

(6) A letter appointing a liaison officer for the action.

For consolidation certifications: evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, which was considered in reaching the conclusion that no degradation in service would result from such action, including the WSR-88D Radar Commissioning Report, User Confirmation of Services Report, and the Decommissioning Readiness Report.

For automation certification:

(1) Evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, which was considered in reaching the conclusion that no degradation in service will result from such action, including the Automated Surface Observing System (ASOS) commissioning report;

(2) A series of three letters between NWS and FAA confirming weather services will continue in full compliance with applicable flight aviation rules after ASOS commissioning;

(3) Surface Aviation Observation Transition Checklist documenting transfer of augmentation and back-up responsibility from NWS to FAA;

(4) Successful resolution of ASOS user confirmation of services complaints; and

(5) An in-place supplementary data program at the responsible forecast office.

For closure certifications:

(1) Where appropriate, warning and forecast verification statistics for pre-modernized and modernized services utilized in determining services have not been degraded; and

(2) An Air Safety Appraisal for offices which are located on an airport.

For the proposed certifications covered by this notice, there is no report of the Committee. The Committee has the option to submit a report in accordance with sections 706(b)(6) and 707(c) of Pub. L. 102-567. In December 1995, the Committee decided to forego the optional consultation on proposed certifications. Instead, the Committee decided to review certifications only after the public comment period closes so that its consultation includes the benefit of all public comments received. This notice does not publish the complete certification packages because they are too voluminous. Copies of the complete certification packages and supporting documentation can be obtained from the contact listed above.

Once all public comments have been received and considered, the NWS will complete consultation with the Committee and determine whether to proceed with the final certification. If a

decision to certify is made, the Secretary of Commerce must publish final certifications in the FR and transmit the certifications to the appropriate congressional committees prior to consolidating, automating, and closing the office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904

Binational Panel Reviews; Decision of Binational Panel

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

ACTION: Notice of decision of Binational Panel.

SUMMARY: On June 18, 1999 the Binational Panel issued its decision in the matter of Gray Portland Cement and Clinker from Mexico, Secretariat File No. USA-97-1904-01.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 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 panel review in this matter was conducted in accordance with these Rules.

Background Information:

On May 6, 1997, Cemex, S.A. de C.V. ("CEMEX") and Cementos de Chihuahua, S.A. de C.V. ("CDC") filed a First Request for Panel Review with the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review made by the International Trade Administration respecting Gray Portland Cement and Clinker from Mexico. This determination was published in the **Federal Register** on April 9, 1997 (62 FR 27238-39). The request was assigned File No. USA-97-1904-01.

Panel Decision

The Panel affirmed in part and remanded in part with one dissenting opinion. The Panel determined that by stipulation between CEMEX and the Department announced at the hearing on December 15, 1998, the Panel remanded the final results of the Fifth Review to the Department for the purpose of correcting the ministerial errors identified by CEMEX in its May 9, 1997 letter to the Department. On remand, the Department shall correct the errors identified by CEMEX in its May 9, 1997 letter to the Department identified as Number 1, A and B, and Number 2. CEMEX has agreed to abandon its claim for ministerial error identified in its May 9, 1997 letter to the Department as Number 3. Pursuant to the stipulation, once the ministerial errors are corrected, the Department shall publish in the **Federal Register** notice of the corrections and then instruct the U.S. Customs Service to give effect to the ???

The Panel ordered the Department to issue a determination on remand consistent with the instructions and findings set forth in the Panel's decision. The determination on remand shall be issued within ninety (90) days of the date of the Order (not later than September 16, 1999).

Dated: June 25, 1999.

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U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Special Panel on Military Operations on Vieques

AGENCY: Department of Defense.