

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

[C-423-809, C-475-823, C-580-832, and C-791-806]

**Notice of Postponement of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Investigations: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils From Belgium, Italy, the Republic of Korea, and the Republic of South Africa**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 8, 1998.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Zak Smith (Belgium), at (202) 482-1279; Cynthia Thirumalai (Italy), at (202) 482-4087; Christopher Cassel (the Republic of Korea), at (202) 482-4847; and Dana Mermelstein (the Republic of South Africa), at (202) 482-0984, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

*Postponement*

On April 20, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated countervailing duty investigations of stainless steel plate in coils from Belgium, Italy, the Republic of Korea, and the Republic of South Africa. On May 27, 1998, in accordance with section 351.205(e) of the Department's regulations, petitioners made a timely request that the Department postpone its preliminary determinations. As we find no compelling reasons to deny this request, we are postponing the preliminary determinations in these investigations to no later than August 28, 1998, pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

This notice is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: June 1, 1998.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of an experimental fishing permit.

**SUMMARY:** This notice announces receipt of an application from John Gauvin, Groundfish Forum, Inc., for an Experimental Fishing Permit (EFP). If awarded, this permit would be used to develop a device for flatfish trawls that may lower halibut bycatch rates without significantly lowering catch rates of target flatfish species. It is intended to promote the objectives of the Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Groundfish of the Gulf of Alaska.

**ADDRESSES:** Copies of the EFP application are available by writing to Steven Pennoyer, Administrator, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802, Attn: Lori Gravel.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Susan Salvesson, 907-586-7228.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The FMP and its implementing regulations at 50 CFR part 679.6 authorize issuance of EFPs to allow fishing that would otherwise be prohibited. Procedures for issuing EFPs are contained in the implementing regulations. NMFS received a permit request from the applicant on May 15, 1997, that, if approved, would be used to develop a device for flatfish trawls that may lower halibut bycatch rates without significantly lowering catch rates of target flatfish species.

In accordance with regulations, NMFS has determined that the proposal warrants further consideration and has initiated consultation with the North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) by forwarding the application to the Council. The Council will consider the EFP application during its June 10-15, 1998, meeting which will be held at the Grand Aleutian Hotel, Dutch Harbor, Alaska. The applicant has been invited to appear in support of the application if the applicant desires.

A copy of the application is available for review from the NMFS Regional Administrator (see **ADDRESSES**).

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: June 2, 1998.

**Bruce C. Morehead,**

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

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**DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**Notice of Proposed Information Collection Requests**

**AGENCY:** Department of Education.

**SUMMARY:** The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, invites comments on the proposed information collection requests as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Interested persons are invited to submit comments on or before August 7, 1998.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments and requests for copies of the proposed information collection requests should be addressed to Patrick J. Sherrill, Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue, S.W., Room 5624, Regional Office Building 3, Washington, D.C. 20202-4651.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Sherrill (202) 708-8196.

Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TDD) may call the Federal Information Relay Service (FIRS) at 1-800-877-8339 between 8 a.m. and 8 p.m., Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 3506 of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35) requires that the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provide interested Federal agencies and the public an early opportunity to comment on information collection requests. OMB may amend or waive the requirement for public consultation to the extent that public participation in the approval process would defeat the purpose of the information collection, violate State or Federal law, or substantially interfere with any agency's ability to perform its statutory obligations. The Acting Deputy Chief Information Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer, publishes this notice containing proposed information collection requests prior to submission of these requests to OMB. Each proposed information collection, grouped by office, contains the following: (1) Type of review requested, e.g., new, revision, extension, existing or reinstatement; (2) Title; (3) Summary of the collection; (4) Description of the need for, and proposed use of, the information; (5) Respondents and frequency of collection; and (6) Reporting and/or Recordkeeping burden. OMB invites public comment at the address specified above. Copies of the requests are available from Patrick J. Sherrill at the address specified above.

The Department of Education is especially interested in public comment addressing the following issues: (1) Is this collection necessary to the proper functions of the Department; (2) will this information be processed and used in a timely manner; (3) is the estimate of burden accurate; (4) how might the