

of the hot-rolled lead bar investigations. U.S. re-rollers were purchasing lead billets and rolling them into hot-rolled lead bar before 1992. As noted above, Republic began purchasing lead billets in the mid-80's from foreign sources. New hot-rolled lead bar entrants came into the market after the departure of Bethlehem, causing an increase in the demand for lead billets. While Bethlehem was able to produce its own lead billets, the two new entrants, Bar Tech and Sheffield, have to purchase their lead billets from independent sources. In addition, there were also shifts from domestic to foreign billet suppliers because the domestic companies producing lead billets were only able to meet their own internal consumption needs. As discussed above, since 1996, both AS&W and Sheffield have been forced to source lead billets from foreign suppliers as a result of the termination of their supply arrangements with USS/KOBE and Inland, respectively.

Our analysis demonstrates that imposition of the hot-rolled lead bar orders in 1993, was not the impetus for the importation of lead billet by the U.S. re-rollers in order to produce hot-25 rolled lead bar. As noted above, a number of the U.S. re-rollers were producing hot-rolled lead bar prior to the orders and continued to produce hot-rolled lead bar after the orders. In addition, these unaffiliated U.S. re-rollers invested a substantial amount in their rolling facilities both before and after the AD and CVD orders to roll both lead and non-lead billets into hot-rolled bar.

The facts of these inquiries also show that the foreign respondents did not change their product lines in the United States as a result of the initiation of the hot-rolled lead bar investigations. As noted, Thyssen's primary market in the United States has been lead billets since the mid-80's. British Steel, which commenced selling lead billets in 1994, continues to export a significant amount of hot-rolled lead bar to the United States.

Based upon this analysis under section 781(a) of the Act, we preliminarily find that circumvention of the AD and CVD orders on hot-rolled lead bar is not occurring by reason of imports of lead billets from Germany and the United Kingdom.

Public Comment

Interested parties may request disclosure of the calculations performed for these determinations within five days of the date of publication of this determination, and may request a hearing within 10 days of publication.

Case briefs and/or written comments from interested parties may be submitted no later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to comments, limited to issues raised in those briefs or comments, may be filed no later than 37 days after the publication of this notice. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the publication of this notice. The Department will publish the final determinations with respect to these anti-circumvention inquiries, including the results of its analysis of any written comments.

These negative preliminary circumvention determinations and notice are in accordance with section 781(a) of the Tariff Act and 19 CFR 353.29(e) and 19 CFR 355.29(e).

Dated: April 23, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Membership Opportunity for the U.S.-Haiti Business Development Council

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

SUMMARY: The U.S.-Haiti Business Development Council (BDC) was established in December, 1994 as a principal component of the Department of Commerce's program of activities in support of the Clinton Administration's Haiti Recovery Initiative. The BDC is chaired jointly by the U.S. and Haitian governments. The Department of Commerce is currently seeking nominations of outstanding individuals to serve on the U.S. section of the BDC as representatives of their particular industry sector. The purpose of the BDC is to provide a forum through which U.S. and Haitian private sector representatives can engage in constructive exchanges of information on commercial matters, and in which governments can exchange information and more effectively work together on issues of mutual concern relating to the following:

- Identifying commercial opportunities, impediments, and issues of concern to the respective business communities;
- Improving the dissemination of appropriate commercial information on both markets;

- Promoting trade/business development and promotion programs to assist the respective business communities in accessing each market, including trade missions, exhibits, seminars, and other events;
- Facilitating appropriate technical cooperation; and,
- Considering other steps that may be taken to foster growth and enhance commercial relations.

Obligations

Private sector members will be appointed for a two (2) year term and will serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. Private sector members shall serve as representatives of the business community and the industry their business represents. Private sector members are expected to participate fully in defining the agenda for the Council and in implementing its work program. It is expected that private sector members chosen for BDC membership will attend at least seventy-five percent (75%) of the BDC meetings which will be held in the United States and Haiti.

Private sector members are fully responsible for travel, living and personal expenses associated with their participation in the BDC. The private sector members will serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of the particular business sector in which they operate; private sector members are not special government employees. It is anticipated that the private sector members of the BDC will form a steering committee to guide overall private sector participation. It is further anticipated that the steering committee will arrange for staff support for the BDC activities at the expense of the steering committee members.

Criteria

The Council shall be composed of two sections, a U.S. section and a Haitian section. The U.S. section will be chaired by the Under Secretary for International Trade of the Department of Commerce, or his designee, and will include approximately 25 members from the U.S. private sector. All potential candidates will be vetted in accordance with the Department of Commerce's vetting procedures.

In order to be eligible for membership in the U.S. section, potential candidates must:

- Must represent a U.S. commercial interest involved in trade and/or investment in Haiti; and,
- Not be a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938, as amended (FARA).

In reviewing eligible candidates, the Department of Commerce will consider such selection factors as:

- Depth of experience in the Haitian market;
- Import/export experience;
- Industry or service sector represented;
- When possible, contribution to diversity based on company size, location, demographics, and traditional under-representation in business; and,
- Stated commitment to actively participate in BDC activities and meetings.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: name and title of individual proposed for consideration; name and address of company or organization sponsoring each individual; company's or organization's product or service line; size of company or organization; export experience/foreign investment experience; a brief statement (not more than 2 pages) on why each candidate should be considered for membership on the Council; the particular segment of the business community each candidate would represent; and a statement that the applicant is not a registered Foreign Agent under the FARA.

DEADLINE: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received no later than June 1, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to Ms. Elizabeth Jaffee, Haiti Desk Officer, Office of Latin America and the Caribbean, by fax on 202/482-0464 or by mail at Room 3025, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Elizabeth Jaffee, Haiti Desk Officer, Office of Latin America/Caribbean, Room 3025, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202/482-4302.

Authority: Act of February 14, 1903, c.552, as amended, 15 U.S.C. 1512, 32 Stat. 825.

Dated: April 28, 1998.

Walter M. Bastian,

Director, Office of Latin America and the Caribbean.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of first request for panel review.

SUMMARY: On April 14, 1998, Cemex, S.A. de C.V. filed a first Request for Panel Review with the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. A second request for Panel Review was filed by Cementos de Chihuahua S.A. de C.V. Panel review was requested of the final antidumping determination review made by the International Trade Administration in the sixth administrative review respecting Gray Portland Cement and Clinker from Mexico. This determination was published in the **Federal Register** on March 16, 1998 (63 FR 12764). The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-MEX-98-1904-02 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James R. Holbein, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686). The panel review in this matter will be conducted in accordance with these Rules.

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the U.S. Section of the

NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on April 14, 1998, requesting panel review of the final antidumping duty administrative review described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is May 14, 1998);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is May 29, 1998); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: April 15, 1998.

James R. Holbein,

U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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COMMISSION OF FINE ARTS

Notice of Meeting

The next meeting of the Commission of Fine Arts is scheduled for 21 May 1998 at 10:00 AM in the Commission's offices at the National Building Museum (Pension Building), Suite 312, Judiciary Square, 441 F Street, NW., Washington, DC 20001. The meeting will focus on a variety of projects affecting the appearance of the city.

Inquiries regarding the agenda and requests to submit written or oral statements should be addressed to Charles H. Atherton, Secretary, Commission of Fine Arts, at the above address or call 202-504-2200. Individuals requiring sign language interpretation for the hearing impaired should contact the Secretary at least 10 days before the meeting date.

Dated in Washington, DC 23 April 1998.

Charles H. Atherton,

Secretary.

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