

Summary

The total net countervailable subsidy rate for all producers or exporters of live cattle in Canada is 0.77 percent, ad valorem, which is de minimis. Therefore, we determine that countervailable subsidies are not being provided to producers or exporters of live cattle in Canada.

Return or Destruction of Proprietary Information

This notice will serve as the only reminder to parties subject to Administrative Protective Order ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 355.34(d). Failure to comply is a violation of the APO.

This determination is published pursuant to section 705(d) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: October 12, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of a Meeting To Discuss an Opportunity To Join a Cooperative Research and Development Consortium on Characterization and Modeling of the Interface/Interphase of Polymeric Materials and Systems

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a meeting on November 30, 1999 and December 1, 1999 to discuss the possibility of setting up a cooperative research consortium on Characterization and Modeling of the Interface/Interphase of Polymeric Materials and Systems. The goal of the consortium is to develop: advanced measurement techniques for evaluating surface mechanical properties of polymeric materials, computer models for interface and interphase characterization of multiphase polymer processing, and nanoscale probes for characterizing the interphase region in polymer systems.

DATES: The meeting will take place on November 30, 1999 and December 1,

1999 at 8:30 a.m. Interested parties should contact NIST to confirm their interest at the address, telephone number or FAX number shown below.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will take place in the Advanced Chemical Sciences Laboratory (ACSL), Room 302, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Richard Cavanagh, Chemistry Building (222), Room B366, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-0001.

Telephone: 301-975-2368; FAX: 301-216-1134; e-mail: cavanagh@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Any program undertaken will be within the scope and confines of The Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-502, 15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides federal laboratories including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may contribute personnel, equipment, and facilities but no funds to the cooperative research program. This is not a grant program.

The R&D staff of each industrial partner in the Consortium will be able to interact with NIST researchers to develop:

(1) Advanced measurement techniques for evaluating surface mechanical properties of polymeric materials and systems as a function of time and loading rate, and to correlate deformation scales from molecular to visual, including the development of mathematical models to assess the impact of surface deformation on the appearance of polymeric materials.

(2) Realistic computer modeling program(s) for interface and interphase characterization and prediction for the needs of multi-phase polymer processing under shear flow and temperature gradients; to carry out necessary measurements for obtaining parameters to input for the modeling; to develop characterization techniques and procedures for evaluating the interphase structure and its formation during the processing of a polymer paint/coating on a structured substrate surface formed by a process described above, and to develop protocols for interactive optimization.

(3) Nanoscale chemical and mechanical probes for characterizing the interphase region in polymer coating/substrate systems, to model interphase development in terms of the controlling thermodynamics and kinetics, including the effects of additives, and to develop a database of important characterization and modeling parameters.

Dated: October 18, 1999.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100499C]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of an application for a scientific research permit (1227); receipt of an application to modify a permit (1051); and issuance of a permit (1219).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement:

NMFS has received a permit application from Dr. Peter Dutton, of NMFS-Southwest Fisheries Science Center (SWFSC) (1227); NMFS has received an application for modifications to an existing permit from Mr. Jorgen Skjeveland, of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS) (1051); and NMFS has issued a permit to Mr. Larry Goodman, of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) (1219).

DATES: Written comments or requests for a public hearing on either the new application or the modification request must be received on or before November 22, 1999.

ADDRESSES: The applications and related documents are available for review in the following office, by appointment: Office of Protected Resources, Endangered Species Division, F/PR3, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-1401).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Terri Jordan, Silver Spring, MD (301-713-1401).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) Are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are