

enforcement agencies in Los Angeles in order to examine underlying causes of racial and ethnic tensions in the United States.

The Commission is authorized to hold hearings and to issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the attendance of witnesses pursuant to 45 CFR section 701.2(c). The Commission is an independent bipartisan, factfinding agency authorized to study, collect, and disseminate information, and to appraise the laws and policies of the Federal Government, and to study and collect information with respect to discrimination or denials of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, or in the administration of justice.

Hearing impaired persons who will attend the hearing and require the services of a sign language interpreter, should contact Betty Edmiston, Administrative Services and Clearinghouse Division, at (202) 376-8105 (TDD (202) 376-8116), at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Barbara Brooks, Press and Communications (202) 376-8312.

Dated: August 1, 1996.

Stephanie Y. Moore,

Acting Solicitor.

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Hearing on Racial and Ethnic Tensions in American Communities: Poverty, Inequality, and Discrimination—Mississippi Delta

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of Hearing.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of 1994, section 3, Pub. L. 103-419, 108 Stat. 4338, as amended, and 45 CFR section 702.3, that a public hearing of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will commence on Wednesday, September 18, through Friday, September 20, 1996, beginning daily at 8:00 a.m., in the Mississippi Room at the Ramada Inn, 2700 U.S. Highway 82 East, Greenville, Mississippi 38704.

The purpose of the hearing is to collect information within the jurisdiction of the Commission, under 45 CFR Section 702.2, related particularly to voting rights, public

education, and equality of economic opportunity in the Mississippi Delta region in order to examine underlying causes of racial and ethnic tensions in the United States.

The Commission is authorized to hold hearings and to issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the attendance of an independent bipartisan, factfinding agency authorized to study, collect, and disseminate information, and to appraise the laws and policies of the Federal Government, and to study and collect information with respect to discrimination or denials of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, or in the administration of justice.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Suspension Agreements on Uranium from the Russian Federation, Kazakstan, and Uzbekistan

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

ACTION: Notice of final decision.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce's final decision regarding natural uranium from the Russian Federation, Kazakstan, and Uzbekistan which is enriched in a third country prior to importation into the United States.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 7, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Doyle or Alexander Braier, Office of Agreements Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of

Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-0172 or (202) 482-1324, respectively.

Background

On March 27, 1995, the Department of Commerce (the Department) and the Republic of Kazakstan signed an amendment to the Kazakstani uranium suspension agreement. In part, this amendment provided that the quantitative restraints on Kazakstani-origin uranium include all uranium ore from Kazakstan that is milled into U₃O₈ and/or converted into UF₆ and/or enriched in U²³⁵ in another country prior to direct and/or indirect importation into the United States (60 FR 25692, 25693 (May 12, 1995)). In light of the fact that similar amendments were being considered for Uzbekistan and the Russian Federation, on September 22, 1995, the Department solicited contract-specific information from U.S. utilities which hold contracts for Kazakstani, Uzbek, or Russian uranium in order to assess the effect such an amendment has on importations pursuant to such contracts (60 FR 49259). The Department received five responses to its Federal Register notice.

On October 13, 1995, the Department and the Government of Uzbekistan signed an amendment providing the same quantitative restraints on Uzbek-origin uranium as those contained in the Kazakstani amendment (60 FR 55004 (October 27, 1995)). From January 22 to 26, 1996, and from February 19 to 23, 1996, the Department and the Ministry of Atomic Energy of the Russian Federation (MINATOM) held the fourth and fifth rounds of consultations regarding, among other issues, the enrichment of Russian-origin uranium in third countries. Consultations between MINATOM and the Department are ongoing.

On March 19, 1996, the Department published a proposed solution on the third country enrichment issue and solicited comments on this proposal by April 8, 1996 (61 FR 11185). The Department received 13 responses to its Federal Register notice. Based upon analysis of the parties' comments, discussion with the Petitioners and representatives for the affected utilities, and significant internal consideration, the Department detailed certain adjustments to the March 19, 1996, Federal Register proposed solution in its May 14, 1996, memorandum of Final Department Action on the Grandfathering of Third Country Enrichment of Subject Natural Uranium from Joseph A. Spetrini to Paul L. Joffe.

In this memorandum, the Department requested that all eligible contracts (as defined in the Department's March 19, 1996, Federal Register notice) be submitted in their entirety within 10 days in order to establish an upper limit to the volume of annual deliveries. The Department further requested that the utilities with eligible contracts provide the following information to the Department within 10 days: all prior deliveries made pursuant to their eligible contracts; the country of origin of the natural uranium concentrates for past and future permitted deliveries; and a certification that they permit Department verification of all information related to this matter, including, for example, requests for delivery and contracts signed with the enricher. In response to its request, the Department received five eligible contracts accompanied by the requested information and certifications.

The Department's March 19, 1996, Federal Register notice and May 14, 1996, memorandum and the eligible contracts and information received from the affected utilities, contributed to the Department's final decision regarding natural uranium from the Russian Federation, Kazakstan, and Uzbekistan which is enriched in a third country prior to importation into the United States. The specific elements of this decision are included in the attached Annex.

Dated: August 1, 1996.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Compliance.

Annex—Third Country Enrichment of Subject Uranium Decision

The Department of Commerce's decision regarding the issue of the importation of subject uranium enriched in third countries permits the entry of portions of the volume specified in certain contracts. The contracts must have been signed by March 27, 1995, which was the effective date of the first amendment to a uranium suspension agreement which addressed this issue. The Department will divide the volume of eligible contracts into two portions: (1) 75% of the volume will be permitted entry without the requirement of matching with an equal amount of newly-produced U.S. uranium; and (2) the remaining 25% will be permitted entry only if matched with an equal amount of newly-produced U.S. uranium. The decision also establishes certain procedures necessary for its efficient administration within the auspices of the suspension agreements and the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

Eligible Contracts and Permitted Volumes

- An eligible contract is defined as a natural uranium supply contract signed before March 27, 1995, that was identified in response to, and within the deadlines established by, the Department's September 22, 1995, Federal Register notice. No other natural uranium contracts, regardless of origin, shall be eligible for inclusion within the terms of the third country enrichment decision;
- The permitted volume for each contract is the nominal volume contained in each eligible contract.¹ If there is no specific nominal volume identified in the contract, the permitted volume shall be the midpoint between the highest and lowest volumes stipulated in the contract. For any contract containing an option for an additional volume which was exercised prior to March 27, 1995, the permitted volume shall be the nominal/midpoint volume of the eligible contract plus the volume of the exercised option. Similarly, for any contract which was amended prior to March 27, 1995, to provide for an additional volume, the permitted volume shall be the nominal/midpoint volume plus the volume specified in such amendment. For any contract containing an option for an additional volume which was exercised prior to March 27, 1995, and which was amended prior to March 27, 1995, to provide for an additional volume, the permitted volume shall be the sum of the nominal/midpoint volume, the optional volume, and the volume specified in the amendment;
- For each eligible contract, 75 percent of the permitted volume will be allowed entry with no documents required beyond those identified below;
- For each eligible contract, up to 25 percent of the remaining permitted volume will be allowed entry only if such importation is pursuant to a matching sale contract for an equal amount of newly produced U.S. uranium that is presented, along with complete supporting documentation, to the Department by September 3, 1996;
- Upon completion of all required actions and notification to the Department on or before September 3, 1996, a utility may increase the permitted volume of its pre-March 17, 1995, eligible contract to the contract's maximum only if the utility also presents a matching contract(s) and

¹ Most natural uranium supply contracts specify a nominal volume around which buyers and sellers expectations converge. Typically these contracts also bracket the target volume with minimum and/or maximum volumes.

complete supporting documentation for 25 percent of the contract's maximum volume to the Department by September 3, 1996; and

- All prior deliveries of uranium made pursuant to eligible contracts will be deducted from the contract's permitted volume.

Administrative Procedures

- All eligible contracts must have been submitted to the Department by May 24, 1996, and are releasable in their entirety only to qualified representatives of those interested parties which specifically request and are granted access under administrative protective order;
- By May 24, 1996, all holders of eligible contracts must have notified the Department of all prior deliveries made pursuant to their eligible contracts, specified the country of origin of the natural uranium concentrates for past and future permitted deliveries, and provided a certification that they permit Department verification of all information related to this matter, including, for example, requests for delivery and contracts signed with the enricher. Pursuant to the March 19, 1996, Federal Register notice, all holders of eligible contracts must have agreed to permit Department verification of information regarding shipment of the permitted volumes, including, but not limited to, analyses of the tails assays and enrichment percentages to derive feed-to-product ratios;
- In order to facilitate Customs clearance of shipments of permitted volumes, holders of eligible contracts shall provide the Department with appropriate shipping information at least 10 days in advance of the date the shipment is due to reach the United States. Upon receipt of complete and accurate shipping information, the Department will provide Customs with clearance within five days. Certifications or licenses from the appropriate suspension agreement countries shall not be required (see document requirements below);
- The Department will administer each eligible contract on a contract-by-contract basis, directly with the utility which is a party to the eligible contract; and
- The Department will administer any such matching sales consistent with the Department's existing practice, as specified in Section IV of the Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation (the Amended Russian Agreement), and appropriate

Statements of Administrative Intent, and any subsequent amendments incorporating such practice.

Documents Required for Shipment Clearance

For both unmatched and matched shipments under eligible contracts, the information identified below must be provided to the Department as early as possible, but in no case later than ten days, prior to importation into the United States:

1. Contract information, including the holder of the grandfathered contract (company's name), the particular eligible contract, whether the shipment volume is matched or unmatched, and, if matched, the applicable matched sale;

2. The following shipment information regarding the uranium to be imported: volume, value, port of export, port of entry, exporter and importer of the merchandise, party for whose account the material is being imported, shipment date, vessel name and estimated date of arrival;

3. Bills of lading, airway bills or other documentation from a third party showing the amount, type and value of the shipment;

4. Packing lists/shipping specifications;

5. Request(s) for delivery from the utility(ies)/customer(s) to the natural uranium supplier(s) and enricher(s); if not otherwise included in these requests for delivery, the enrichment percentage and tails assay must be provided;

6. Entry number from Customs (if available); and

7. Certification(s) from the party for whose account the uranium is being imported addressed to Customs which state the following:

a. The uranium being imported was not obtained under any arrangement, swap, exchange or other transaction designed to circumvent the agreements with Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, the Russian Federation, and/or Uzbekistan and/or the antidumping duty on Ukraine and/or the export limits for uranium pursuant to the March 27, 1995, amendment to the Kazakstani agreement and the October 13, 1995, amendment to the Uzbek agreement;

b. The country of origin of the mining and, if applicable, conversion, enrichment and/or fabrication; and

c. The imported material will not be sold, loaned, swapped or utilized other than for delivery to the United States end-user for consumption in accordance with Section II(h) of the amended Russian suspension agreement, Section II(e) of the amended Kazakstani suspension amendment or Section II(f)

of the amended Uzbek suspension agreement, as appropriate.

Total Volumes

The total volume of all eligible contracts submitted to the Department in response to its May 14, 1996, memorandum is 11,531,154 pounds U₃O₈ equivalent on the basis of maximum values; correspondingly, 25 percent of this maximum value total is 2,882,789 pounds U₃O₈ equivalent. In accordance with Section IV.B "Per Company Limits for Matched Imports" of the Amended Russian Agreement, a U.S. producer may match up to 20 percent of the available material under these eligible contracts. Therefore, U.S. producers intending to enter into matching sales with holders of eligible contracts may match up to 576,558 pounds U₃O₈ equivalent of uranium.

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Cotton Shop Towels From Peru: Intent To Terminate Suspended Investigation

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

ACTION: Notice of intent to terminate suspended investigation.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is notifying the public of its intent to terminate the suspended countervailing duty investigation of cotton shop towels from Peru. Domestic interested parties who object to termination of the suspended investigation must submit their comments in writing not later than 30 days from the publication of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 7, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Rick Johnson or Jean Kemp, Office of Agreements Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3793.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department may terminate a suspended investigation if the Secretary of Commerce concludes that it is no longer of interest to interested parties. Accordingly, as required by the Department's regulations (at 19 C.F.R. 355.25(d)(4)), we are notifying the public of our intent to terminate the suspended countervailing duty investigation of cotton shop towels from

Peru, for which the Department has not received a request to conduct an administrative review for the most recent four consecutive annual anniversary months.

In accordance with section 355.25(d)(4)(iii) of the Department's regulations, if no domestic interested party (as defined in sections 355.2 (i)(3), (i)(4), (i)(5), and (i)(6) of the regulations) objects to the Department's intent to terminate the suspended investigation pursuant to this notice, we shall conclude that the suspension agreement is no longer of interest to interested parties and proceed with the termination. However, if a domestic interested party does object to the Department's intent to terminate pursuant to this notice, the Department will not terminate the suspended investigation.

Opportunity To Object

Not later than 30 days from the publication of this notice, domestic interested parties may object to the Department's intent to terminate this suspended investigation. Any submission objecting to the termination must contain the name and case number of the suspension agreement and a statement that explains how the objecting party qualifies as a domestic interested party under sections 355.2 (i)(3), (i)(4), (i)(5), or (i)(6) of the Department's regulations.

Seven copies of any such objections should be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Room B-099, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

This notice is in accordance with 19 CFR 355.25(d)(4)(i).

Dated: July 26, 1996.

Joseph A. Spetrini,
Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Advisory Committee and Species Working Group Technical Advisor Appointments

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

ACTION: Nominations.