally, a no action alternative will be considered.

The EIS will be prepared under Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) regulations governing third party contracts. Ketchikan Public Utilities, the project proponent, has contracted with Foster Wheeler Environmental Corporation, an environmental consulting firm based in Washington State, to conduct the field studies and environmental analyses, direct public involvement activities, and prepare the EIS for the project. The third party is the Forest Service, which will be the lead agency and which also is the deciding and permitting agency for the proposal. Linn Shipley, the Acting District Ranger of the Ketchikan Ranger District, must decide whether to issue a Special Use Permit to Ketchikan Public Utilities permitting the intertie to cross the Tongass National Forest. Foster Wheeler Environmental will be responsible to the Forest Service for preparing an EIS that meets NEPA regulations and Forest Service procedures.

Public participation will be an integral component of the study process and will be especially important at several junctures of the analysis. The first is during the scoping process. The Forest Service is seeking information, comments, and assistance from Federal, State, and local agencies, individuals, and organizations that may be interested in, or affected by, the proposed activities. The objectives of the scoping process are to (1) identify the affected public and agency concerns, and level of concern, (2) define the issues and alternatives that will be examined in detail in the EIS, (3) eliminate insignificant issues, and (4) identify analysis needs. In addition to the scoping meetings mentioned above, written scoping comments are being solicited through a scoping package that will be sent to those on the project

mailing list. For the Forest Service to best use the scoping input, comments should be received within 60 days of the publication of this Notice in the **Federal Register**. The following preliminary issues have been identified:

1. Will construction-related air emissions affect the air quality of the study area and Misty Fiords National Monument and Wilderness?

2. Will right-of-way clearing and road construction affect karst and cave resources?

3. Will activities associated with right-of-way clearing and road construction degrade fish habitat?

4. What are the possibilities for changing steam flow and creating barriers to fish migration?

5. What will be the effect of clearing wetland and riparian areas for the right-of-way and of encroachment and modification of floodplains and estuarine areas?

6. What are the implications of the proposed action on timber production and sensitive and rare plant species?

7. What are the potential effects of right-of-way clearing on windthrow?

8. How will the right-of-way clearing affect wildlife habitat, biodiversity, Habitat Conservation Areas, and rare and endangered species?

9. Will wildlife species used for subsistence harvest be affected by the transmission line and access road? If so, how? Will this affect subsistence lifestyles?

10. To what degree will the transmission line and access road affect the visual quality of key viewing areas, particularly at Orchard Lake and Eagle Lake, which have been mentioned as potential additions to the Wild and Scenic Rivers system?

11. To what degree will the transmission line and access road change the quality and type of recreation opportunities?

12. What are the economic implications for the cities of Wrangell and Petersburg?

Based on the results of scoping and agency consultation, alternatives to the proposed action, including a "no action" alternative, will be developed for the Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS).

A series of five public workshops will be held upon completion of the Preliminary Draft EIS. These workshops will be informal sessions designed to explain to the public the study process and preliminary findings, answer questions, and highlight any problems that might need resolving before issuing the DEIS. Their location, date, and time will be announced in the local media.

The DEIS is projected to be filed with the Environmental Protection Agency in February 1996. Public comment on the DEIS will be solicited for a minimum of 45 days from the date the Notice of Availability appears in the Federal Register. Subsistence hearings, as required by Section 8 of the Alaska National Interest Lands Conservation Act, are planned during this 45-day comment period.

The Forest Service believes, at this early stage, it is important to give reviewers notice of several court rulings related to public participation in the environmental review process. First, reviewers of DEIS's must structure their participation in the environmental review of the proposal so that it is meaningful and alerts an agency to the reviewer's position and contentions. *Vermont Yankee Nuclear Power Corp. v. NRDC*, 435 U.S. 519 553 (1978). Also, environmental objections that could be raised at the DEIS stage but that are not raised until after completion of the final EIS may be waived or dismissed by the courts. *City of Angoon v. Hodel*, 803 F.2d 1016, 1022 (9th Cir. 1986) and *Wisconsin Heritages, Inc. v. Harris*, 490 F. Suppl. 1334, 1338 (E.D. Wis. 1980). Because of these court rulings, it is very important that those interested in this proposed action participate by the close of the 45-day comment period so that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final EIS.

To assist the Forest Service in identifying and considering issues and concerns on the proposed action, comments on the DEIS should be as specific as possible. It is also helpful if comments refer to specific pages or chapters of the draft statement. Comments may also address the adequacy of the DEIS or the merits of the alternatives formulated and discussed in the statement. Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.

Issuance of the Final Environmental Impact Statement is projected in November 1996. The responsible official for the decision is Linn Shipley, Acting District Ranger, Tongass National Forest, Ketchikan Ranger District, 3031 Tongass Avenue, Ketchikan, AK 99901.

Permits

Permits required for construction of the transmission line may include the following:

Federal

U.S. Forest Service

- Special use permit
- Permit for surveying the right-of-way

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

- Approval of the discharge of dredged or fill materials into waters of the United States under Section 404 of the Clean Water Act
- Approval of the construction of structures or work in navigable waters of the United States under Section 10 of the Rivers and Harbors Act of 1899.

U.S. Federal Aviation Administration

- Notice of proposed construction

State

Alaska Department of Environmental Conservation

- Certificate of Reasonable Assurance regarding discharge of dredged or fill materials into waters of the United States
- Prevention of Significant Deterioration permit for the exhaust of any fossil-fuel-burning equipment used during construction

- Open-burn permit for waste burning
- Solid waste disposal permit

Alaska Department of Fish and Game

- Habitat Protection Permits when streams are to be crossed and when other wildlife habitats are affected
- Title 16 Fish Habitat permit for disturbing anadromous fish streams

Alaska Department of Natural Resources

- Tideland lease for structures below mean high water line
- Easement for crossing Alaska State uplands
- Permit required if more than 500 gallons per day is withdrawn from any stream
- Permits required for log transfers facilities

Dated: December 28, 1994.

David D. Rittenhouse,

Forest Supervisor.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Brass Sheet and Strip From Germany; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) has conducted administrative reviews of the antidumping duty order on brass sheet and strip from Germany. The reviews cover one manufacturer/exporter of this merchandise to the United States, Wieland Werke AG (Wieland). The periods covered are March 1, 1990 through February 28, 1991, March 1, 1991 through February 29, 1992, and March 1, 1992 through February 28, 1993. The reviews indicate the existence of dumping margins for these periods.

As result of these reviews, the Department has preliminarily determined to assess antidumping duties equal to the differences between United States price (USP) and foreign market value (FMV). We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 6, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Killiam, Chip Hayes, or John Kugelman, Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5253.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 6, 1987, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (52 FR 6997) the antidumping duty order on brass sheet and strip from Germany. Based on timely requests for review, in accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(c), we initiated administrative reviews of Wieland on March 8, 1991 (56 FR 9937), March 5, 1992, (57 FR 7910) and on March 12, 1993 (58 FR 13584) for the 1990-1991, 1991-1992, and 1992-1993 periods of review (POR's) respectively. The Department is now conducting these administrative reviews in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).