

Building 8, 200 C St. SW, Washington, DC. To register for the meeting, contact Ms. Theresa Thomas by telephone at (202) 205-4210 or by FAX at (202) 205-4594 no later than March 10, 1999. If a sign language interpreter or other special accommodation is necessary, contact Ms. Thomas at the above telephone number. Submit one original and two copies of comments to the FSIS Docket Clerk, Docket No. 99-014N, Room 102, Cotton Annex, 300 12th Street, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700. All comments submitted in response to this notice will be considered part of the public record and will be available for viewing in the Docket Room between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Patrick J. Clerkin, Associate U.S. Manager for Codex, U.S. Codex Office, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 4861, South Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250-3700, Phone: (202) 205-7760, Fax: (202) 720-3157.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Background**

Codex was established in 1962 by two United Nations organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization. Codex is the major international organization for encouraging fair international trade in food and protecting the health and economic interests of consumers. Through adoption of food standards, codes of practice, and other guidelines developed by its committees, and by promoting their adoption and implementation by governments, Codex seeks to ensure that the world's food supply is sound, wholesome, free from adulteration, and correctly labeled.

The Codex Committee on Food Labelling was established to draft provisions on labelling applicable to all foods; to consider, amend if necessary, and endorse draft specific provisions on labelling prepared by the Codex Committees drafting standards, codes of practice and guidelines; to study specific labelling problems assigned to it by the Commission; and to study problems associated with the advertisement of food with particular reference to claims and misleading descriptions. Issues to be discussed at the March 16, 1999, public meeting:

1. Matters referred by the Codex Alimentarius Commission and other Codex committees
2. Draft guidelines for the production, processing, labelling and marketing of organically produced foods

3. Draft amendment to the general standard for the labelling of prepackaged foods (25% Rule)
4. Proposed draft recommendations for the labelling of foods obtained through biotechnology
5. Proposed draft amendment to the general standard (class names)
6. Proposed draft amendment to the guidelines on nutrition labelling
7. Proposed draft recommendations for the use of health claims
8. Proposed draft guidelines for sport and energy drinks
9. Proposed draft guidelines for the use of the term vegetarian

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[A-549-813]

**Canned Pineapple Fruit from Thailand: Notice of Extension of Time Limits for Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 10, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Riggle or Kris Campbell, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0650 and (202) 482-3813, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**Postponement of Preliminary Results**

On August 27, 1998, the Department of Commerce initiated the third administrative review of the antidumping duty order on canned pineapple fruit from Thailand, covering the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998 (63 FR 45796). The current deadline for the preliminary results of this review is April 2, 1999. Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination in an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) allows the Department to extend this time period to up to 365 days.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time frame because this review involves collecting and analyzing information from a large number of companies, including investigating sales below the cost of production for several companies. Although section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows for an extension of up to 120 days, we believe at this time that only a limited extension of the deadline is necessary to analyze the complex legal and methodological issues involved in this case. Accordingly, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results of this administrative review by 60 days, or until June 1, 1999. We plan to issue the final results of this administrative review within 120 days after publication of the preliminary results.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: March 3, 1999.

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[A-549-807]

**Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipes from Thailand; Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Time Limits**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time limits of preliminary results of review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce is extending the time limits of the preliminary of the antidumping duty administrative review of the antidumping duty order on carbon steel butt-weld pipe fittings from Thailand. The review covers one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States for the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 10, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Zev Primor or Wendy Frankel, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Group II, Office IV, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4114, or (202) 482-5849, respectively.