

15373, April 1, 1994) (the "Matched Sales" Amendment), the Department has been administering the matched uranium sales quota on a quota year basis, April 1 through March 31, as listed in the "Matched Sales" Amendment. On March 6, 1998, the Department received a request from the Nuclear Energy Institute (NEI) on behalf of certain of its members requesting that the Department revise its practice and administer the matched sales quota on a calendar year basis, January 1 through December 31. (See letter from NEI to the Department on March 6, 1998, on public record at the Department of Commerce in room B-099). In this letter, NEI suggests that a calendar year quota system would make tracking operational or contractual flexibilities for both buyers and sellers of uranium more consistent with their other internal tracking systems (*i.e.*, budgeting, requests for quotes, deliveries). NEI states that administration on a calendar year basis would make the matched sales quota system more consistent with industry contracting practices, thereby eliminating a potential barrier to participation in the matched sales program. Further, NEI notes that reconciliation of historical transactions which specified deliveries in 1996 and 1997 does not affect the commercial balance among competing suppliers as marketing opportunities have long passed.

On May 5, 1998, the Department requested comments from interested parties (63 FR 24772). The Department received ten sets of comments from affected companies and reviewed each set of comments. As all comments received were supportive of the change, and as the reallocation would not cause any quota limitations to be exceeded, the Department has determined that it is reasonable to change the administration of the matched sales quota from a quota year basis (*i.e.*, April 1-March 31) to a calendar year basis (*i.e.*, January 1-December 31).

The Department examined two ensuing issues: (1) The effect the change will have on the existing approved contracts and allocations of quota; and (2) the necessity to arrive at a proper accounting for the periods April 1, 1996 through December 31, 1996 and January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004.

Concerning the first issue, the Department has determined that contracts already approved by the Department in quota years 1996-1997 (4/1/96-3/31/97; 4/1/97-3/31/98) will not be affected by the change to a calendar year basis other than on the Department's accounting system. Thus, these contracts stand as approved and

deliveries may continue as scheduled. Further, although the amount of used quota allocated to these two periods will change under the new system, the overall totals do not (See 63 FR 24772, May 5, 1997).

Concerning the second issue, the "Matched Sales" Amendment details that delivery quotas began on April 1, 1996, and would expire on March 31, 2004. By switching to a calendar year basis, neither the period April 1, 1996, through December 31, 1996 nor the period January 1, 2004 through March 31, 2004, which were covered under the Department's previous quota year methodology, can fall under a calendar year methodology absent modification. To resolve this issue, NEI proposed designating calendar year 1996 as a "short" quota year, starting April 1, 1996 and ending December 31, 1996. As these contracts have already been approved and as the Department has determined the appropriate reconciliation in accounting, (See 63 FR 24772, May 5, 1997), the Department agrees that the designation of a "short year" a suitable resolution. In addition, NEI proposed that calendar year 2003 be designated as a "long" quota year, beginning January 1, 2003 and ending March 31, 2004. The Department agrees that it is reasonable to designate calendar year 2003 as a "long year" without disruption to the administration of matched sales.

Thus, effective immediately, the Department will use a calendar year quota system in administering matched sales. The following chart details the current effective time periods and applicable matched sales quotas.

Calendar year	Available quota ¹ (in lbs. U308)
1998	3,600,000
1999	4,040,000
2000	4,230,000
2001	4,040,000
2002	4,890,000
2003 ²	4,300,000

¹ Please note that some quota has already been allocated to previously approved contracts. Please contact the listed Departmental personnel for the exact available quota in each calendar year.

² "Long year" dates (1/1/03-3/31/04)

Dated: July 27, 1998

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping Countervailing Duty—Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904; NAFTA 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 July 15, 1998, Wolverine Tube (Canada) Inc. filed a First Request for Panel Review with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the final antidumping duty administrative review determination made by the International Trade Administration, respecting Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada. This determination was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 33037) on June 17, 1998. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-CDA-98-1904-03 to this request.

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).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on July 15, 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 August 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 August 31, 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: July 22, 1998.

James R. Holbein,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071598C]

Marine Mammals; Permit No. 968 (P557D)

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for amendment of scientific research permit No. 968 submitted by Scripps Institution of Oceanography, Acoustic Thermometry of Ocean Climate Project, Institute for Geophysics and Planetary Physics, 9500 Gilman Drive, La Jolla, California 92093-02252, has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The requested amendment has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 216.39 of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the provisions of § 222.25 of the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered fish and wildlife (50 CFR 222.23), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

This amendment extends the permit through December 31, 1998. On April 18, 1997, permit No. 968 was extended through August 31, 1998, to allow the completion of the full 24 month Marine Mammal Research Program (MMRP). Since issuance of that amendment, however, the project has suffered further delays due to the El Nino weather conditions, which prevented the resumption of research at Pioneer Seamount until May 4, 1998. Consequently, to compensate for this latest delay, the Permit is again extended through December 31, 1998.

Issuance of this amendment, as required by the ESA was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: July 23, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Sunshine Act Meeting

FEDERAL REGISTER CITATION OF PREVIOUS ANNOUNCEMENT: 63 FR 36883.

PREVIOUSLY ANNOUNCED TIME AND DATE OF MEETING: 2:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 29, 1998.

CHANGES IN THE MEETING: The Commodity Futures Trading Commission changed the meeting to discuss enforcement matters to Thursday, August 13, 1998 at 2:00 p.m.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Jean A. Webb, 418-5100.

Jean A. Webb,

Secretary of the Commission.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS) has submitted the following public information collection requests (ICRs) to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and approval in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13, 44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). Copies of these individual ICRs, with applicable supporting documentation, may be obtained by calling the Corporation for National and Community Service, AmeriCorps Leaders Program, Julie Catlett, (202) 606-5000, Extension 164. Individuals who use a telecommunications device for the deaf (TTY/TDD) may call (202) 606-5256 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern time, Monday through Friday.

Comments should be sent to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Attn: OMB Desk Officer for the Corporation for National and Community Service, Office of Management and Budget, Room 10235, NW., Washington, DC 20503, (202) 395-7316, by August 31, 1998.

The OMB is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Corporation, including whether the information will have practical utility;

- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;

- Enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and

- Minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, e.g., permitting electronic submissions of responses.