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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Committee of Scientists; Meetings Schedule

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meetings.

SUMMARY: At its organizational meeting December 19, 1997, in Chicago, Illinois, the Committee of Scientists agreed on its schedule of meetings for January and February and developed the agenda for the January 22–23 meeting, which will be held in Denver, Colorado. The purpose of the January meeting is for the Committee to discuss planning issues on the National Forests in the Rocky Mountain Region (Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska, South Dakota, and eastern Wyoming); to share information and ideas about Committee members' assignments; to review the National Forest Management Act and its history; to discuss scientific principles underlying land and resource management; and to conduct any other Committee business that may arise. The meeting is open to public attendance, and on January 22, beginning at 4 p.m., citizens may address the Committee to present ideas on how to improve National Forest System land and resource management planning. Citizens who wish to speak must register at the meeting before 4 p.m., and each speaker will be limited to a maximum of 5 minutes. Persons may also submit written suggestions to the Committee.

DATES: Meetings of the Committee are scheduled for January 22–23, 1998, in Denver, CO; February 12–13, in Seattle, WA; and February 24–25 in Atlanta, GA.

ADDRESSES: The January 22–23 meeting will be held at the Hyatt Regency, 1750 Welton Street, Denver, Colorado. On January 22, the meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and end at 7 p.m. On January 23,

the meeting will begin at 8 a.m. and end at 4 p.m.

Facilities for the February meetings have not been booked. Separate notice of the addresses and times for those meetings will be published later.

Written comments on improving land and resource management planning must be sent to the Committee of Scientists, Mail Stop 1104, Forest Service, USDA, Box 96090, Washington, D.C. 20090–6090.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Bob Cunningham, Designated Federal Official to the Committee of Scientists, Telephone: 202–205–2494.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee of Scientists is chartered to provide scientific and technical advice to the Secretary of Agriculture and the Chief of the Forest Service on improvements that can be made to the National Forest System land and resource management planning process (62 FR 43691; August 15, 1997). Notice of the members appointed to the Committee was published December 16, 1997, at 62 FR 65795. When the agenda and locations for the February meetings are known, the agency will publish a separate notice in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

Robert C. Joslin,

Deputy Chief, National Forest Systems.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE AND TIME: January 13, 1998; 9:30 a.m.

PLACE: Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

CLOSED MEETING: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded nonmilitary international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that

would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)). In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c) (2) and (6)).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact Brenda Thomas at (202) 401–3736.

Dated: January 5, 1998.

David W. Burke,
Chairman.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign Trade Zones Board

[Order No. 946]

Grant of Authority; Establishment of a Foreign-Trade Zone Merced, Madera and Fresno Counties, California

Pursuant to its authority under the Foreign-Trade Zones Act of June 18, 1934, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) adopts the following Order:

Whereas, by an Act of Congress approved June 18, 1934, an Act “To provide for the establishment of foreign-trade zones in ports of entry of the United States, to expedite and encourage foreign commerce, and for other purposes,” as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a–81u) (the Act), the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) is authorized to grant to qualified corporations the privilege of establishing foreign-trade zones in or adjacent to U.S. Customs ports of entry;

Whereas, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Merced, California (the Grantee) has made application to the Board (FTZ Docket 55–97, 62 FR 36258, 7–7–97), requesting the establishment of a foreign-trade zone at sites in Merced, Madera and Fresno Counties, California, adjacent to the Fresno Customs port of entry; and,

Whereas, notice inviting public comment has been given in the **Federal**

Register, and the Board adopts the findings and recommendations of the examiner's report and finds that the requirements of the Act and the Board's regulations are satisfied, and that approval of the application is in the public interest;

Now, therefore, the Board hereby grants to the Grantee the privilege of establishing a foreign-trade zone, designated on the records of the Board as Foreign-Trade Zone No. 226, at the sites described in the application, subject to the Act and the Board's regulations, including Section 400.28, and subject to the standard 2,000-acre activation limit.

Signed at Washington, DC, this 22nd day of December, 1997.

Foreign-Trade Zones Board.

William M. Daley,

Secretary of Commerce, Chairman and Executive Officer.

John J. Da Ponte, Jr.,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-122-601]

Brass Sheet and Strip From Canada; Notice of Rescission of Termination of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of termination of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On October 29, 1997 the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** a notice of termination of the administrative review of brass sheet and strip from Canada covering imports of subject merchandise for the period January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993. Due to a procedural oversight by the Department, the signature date of this notice of termination was October 21, 1997, one day prior to the date of the respondent's formal written request, which was submitted to the Department on October 22, 1997. In light of this procedural error, the Department is rescinding its termination of this review and is opening the administrative record of this proceeding for comments by interested parties on the question of termination of this review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 7, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Stolz or Thomas Futtner, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4474 or (202) 482-3814 respectively.

Applicable Statute and Regulations: Unless otherwise stated, all citations to the statute and to the Department's regulations are references to the provisions as they existed on December 31, 1997.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department published an antidumping duty finding on brass sheet and strip from Canada on January 12, 1987 (52 FR 1217). On January 5, 1994, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty finding on brass sheet and strip from Canada (59 FR 564). On January 21, 1994, a manufacturer/exporter, Wolverine Tube (Canada) Inc., (Wolverine) requested an administrative review of its exports of the subject merchandise to the United States for the period of review January 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993. In accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(c), we initiated the review on February 17, 1994 (59 FR 7979). On or about October 17, 1997, Wolverine notified the Department by telephone of its intent to request termination of this review. The Department then prepared a notice of termination for the **Federal Register** pending receipt of Wolverine's formal written request. This written request was dated and received by the Department on October 22, 1997. The notice of termination was published in the **Federal Register** on October 29, 1997. However, due to a procedural oversight, the signature date of the notice was October 21, 1997, one day prior to actual receipt of the written request for termination. In the interest of procedural integrity, the Department is hereby rescinding its termination of this review in order to afford interested parties the opportunity to comment as to whether this review should be terminated or not. Thus, interested parties may submit comments of on the issue of termination of this review only, within 10 calendar days of publication of this notice. Interested parties may submit rebuttal comments beginning on the eleventh calendar day after publication of this notice and no later than the twentieth day after publication

of this notice. The Department will then review any comments submitted and make a determination as to whether or not this review should be terminated.

Dated: December 30, 1997.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Group II, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-827]

Certain Cased Pencils From the People's Republic of China; Final Results of Antidumping Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of antidumping duty administrative review of certain cased pencils from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: On September 5, 1997, the Department of Commerce published the preliminary results and partial rescission of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain cased pencils from the People's Republic of China covering the period of review of December 1, 1995, through November 30, 1996 (62 FR 46945). We gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results. We received one comment from the petitioners, the Pencil Section of the Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association and its members (domestic producers of pencils). We received no other comments from respondents or other interested parties. Based on our analysis of the comment received, there are no changes to these final results of review from the preliminary results of review, and the review indicates the existence of a country-wide dumping margin of 53.65 percent for this period.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 7, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jack Dulberger or Irene Darzenta, AD/CVD Enforcement Group II, Office Four, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-5505/6320.

APPLICABLE STATUTE: Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the