

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-508-605]

Certain Industrial Phosphoric Acid From Israel; Extension of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Extension of time limit for countervailing duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the final results of the third administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain industrial phosphoric acid from Israel, covering the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995. This extension is made pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 9, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher Cassel or Lorenza Olivas, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

Postponement.

Under the Act, the Department of Commerce (the Department) may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit of 365 days. The Department finds that it is not practicable to complete the calendar year 1995 administrative review of industrial phosphoric acid from Israel within this time limit.

In accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act, the Department will extend the time for completion of the final results of this review from January 8, 1998 to no later than March 9, 1998.

Dated: December 19, 1997.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement, Group II.

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Cooperative Agreement Program for an American Business Center® in Russia

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration (ITA) is soliciting competitive applications to establish and operate an American Business Center® (ABC®) in Samara, Russia for a three (3) year multi-year award period. ABC® Samara will encourage the export of U.S. goods and services and stimulate trade and investment in Russia. Funds to support the new ABC® award are not currently available. Any award resulting from this announcement is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds.

ABC® Samara will provide, on a user fee basis, a broad range of business development and facilitation services to United States companies in Russia. Services provided by ABC® Samara will be designed to encourage more U.S. firms to explore opportunities for trade and investment in Russia and to help them conduct business there more effectively. The core services to be provided by the ABC® include: International telephone, fax, and data transmission; temporary office space; space for meetings, small seminars, and small product exhibitions or demonstrations; secretarial support (e.g., word processing, typing, message taking); translator/interpreters; photocopying; market research; counseling on local business conditions; and arranging appointments with Russian business contacts. The Center also will work closely with Russian businesses to help them become more attractive trading partners; identify and report obstacles to trade and investment; and serve as a link between financial institutions, U.S. companies, and Russian enterprises.

In addition to these core services, the ABC® will support U.S. Government activities under the Regional Investment Initiative (RII). This will include providing, at cost, support for the activities of the RII coordinator. Such support may include office space, computers, telecommunications equipment and secretarial and translation services.

DATES: ITA will accept only those applications which are received at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1235, HCHB, no later than 3:00 pm E.S.T. February 9, 1998. Late applications will not be accepted and will not be considered. On January 9, 1998 competitive application kits are available from the Department of Commerce.

ADDRESSES: To obtain a copy of the application kit, please send a written request with a self-addressed mail label to: Russia-NIS Program Office, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, Room 1235, HCHB, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Requests for application kits also may be faxed to 202-482-2456. Only one application kit will be provided to each organization requesting it, but the kit may be reproduced by the requester. All forms necessary to submit an application will be included in the application kit. Completed applications should be returned to the same address. Applicants must submit a signed original and two copies of the application and supporting materials. It is anticipated that it will take ten weeks after the deadline for receipt of applications to process applications and make an award.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Applicants wishing further information should contact Ms. E. Vivian Spathopoulos, Deputy Director, Russia-NIS Program Office, U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service, U.S. Department of Commerce, room 1235, HCHB, Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-2902, or Fax: (202) 482-2456.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Program Authority**

The American Business Center® program is authorized by Title III of the "Freedom for Russia and Emerging Eurasian Democracies and Open Markets Support Act of 1992" or the "FREEDOM Support Act", Public Law 102-511. Funding for the program is provided by the Agency for International Development under Section 632(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended.

Eligible Applicants

United States for-profit firms, non-profit organizations, non-Federal government agencies, industry and trade associations, and educational institutions are eligible to apply. An enterprise which includes or intends to include participation of host country citizens or entities will be considered an eligible applicant only so long as the