

Thrifty Food Plan (TFP) and Allotments

As provided for in section 3(o) of the Act, the TFP is a plan for the consumption of foods of different types (food groups) that a household might use to provide nutritious meals and snacks for household members. The plan reflects a diet required to feed a family of four persons consisting of a man and a woman aged 20 to 50, a child 6 to 8 and a child 9 to 11. The cost of the TFP is adjusted monthly to reflect changes in the costs of the food groups.

The TFP is also the basis for establishing food stamp allotments. *Allotment* is defined in section 3(a) of the Act as "the total value of coupons a household is authorized to receive during each month." Food stamp allotments are adjusted periodically to reflect the changes in food cost levels indicated in the changing amounts of the TFP. Prior to the amendment of section 3(o) of the Act by section 804 of Pub. L. 104-193, the Personal Responsibility and Work Opportunity Reconciliation Act of 1996, allotment amounts were established on each October 1 at 103% of the cost of the TFP in the previous June. Amended section 3(o)(4) of the Act now provides that the TFP will be adjusted each October 1 to reflect the exact cost, or 100%, of the TFP for the previous June, rounding the results to the nearest lower dollar increment for each household size, except that on October 1, 1996, the TFP was not to have been reduced below the amounts in effect on September 30, 1996.

To obtain the maximum food stamp allotment for each household size for the period October 1, 1998, to September 30, 1999, June 1998 TFP costs for the above described four-person household were divided by four, multiplied by the appropriate household size and economy of scale factor, in accordance with section 3(o)(1) of the Act, and the final result was rounded down to the nearest dollar. The maximum benefit, or allotment, is paid to households with no net income. For a household with income, the household's allotment is determined by reducing the maximum allotment for the household's size by 30 percent of the individual household's net income in accordance with section 8(a) of the Act, 7 U.S.C. 2017(a). The following table shows the current allotments for the 48 States and the District of Columbia.

FOOD STAMP PROGRAM—OCTOBER 1, 1998—SEPTEMBER 30, 1999
[Maximum Food Stamp Allotments]

Household size	48 States and the District of Columbia
1	\$125
2	230
3	329
4	419
5	497
6	597
7	659
8	754
Each Additional Person ..	+94

Dated: April 26, 1999.
Samuel Chambers, Jr.,
Administrator, Food and Nutrition Service
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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Tongass Land and Resource Management Plan Revision; Tongass National Forest, AK

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice; record of decision.

SUMMARY: The Forest Service gives notice that on April 13, 1999, the Under Secretary for Natural Resources and Environment approved a new Record of Decision (1999 ROD) for the final Environmental Impact Statement on the Tongass Land Management Plan Revision. The Under Secretary's decision adopts, with modifications, Alternative 11 of the Final Environmental Impact Statement. As modified, Alternative 11 consists of extensive standards and guidelines, including land allocations, that comprise a comprehensive ecosystem management strategy. The modifications are set out in the body of the 1999 ROD and amplified in Appendix B of the 1999 ROD.

DATES: The Under Secretary signed the new Record of Decision on April 13, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the 1999 Record of Decision and the Final Environmental Impact Statement are available from the Tongass National Forest, Alaska Region, Forest Service, USDA, PO Box 309, Petersburg, AK 99833.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Merrily Jones, Public Affairs Office, Tongass National Forest, Alaska Region, Forest Service, USDA; telephone: (907) 772-3841 or fax: (907) 772-5895.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Final Environmental Impact Statement on the Tongass Land Management Plan Revision was filed with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and notice of its availability was published in the **Federal Register** by EPA on June 27, 1997 (62 FR 34745). The 1999 Record of Decision (ROD) presents a comparison of the alternatives considered in the Final Environmental Impact Statement and described the rationale for the alternatives elected. This decision is not appealable under Forest Service administrative appeal procedures.

The Forest Supervisor will mail a copy of the 1999 ROD to persons and organizations on mailing lists associated with the Tongass planning endeavor.

The 1999 ROD is also available on the Tongass National Forest's worldwide web site at: <http://www.fs.fed.us/r10/tongass> in portable document format (pdf). That site includes additional related information such as a summary of changes, a press release, and a comparison table showing key components of the Tongass decisions in 1979, 1997, and 1999.

Dated: May 6, 1999.

Gloria Manning,
Acting Associate Chief for National Forest Systems.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economics and Statistics Administration

Renewal of Secretary's 2000 Census Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Economics and Statistics Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and after concurrence of the General Services Administration, the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the renewal of the 2000 Census Advisory Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Department by law.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Maxine Anderson-Brown, Committee Liaison Officer, Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census, Room 1647, Federal Building 3, Washington,

DC 20233; telephone 301-457-2308, TDD 301-457-2540.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Committee considers the goals of Census 2000 and user needs for information provided by that census, and provides an outside user perspective about how operational planning and implementation methods proposed for Census 2000 will realize those goals and satisfy those needs. The 2000 Census Advisory Committee provides an opportunity for an open process that informs and welcomes public comment about all aspects of Census 2000. The Committee provides a targeted review focused on the conduct of Census 2000.

The 2000 Census Advisory Committee functions solely as an advisory body and complies fully with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The Committee consists of a Chair, Vice Chair, and a designated representative from each member organization. The Committee is composed of up to forty (40) member organizations. Sixteen (16) ex-officio members are invited to serve in a nonvoting capacity. Ex-officio members are representatives of the Postmaster General, the Chairperson and Ranking Members of the Census Oversight and Appropriations Committees and Subcommittees. The Census Advisory Committees on the African American Population, the American Indian and Alaska Native Populations, the Asian and Pacific Islander Populations, and the Hispanic Population designate one member, as a representative of those four committees, to serve as an ex-officio member. Also, the Committee may include up to four additional nonorganizational members that are appointed by, and serve at the pleasure of, the Secretary.

The Designated Federal Official for the Advisory Committee is the Principal Associate Director for Programs at the Bureau of the Census, reporting through the Under Secretary of Economic Affairs, to the Secretary of Commerce.

The Department of Commerce will file copies of the Committee's renewal charter with appropriate committees in Congress.

Dated: May 4, 1999.

Lee Price,

Acting Under Secretary for Economic Affairs, Economics and Statistics Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Cased Pencils From the People's Republic of China; Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Amended Antidumping Duty Order in Accordance With Final Court Decision

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Amended Antidumping Duty Order in Accordance With Final Court Decision on Certain Cased Pencils from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: On February 2, 1999, the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit issued a mandate affirming the US Court of International Trade's affirmation of the Department of Commerce's voluntary remand results of the final determination of sales at less than fair value in the antidumping duty investigation of certain cased pencils from the People's Republic of China. As there is now a final and conclusive court decision in this action, we are amending our final determination and our antidumping duty order.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 11, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Malmrose or Melani Miller, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, US Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5414 and (202) 482-0116, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 8, 1994, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published in the **Federal Register** its final determination of sales at less than fair value ("LTFV") on certain cased pencils from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") (59 FR 55625).

Subsequent to the publication of the Department's final determination, the petitioners and the respondents challenged this determination before the US Court of International Trade ("CIT"). The Department requested a voluntary remand after concluding that it was appropriate to re-open the administrative record for both factual information and argument to allow parties an opportunity to address the issues of the appropriate prices for US basswood and the appropriate

methodology for valuing slats and logs. On March 22, 1996, the Department filed its remand determination with the CIT.

Following the filing of the Department's remand determination, the CIT, on November 13, 1997, affirmed the Department's remand results in *Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association, Pencil Section, et. al. v. United States*, 984 F.Supp. 629 (CIT 1997), and upheld the Department on all other challenged aspects of the final determination. Consistent with the US Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit's ("Federal Circuit") decision in *Timken Co. v. United States*, 893 F.2d 337 (Fed. Cir. 1990), the Department published a "Notice of Court Decision" in the **Federal Register** on December 11, 1997 (62 FR 65243). Pursuant to section 516A(e) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), this notice ordered the continued suspension of liquidation of any subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption until a final and conclusive decision in the case was reached.

In its Notice of Court Decision, the Department also announced that it would instruct the Customs Service to begin suspension of liquidation, effective November 23, 1997, with respect to subject merchandise produced and exported by China First Co. Ltd. ("China First") pending a final and conclusive court decision in this action. While exports of merchandise produced by China First were originally excluded from the antidumping order, the Department's remand determination found that merchandise exported and produced by China First was, in fact, sold at LTFV.

On February 2, 1999, the Federal Circuit issued its mandate affirming its December 11, 1998, judgement in *Writing Instrument Manufacturers Association, Pencil Section, et. al. v. United States*, Appeal Nos. 98-1178 and 98-1202 (Fed. Cir., December 11, 1998). This December 11 judgement affirmed the CIT's November 13, 1997, decision which upheld the Department's final and remand determinations in all aspects.

As there is now a final and conclusive court decision with respect to this proceeding, we are amending our final results of review and antidumping order accordingly.

Inclusion in the Application of the Antidumping Duty Order

As discussed above and pursuant to the affirmed remand determination, China First is no longer excluded from the antidumping duty order issued in