SUMMARY: On February 29, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published in the Federal Register (65 FR 10766) the preliminary results of the full sunset review of the countervailing duty orders on pure magnesium and alloy magnesium from Canada, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). We provided interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results and received comments filed on behalf of domestic and respondent interested parties. As a result of this review, the Department finds that revocation of the countervailing duty orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy. The net countervailable subsidy and the nature of the subsidy are identified in the Final Results of Review section of this notice.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathryn B. McCormick or James Maeder, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Constitution, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1930 or (202) 482-3330, respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 5, 2000.

Statute and Regulations

These reviews were conducted pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Act. The Department’s procedures for the conduct of sunset reviews are set forth in Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998) ("Sunset Regulations") and in 19 CFR Part 351 (1999) in general. Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to the Department’s conduct of sunset reviews is set forth in the Department’s Policy Bulletin 98:3—Policies Regarding the Conduct of Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders: Policy Bulletin, 63 FR 18871 (April 16, 1998) ("Sunset Policy Bulletin").

Scope

The products covered by these orders are pure magnesium and alloy magnesium from Canada. Pure magnesium contains at least 99.8 percent magnesium by weight and is sold in various slab and ingot forms and sizes. Magnesium alloys contain less than 99.8 percent magnesium by weight with magnesium being the largest metallic element in the alloy by weight, and are sold in various ingot and billet forms and sizes. The merchandise is currently classifiable under items 8104.11.0000 and 8104.19.0000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope remains dispositive. Secondary and granular magnesium are not included in the scope of these orders.

Background

On February 29, 2000, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published in the Federal Register a notice of preliminary results of the full sunset review of the countervailing duty orders on pure magnesium and alloy magnesium (65 FR 10766) pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). In our preliminary results, we found that revocation of the orders would likely result in continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy. In addition, we preliminarily determined the net countervailable subsidy likely to prevail if the orders were revoked to be 1.84 percent ad valorem for Norsk Hydro Canada Inc. (“NHCi”) and 4.48 percent ad valorem for “all others.”

On April 14, 2000, within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.209(c)(1)(i), we received a case brief on behalf of the Magnesium Corporation of America ("Magcorp") and respondent interested parties, NHCi and the Government of Quebec ("GOQ"). On April 24, 2000, within the deadline specified in 19 CFR 351.309(d), the Department received rebuttal comments from Magcorp and the GOQ. On March 17, 2000, we received a request for a hearing on behalf of the GOQ. Subsequently, on April 28, 2000, the GOQ withdrew its request and the Department canceled the hearing.

We note that the Department issued the preliminary results of countervailing duty administrative reviews covering the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998 on May 4, 2000 (65 FR 25910).

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this sunset review are addressed in the “Issues and Decision Memorandum” ("Decision Memo") from Jeffrey A. May, Director, Office of Policy, Import Administration, to Troy H. Cribb, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated June 27, 2000, which is hereby adopted by this notice. The issues discussed in the Decision Memo include the likelihood of continuation or recurrence of countervailable subsidies and the net countervailable subsidy likely to prevail were the orders revoked. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in the Central Records Unit, room B-099, of the main Commerce Building.

In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memo can be accessed directly on the Web at www.ita.doc.gov/import_admin/records/frn/, under the heading “Canada.” The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memo are identical in content.

Final Results of Review

As a result of this review, the Department finds that revocation of the countervailing duty orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy at the rates listed below:

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Timminco, which was found to have an estimated net subsidy of zero in the original investigations, remains excluded from the orders.1

The program included in our calculation of the net countervailable subsidy likely to prevail if the orders were revoked does not fall within the definition of an export subsidy under Article 3.1(a) of the Subsidies Agreement.

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to

1 See Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determinations: Pure Magnesium and Alloy Magnesium from Canada, 57 FR 30946 (July 13, 1992).
SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has established a Sea Scallop Exemption Program (SEP) in the northeast region of the U.S. The SEP allows sea scallop fishermen to fish within certain areas closed to the northeast multispecies fishery. NMFS requires reporting by participants to allow it to enforce regulations and manage the fishery. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) gave emergency Paperwork Reduction Act clearance to these reporting requirements on June 13, 2000. This Notice solicits public comment on a proposed request to OMB for regular clearance for these requirements. It also solicits comment on a proposal to expand the number of clarity of the functions of the agency, including through the proposed collection of information.

II. Method of Collection

The verification requirement of VMS installation is made by submission of a paper document. Notification requirements and all VMS reporting is done electronically via the VMS unit.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0416. Form Number: None. Type of Review: Regular submission. Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations, individuals. Estimated Number of Respondents: 267. Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour for an installation of a VMS unit, 5 minutes for a verification of installation of the VMS unit, 2 minutes for a notification of intent to participate or to leave on a fishing trip, and 30 seconds per day for an automated VMS position reports.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,673. Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: $195,000.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency’s estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the clarity, utility, and quality of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.


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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Draft International Plan of Action To Address Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing

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

ACTION: Notice of availability; public meeting; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The United States, through a collaborative effort of NMFS, the Department of State, the Office of the United States Trade Representative, the Coast Guard, and the United States Customs Service announces the availability of a draft International Plan of Action to address Illegal, Unregulated and Unreported Fishing (IPOA-IUU).