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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free Trade Agreement, Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of decision of binational panel and notice of completion of panel review.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the third panel decision issued on April 13, 1998 that affirmed SECOFI's second Determination on Remand, the binational panel review in Secretariat File No. MEX-94-1904-01 was completed on May 25, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James R. Holbein, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 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 binational panel review in this matter was conducted in accordance with these Rules.

Background and Final Decision

The panel in Secretariat File No. 94-1904-01 was convened to review the final antidumping duty determination made by the Secretaria de Comercio y Fomento Industrial (SECOFI) with respect to Imports of Cut-to-Length Plate, Covered by Customs Tariff Classifications 7208.32.01, 7208.33.01 7208.42.01 and 7208.43.01 of the Tariff Schedule of the General Tax Import Law, Originating in and Exported from the United States of America.

On September 15, 1997 the Panel issued a decision affirming in part and remanding in part the first Remand Determination of SECOFI for further action. On January 13, 1998 SECOFI submitted its second Remand Determination, which was challenged on February 2, 1998 under the Rules by New Process Steel Corporation. On April 13, 1998 after review of all documents filed in this action on remand, the Panel denied New Process's challenge to SECOFI's second Remand Determination dated January 13, 1998 and affirmed the second Remand Determination in all its parts.

The Secretariat was instructed to issue a Notice of Completion of Panel Review on the 31st day following the issuance of the Notice of Final Panel Action, if no Request for an Extraordinary Challenge was filed. No such request was filed. Therefore, on the basis of the Panel Order and Rule 80 of the *Article 1904 Panel Rules*, the Panel Review was completed and the panelists discharged from their duties effective on May 25, 1998.

Dated: June 4, 1998.

James R. Holbein,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

Phoenix (Formerly Automated Business Enterprise Locator System (ABELS)) and Opportunity Databases

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites other Federal agencies and the general public to take this opportunity to comment on proposed or continuing information collections, as required by the

Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub.L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before August 25, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Juanita Berry, Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA), Room 5084, Washington, D.C. 20230, or call (202) 482-0404.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Phoenix database constitutes the Minority Business Development Agency's (MBDA) listing of ethnic minority-owned businesses doing business in the United States. Phoenix information is gathered on-line via the Internet's World Wide Web (WWW). The information entered in the Phoenix database will be used to assist minority enterprises with marketing of goods and services. The Opportunity database is a listing of contract and other business opportunities posted on the MBDA Website (www.mbda.gov) by public and private entities. Using a database engine and special software, the system will match contract opportunities with eligible minority companies listed in the Phoenix database. The purpose for collecting this information will be to enable entities with an interest in contracting with a minority firm to identify and qualify potential minority contractors according to various criteria. MBDA will use the Phoenix database in conjunction with the Opportunity database to refer listed minority companies contract and other business opportunities via email and fax. Specific information on the Opportunity form, such as "key words" and NAICS (North American Industrial Code Standards) codes, will be compared with like information contained in the Phoenix database of minority companies. When a match is made, the eligible minority companies will be notified of any contract opportunity and the offeror of the opportunity will be notified of any eligible minority companies.

II. Method of Collection

The system resides on Y2K (year 2000) compliant platform connected to the service-provider network via the Internet and virtual private network.