

establishing a reasonable basis to believe or suspect that the firm is uncreditworthy. While the information provided by petitioners does raise certain doubts as to Leclerc's ability to attract such financing, the financial information regarding Leclerc is incomplete. Therefore, at this time, the Department does not have a reasonable basis to believe or suspect that Leclerc is uncreditworthy.

Critical Circumstances

The petition contains an allegation that there is a reasonable basis to believe that critical circumstances exist with respect to imports of subject merchandise.

Section 703(e)(1) of the Act provides that the Department will determine that there is a reasonable basis to believe or suspect that critical circumstances exist if:

(A) The alleged countervailable subsidy is inconsistent with the Subsidies Agreement, and

(B) There have been massive imports of the subject merchandise over a relatively short period of time.

The petition contains information that satisfies these criteria. First, in accordance with section 771(5)(A)(B) of the Act, petitioners have alleged that several programs are export subsidies and, therefore, inconsistent with the Subsidies Agreement. With respect to the second statutory criterion, whether imports of the subject merchandise have been massive over a relatively short period of time, petitioners note that there has been significant import growth in recent years.

Based on the above, we find a reasonable basis to believe or suspect that critical circumstances exist and will investigate this matter further.

Distribution of Copies of the Petition

In accordance with section 702(b)(4)(A)(i) of the Act, copies of the public version of the petition have been provided to representatives of GOC. We will attempt to provide copies of the public version of the petition to all the exporters named in the petition.

ITC Notification

Pursuant to section 702(d) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of these initiations.

Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will determine by April 21, 1996, whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is being materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, by reason of imports from Canada of LHF. Any ITC determination

which is negative will result in the investigation being terminated; otherwise, the investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits. If the ITC determines that an industry in the United States is being materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, the Department will issue its preliminary determination in this investigation on May 31, 1996.

This notice is published pursuant to 702(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: March 27, 1996.

Paul L. Joffe,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Workshop

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

ACTION: Notice of public workshop; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public workshop on fish traps used in Federal waters.

DATES: The public workshop will be held on April 24, 1996 from 2:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This workshop will be held at the Board of County Commissions Conference Room (behind the courthouse) on Old Aaron Road, Crawfordville, FL. Persons may obtain a copy of Draft Reef Fish Amendment 14 from the Gulf Council.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 5401 West Kennedy Boulevard, Suite 331, Tampa, FL 33609.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Wayne Swingle, Executive Director; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Personnel from NMFS will present scientific information on the trap fishery from a vessel observer study NMFS completed during 1994 and 1995. Council staff will present the issues contained in Draft Reef Fish Amendment 14. These issues include limiting participation in the fish trap fishery by instituting a license limitation system and a proposal to prohibit use of fish traps south of 24.9° north lat. (i.e. off Dry Tortugas). This is

the second such workshop, the first being held March 11, 1996 in Duck Key, FL.

The Councils' Reef Fish Management Committee, which will be in attendance, will decide whether additional modifications should be made to the draft amendment after hearing public discussion. That action will occur at the Council meeting in Houston, TX to be held May 13-17, 1996.

Special Accommodations

This workshop is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by April 17, 1996.

Dated: March 29, 1996.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Manual for Courts-Martial

AGENCY: Joint Service Committee on Military Justice (JSC).

ACTION: Notice of proposed amendments.

SUMMARY: The Department of Defense is considering recommending changes to the Manual for Courts-Martial, United States (1995 Edition). The proposed changes are the 1996 draft annual review required by the Manual for Courts-Martial and DoD Directive 5500.17, "Review of the Manual for Courts-Martial," January 23, 1985.

The majority of the proposed changes to the MCM implement amendments to the Uniform Code of Military Justice (UCMJ), made pursuant to the Military Justice Amendments of 1995, Pub. L. No. 104-106, 110 Stat. 461 (1996). Among other things, these changes to the MCM would implement recent statutory amendments that: (1) make flight from apprehension a punishable offense; (2) make the offense of carnal knowledge gender neutral and recognize the defense of a mistake of fact as to age under certain conditions; (3) change the effective date for forfeitures of pay and allowances and reductions in grade by sentence of court-martial; (4) provide for forfeiture of pay and allowances during confinement; (5) authorize deferment of confinement during the pendency of