

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is notifying the public of its revocation of the antidumping duty order on pads for woodwind instrument keys from Italy because it is no longer of any interest to domestic interested parties.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 4, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lyn Johnson or Michael Panfeld, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone (202) 482-5287.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department may revoke an antidumping duty order if the Secretary concludes that the duty order is no longer of any interest to domestic interested parties. We conclude that there is no interest in an antidumping duty order when no interested party has requested an administrative review for five consecutive review periods and when no domestic interested party objects to revocation (19 CFR § 353.25(d)(4)(iii)).

On September 3, 1996, the Department published in the Federal Register (61 FR 46437) its notice of intent to revoke the antidumping duty order on pads for woodwind instrument keys from Italy (September 21, 1984). Additionally, as required by 19 CFR § 353.25(d)(4)(ii), the Department served written notice of its intent to revoke this antidumping duty order on each domestic interested party on the service list. Domestic interested parties who might object to the revocation were provided the opportunity to submit their comments not later than the last day of the anniversary month.

In this case, we received no requests for review for five consecutive review periods. Furthermore, no domestic interested party, as defined under § 353.2(k)(3), (k)(4), (k)(5), or (k)(6) of the Department's regulations, has expressed opposition to revocation. Based on these facts, we have concluded that the antidumping duty order on pads for woodwind instrument keys from Italy is no longer of any interest to interested parties. Accordingly, we are revoking this antidumping duty order in accordance with 19 CFR § 353.25(d)(4)(iii).

Scope of the Order

Imports covered by the revocation are shipments of pads for woodwind instrument keys from Italy. This merchandise is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedules

(HTS) item number 9209.99.40. The HTS number is provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

This revocation applies to all unliquidated entries of pads for woodwind instrument keys from Italy entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after September 1, 1996. Entries made during the period September 1, 1995, through August 31, 1996, will be subject to automatic assessment in accordance with 19 CFR § 353.22(e). The Department will instruct the Customs Service to proceed with liquidation of all unliquidated entries of this merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after September 1, 1996, without regard to antidumping duties, and to refund any estimated antidumping duties collected with respect to those entries. This notice is in accordance with 19 CFR § 353.25(d).

Dated: October 23, 1996.
Barbara R. Stafford,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement.
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Amendments to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium From the Russian Federation

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

ACTION: Notice of amendments to the agreement suspending the antidumping investigation on uranium from the Russian Federation.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) and the Ministry of Atomic Energy of the Russian Federation (MINATOM) have signed two amendments to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation, as amended (the Suspension Agreement). One amendment provides for the sale in the United States of feed associated with imports of low-enriched uranium (LEU) derived from high-enriched uranium (HEU) which makes the Suspension Agreement consistent with the USEC Privatization Act. The second amendment restores previously unused quota for separative work units, and covers Russian uranium which has been enriched in a third country within the terms of the Suspension Agreement, for

a period of two years from the effective date of the amendments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 3, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James Doyle, Sally C. Gannon, or Karla Whalen, Office of Antidumping Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Group 3, Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0172, (202) 482-1391, or (202) 482-0408, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 16, 1992, the Department and the GRF signed the Suspension Agreement on uranium and, on October 30, 1992, the Agreement was published in the Federal Register (57 FR 49220, 49235). On March 11, 1994, the Department and the GRF signed an amendment to the Suspension Agreement on uranium and, on April 1, 1994, this amendment was published in the Federal Register (59 FR 15373). This amendment provided for entry of Russian uranium into the United States based on a concept of matched sales between the United States and Russian producers. Although this amendment has operated to the benefit of all parties concerned, substantial qualities of uranium products not subject to the Suspension Agreement which were produced from Russian ore began to undermine the Suspension Agreement. Thus, pursuant to Section X.B. of the Suspension Agreement, the Department and the GRF entered into consultations. A proposed amendment providing for coverage of Russian ore which has been enriched in a third country was initialled on August 16, 1996. In addition, on August 16, 1996, the Department and the GRF initialled an amendment in order to allow HEU feed¹ to be used in matched sales.² The Department subsequently released the proposed amendments to interested parties for comment. After careful consideration by the Department of the comments submitted and further consultations between the two parties, the Department and the GRF signed the final amendments on October 3, 1996.

¹ HEU feed refers to the natural uranium feed associated with the LEU (derived from HEU), which is imported pursuant to the Agreement Between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation Concerning the Disposition of Highly Enriched Uranium Extracted from Nuclear Weapons (The HEU Agreement), signed February 18, 1993.

² A third amendment dealing with the re-export provision was initialled on August 16, 1996 as well, but this amendment has not yet been finalized.

The text of these amendments follow in the Annex to this notice.

Dated: October 24, 1996.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Annex

(Amendment Regarding HEU Feed)

Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium From the Russian Federation

Consistent with the requirement of Section 734(l) of the U.S. Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, to prevent the suppression or undercutting of price levels of domestic products in the United States, Section IV of the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation, as amended on March 11, 1994, (the Agreement) is amended as set forth below. All other provisions of the Agreement, particularly Section VII, remain in force and apply to this Amendment.

1. Section IV.M.2 is replaced with:

2. Exports pursuant to such sales will not be counted against the export limits established in accordance with this Section IV. Permitting importation and disposition of the HEU, or LEU derived from the HEU, is consistent with the purposes of this Agreement, subject to the following requirements: (1) The HEU or LEU must be disposed of by DOE or the United States Executive Agent(s) consistent with the Agreement between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Russian Federation Concerning the Disposition of Highly Enriched Uranium Extracted from Nuclear Weapons; (2) Uranium products deemed to be of Russian origin pursuant to section 3112(b) of P.L. 104-134, the USEC Privatization Act, must be sold only in accordance with section 3112(b) and the relevant provisions of this Agreement, as amended; (3) Contracts for the purchase of the HEU or LEU must be provided to the Department; and (4) Annual summaries of disposition of the HEU and LEU, and uranium products deemed to be of Russian origin pursuant to section 3112(b) of P.L. 104-134, the USEC Privatization Act, must be provided to the Department.

2. Paragraph two of Section IV of the Agreement is amended as follows:

Sentence two, beginning "For purposes of this Section, Russian-origin means," is replaced by:

For purposes of this Section, Russian-origin means natural uranium (*i.e.* U₃O₈

or UF₆) or SWU which is produced in Russia and exported from Russia for the first time after March 11, 1994, or uranium hexafluoride (and U₃O₈ derived therefrom) deemed to be of Russian origin pursuant to section 3112(b) of P.L. 104-134, the USEC Privatization Act.

The Parties agree that this Amendment constitutes an integral part of the Agreement.

The English language version of this Amendment shall be controlling.

Signed on this 27th day of September, 1996.

For the Ministry of Atomic Energy of the Russian Federation:

N. N. Yegorov,

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Atomic Energy of the Russian Federation.

Signed on this 3rd day of October, 1996.

For the United States Department of Commerce:

(Joseph A. Spetrini, for)

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

(Amendment Regarding Russian Uranium Enriched in a Third Country Prior to Entry Into the United States and the Separative Work Unit Quota)

Amendment to the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium From the Russian Federation

Consistent with the requirement of Section 734(1) of the U.S. Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act) to prevent the suppression or undercutting of price levels of domestic products in the United States, Sections III, IV, VII, X, and Attachment 1 of the Agreement Suspending the Antidumping Investigation on Uranium from the Russian Federation, as amended on March 11, 1994 (the Agreement), are amended as set forth below. All other provisions of the Agreement, particularly Section VII, remain in force and apply to this Amendment.

1. Section III, "Product Coverage," is amended as follows:

The second paragraph of Section III, beginning "Uranium ore * * *," is replaced by:

Further, uranium ore from Russia 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 is considered uranium from Russia and is subject to the terms of this Agreement. When imported as enriched uranium (excluding highly enriched uranium (HEU) and LEU derived from HEU, imported pursuant to Section IV.M of this Agreement and subject to

the provisions of the USEC Privatization Act, P.L. 104-134), the full amount of the natural uranium equivalent required to produce the enriched product will be counted against the existing quota under this Agreement. For the purposes of calculating this amount of natural uranium, the terms of the last bullet of definition II (a) shall apply unless otherwise reported.

The second sentence in the third paragraph of Section III, beginning "Uranium enriched in U²³⁵ in another country * * *," is deleted.

2. Paragraph D of Section VII, "Anticircumvention," is amended as follows:

D. In addition to the above requirements, the Department shall direct the U.S. Customs Service to require all importers of uranium into the United States, regardless of stated country of origin, to submit at the time of entry written statements certifying the following:

(A) The country(ies) in which the ore was mined and, if applicable, converted, enriched, and/or fabricated (unless for use as a fuel assembly in the United States as fabricated), for all imports; and

(B) That the uranium being imported was not obtained under any arrangement, swap, or other exchange designed to circumvent the export limits for uranium of Russian origin established by this agreement.

Where there is reason to believe that such a certification has been made falsely, the Department will refer the matter to Customs or the Department of Justice for further action.

The Department and MINATOM reaffirm that an export certificate endorsed by the Ministry of Foreign Economic Relations (MFER) is required as a condition of entry into the United States. Under no circumstances will uranium from the Russian Federation be allowed entry into the United States without an authorized export certificate allowing importation into the United States.

3. Paragraph one of Section IV.A of the Agreement, as amended on March 11, 1994, is amended as follows:

- Sentence five, beginning "Because the annual matching SWU quota expires," is deleted, and replaced with "The SWU available for matching under this section which was not matched by March 31, 1996, 1,608,840 SWU, may be sold through matched sales at any time on or before [the date two years after the effective date of this Amendment]. After that date, no further matched SWU sales will be allowed."

- Sentence six, beginning "However," is deleted, and replaced with the following: "However, the matching

SWU sold during 1994 and 1995, as well as on or before [the date two years after the effective date of this Amendment], may be delivered at any time during the life of the relevant matched sales contract."

5. Attachment 1 is amended as follows:

Add footnote 2 to the "2,000,000" volumes in the "SWU" column for the years 1994 and 1995. Footnote 2 shall read:

Beginning on the effective date of this Amendment, the remaining SWU quota from 1994 and 1995, 1,608,840 SWU, may be used for matched sales consistent with Section IV.A of this Agreement.

6. Section X., Consultations, is amended by adding the following:

C. No later than [the date one year after the effective date of this Amendment], the Department and MINATOM shall enter into consultations toward the consideration of a possible successor plan for containing their cooperative efforts on the issues addressed by this amendment.

These modifications to Sections III, IV, VII, X, and Attachment 1 will remain in effect until [the date two years after the effective date of this Amendment].

The Parties agree that this Amendment constitutes an integral part of the Agreement.

The English language version of this Amendment shall be controlling.

Signed on this 27th day of September, 1996.

For the Ministry of Atomic Energy of the Russian Federation:

N.N. Yegorov,

Deputy Minister, Ministry of Atomic Energy of the Russian Federation.

Signed on this 3rd day of October, 1996.

For the United States Department of Commerce:

(Joseph A. Spetrini, for)

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting 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 Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Socioeconomic Assessment Panel (SEP).

DATES: The meeting will be held beginning at 1:00 p.m. on December 2, 1996, and will conclude at 5:00 p.m. on December 4, 1996.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Radisson Bay Harbor Inn, 7700 Courtney Campbell Causeway, Tampa, FL; telephone: 813-281-8900.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Antonio B. Lamberte, Economist; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting will be to review available social and economic data on the Gulf of Mexico red snapper, vermilion, and amberjack fisheries and to determine the social and economic implications of the levels of acceptable biological catch recommended by the Council's Reef Fish Stock Assessment Panel. The SEP may recommend to the Council total allowable catch levels for the 1996-97 fishing year. The SEP will also review a draft of Amendment 15 to the Reef Fish Fishery Management Plan. This amendment proposes a license limitation program for the commercial red snapper fishery.

A copy of the agenda can be obtained by contacting the Council (see **ADDRESSES**).

Special Accommodations

This meeting 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 November 22, 1996.

Dated: October 28, 1996.

Bruce Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Issuance of scientific research permit 1018.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that on September 27, 1996, NMFS issued scientific research permit 1018 to Thomas S. Squiers, Jr., of the Maine Department of Marine Resources (P618), to take listed shortnose sturgeon for the purpose of scientific research subject to certain conditions set forth therein.

ADDRESSES: The application, permit, and related documents are available for review by appointment in the following offices:

Office of Protected Resources, F/PR3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Hwy., Room 13307, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (301-713-1401); and

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298 (508-281-9250).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Notice was published on August 16, 1996 (61 FR 42592) that an application had been filed by Thomas S. Squiers, Jr., Maine Department of Marine Resources (P618), to take listed shortnose sturgeon as authorized by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA) (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 217-222).

The applicant requested a five-year permit to capture, examine, tag, and take tissue samples of 500 adult listed shortnose sturgeon annually in Maine waters. 50 of these adult shortnose sturgeon may be fitted with a sonic transmitter and a Carlin tag. The applicant has requested authorization to capture and release 25 juvenile shortnose sturgeon, and to lethally take 200 eggs and 50 larvae. The applicant also has requested two incidental mortalities per year. The purpose of the research is to determine migratory movements and to help identify spawning, feeding, and overwintering areas.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species that is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: October 29, 1996.

Robert C. Ziobro,

Acting Chief, Endangered Species Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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