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Background

On September 30, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) received a request from Yancheng Baolong Biochemical Products Co., Ltd. for a new shipper review of the antidumping order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the People's Republic of China. On October 30, 1998, the Department initiated this new shipper review covering the period of March 26, 1997 through August 31, 1998 (63 FR 59762, published November 5, 1999).

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Because of the complexities enumerated in the Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini to Robert S. LaRussa, *Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Review of Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat from the PRC*, dated July 7, 1999, it is not practicable to complete these reviews within the time limits mandated by sections 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act.

Therefore, the Department is extending the time limits for the preliminary results to August 26, 1999. This extension of time limits is in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act.

Dated: July 8, 1999.

Edward Yang,

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary
Enforcement Group III.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat From the People's Republic of China: Notice of Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and New Shipper Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limits for preliminary results of administrative review and new shipper reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 16, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Andrew Nulman or Laurel LaCivita, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4052 or (202) 482-4236, respectively.

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Background

The Department of Commerce (the Department) received a request from petitioner and from respondent, Ningbo Nanlian Frozen Foods Company, Ltd., to conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the People's Republic of China (PRC). On October 26, 1998, the Department initiated this antidumping administrative review covering the period of March 26, 1997 through August 31, 1998 (63 FR 58010, published October 29, 1998).

On September 29, 1998, the Department received requests from Lianyungang Haiwang Aquatic Products Co., Ltd. and Qingdao Rirong Foodstuff Co., Ltd. for new shipper reviews of the antidumping order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the PRC. On October 30, 1998, the Department initiated these new shipper reviews covering the period of March 26, 1997 through August 31, 1998 (63 FR 59762, published November 5, 1998).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[Docket No. 9907021819181-01]

International Buyer Program; Support for Domestic Trade Shows

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and Call for Applications for the FY 2001 International Buyer Program (October 1, 2000 through September 30, 2001).

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth objectives, procedures and application review criteria associated with the U.S. Department of Commerce's International Buyer Program (IBP), to support domestic trade shows. Selection is for the International Buyer Program for Fiscal Year 2001.

The International Buyer Program was established to bring international buyers together with U.S. firms by promoting leading U.S. trade shows in industries with high export potential. The International Buyer Program emphasizes cooperation between the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) and trade show organizers to benefit U.S. firms exhibiting at selected events and provides practical, hands-on assistance such as export counseling and market analysis to U.S. companies interested in exporting. The assistance provided to show organizers includes worldwide overseas promotion of selected shows to potential international buyers, end-

users, representatives and distributors. The worldwide promotion is executed through the offices of the United States and Foreign Commercial Service (hereinafter referred to as the Commercial Service) in 70 countries representing America's major trading partners, and also in U.S. Embassies in countries where the Commercial Service does not maintain offices. The Department expects to select approximately 24 shows for FY2001 from among applicants to the program. Shows selected for the International Buyer Program will provide a venue for U.S. companies interested in expanding their sales into international markets. Successful applicants will be required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) that sets forth the specific actions to be performed by the show organizer and the DOC. The MOU constitutes an agreement between the DOC and the show organizer specifying which services are to be rendered by DOC as part of the IBP and, in turn, what responsibilities are agreed to be performed by the show organizer. Anyone wishing to apply will be sent a copy of the MOU along with the application package. The services to be rendered by DOC will be carried out by the Commercial Service.

DATES: Applications must be received within August 30, 1999. Contributions are for shows selected and promoted during the October 1, 2000 and September 30, 2001, period.

ADDRESSES: Export Promotion Services/ International Buyer Program, Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Telephone: (202) 482-0146 (Facsimile applications will not be accepted).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim Boney, Product Manager, International Buyer Program, Room 2116, Export Promotion Services, U.S. and Foreign Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Telephone (202) 482-0146 or Fax: (202) 482-0115.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commercial Service is accepting applications for the International Buyer Program (IBP) for events taking place between October 1, 2000 and September 30, 2001. A contribution of \$6,000 for shows of five days or less, or \$8,000 for shows more than five days in duration, or requiring more than one International Business Center is required for the shows selected.

Under the IBP, the Commercial Service seeks to bring together

international buyers with U.S. firms by selecting and promoting in international markets domestic trade shows in industries with high export potential. Selection of a trade show is one-time, i.e., a trade show organizer seeking selection for a recurring event must submit a new application for selection for each occurrence of the event. If the event occurs more than once in the 12-month period covering this announcement, the trade show organizer must submit a separate application for each event.

The Commercial Service will select approximately 24 events to support between October 1, 2000, through September 30, 2001. The Commercial Service will select those events that, in its judgment, most clearly meet the Commercial Service's objective and selection criteria mentioned below.

The Department selects events which it determines to be a leading international trade show appropriate for participation by U.S. exporting firms and promotion in overseas markets by U.S. Embassies and Consulates. Selection does not constitute a guarantee by the U.S. Government of the show's success. Selection is not an endorsement of the show organizer except as to its international buyer activities. Non-selection should not be viewed as a finding that the event will not be successful in the promotion of U.S. exports.

Exclusions: Trade shows will not be considered that are either first-time or horizontal (non-industry specific) events. Annual trade shows will not be selected for this program more than twice in any three-year period (e.g., shows selected for fiscal years 1999 and 2000 are not eligible for inclusion in this program in fiscal year 2001, but can be considered in subsequent years.)

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

The Office of Management and Budget has approved the information collection requirements of the application to this program under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1980 (44 U.S.C. 2501 et. seq.) (OMB control no. 0625-0151).

General Selection Criteria: Those events will be selected that, in the judgment of the Department, most clearly meet the following criteria:

(a) **Export Potential:** The products and services to be promoted at the trade

show are from U.S. industries that have high export potential, as determined by U.S. Department of Commerce sources, i.e., best prospects lists and U.S. export statistics (certain industries are rated as priorities by our domestic and international commercial officers in their Country Commercial Guides).

(b) **International Interest:** The trade show meets the needs of a significant number of overseas markets and corresponds to marketing opportunities as identified by the posts in their Country Commercial Guides (e.g. best prospect lists). Previous international attendance at the show may be used as an indicator.

(c) **Scope of the Show:** The trade show offers a broad spectrum of U.S.-made products and/or services for the subject industry. Trade shows with a majority of United States businesses, as defined in 15 U.S.C. 4724, will be given preference.

(d) **Stature of the show:** The trade show is clearly recognized by the industry it covers as a leading event for the promotion of that industry's products and services both domestically and internationally and as a showplace for the latest technology or services in that industry.

(e) **Exhibitor Interest:** There is demonstrated interest on the part of U.S. exhibitors in receiving international business visitors during the trade show. A significant number of these exhibitors should be new-to-export or seeking to expand sales into additional international markets.

(f) **Overseas Marketing:** There has been demonstrated effort made to market prior shows overseas. In addition, the applicant should describe in detail the international marketing program to be conducted for the event, explaining how efforts should increase individual and group international attendance.

(g) **Logistics:** The trade show site, facilities, transportation services and availability of accommodations are in the stature of an international-class trade show.

(h) **Cooperation:** The applicant demonstrates a willingness to cooperate with the Commercial Service of the United States of America to fulfill the program's goals and to adhere to target dates set out in the Memorandum of Understanding and the event timetable, both of which are available from the program office (see For Further Information on When, Where, and How to apply). Past experience in the IBP will be taken into account in evaluating current applications to the program.

Legal Authority: The Commercial Service has the legal authority to enter into the

above-mentioned memorandum of understanding with the show organizer under the provisions of the Mutual Educational and Cultural Exchange Act of 1961, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2455(f)). The statutory authority for the Commercial Service to conduct the International Buyer Program is 15 U.S.C. 4724.

John Klingelhut,

Director, Office of Public/Private Initiatives, The Commercial Service, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

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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: Corrected 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 corrections.

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: July 12, 1999.

Caratina L. Alston,

U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 062999B]

Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Meetings; Correction

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

ACTION: Change of dates of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The agenda for the Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee, Scup Monitoring Committee, Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee, and Bluefish Monitoring Committee meeting was published on July 8, 1999. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for revision to the meetings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The initial agenda was published in the **Federal Register** on July 8, 1999 (64 FR 36857). The following revisions are to be made.

The **DATES** caption is corrected to read as follows:

On July 27, 1999 the Black Sea Bass Monitoring Committee will begin meeting at 10:00 a.m. The Scup Monitoring Committee will meet from 2:00-5:00 p.m. On July 28, 1999, the Summer Flounder Monitoring Committee will meet from 8:00 a.m. until noon. The Bluefish Monitoring Committee will meet from 1:00-4:00 p.m.

All other information remains unchanged.

Dated: July 12, 1999.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals

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