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Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904; NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

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

ACTION: Notice of First Request for Panel Review.

SUMMARY: On August 4, 2000, the Gouvernement du Quebec filed a First Request for Panel Review with the United States 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 the full sunset reviews of countervailing duty orders made by the United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, respecting Pure Magnesium and Alloy Magnesium from Canada. This determination was published in the **Federal Register**, (65 Fed. Reg. 41444) on July 5, 2000. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-CDA-00-1904-07 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., 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).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on August 4, 2000, requesting panel review of the final determination described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is September 5, 2000);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is September 18, 2000); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: August 7, 2000.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

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

ACTION: Notice of First Request for Panel Review.

SUMMARY: On August 4, 2000, the Government du Quebec filed a First Request for Panel Review with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North America Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the final results of the full sunset

review made by the United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, respecting Pure Magnesium from Canada. This determination was published in the **Federal Register**, (65 FR 41436) on July 5, 2000. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-CDA-00-1904-06 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482-5438.

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Dated: August 7, 2000.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice of Scope Rulings

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

ACTION: Notice of Scope Rulings and Anticircumvention Inquiries.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 29, 2000.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) hereby publishes a list of scope rulings completed between April 1, 2000 and June 30, 2000. In conjunction with this list, the Department is also publishing a list of requests for scope determinations pending as of June 30, 2000. We intend to publish future lists within 30 days of the end of the next calendar quarter.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jonathan Lyons or Robert James, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0374 or (202) 482-0649.

Background

The Department's regulations provide that, on a quarterly basis, the Secretary will publish in the **Federal Register** a list of scope rulings completed within the last three months. See 19 CFR 351.225(o). Our most recent "Notice of Scope Rulings" published on July 7, 2000. See 65 FR at 41957.

This notice covers all scope rulings and anticircumvention determinations completed by Import Administration between April 1, 2000 and June 30, 2000, inclusive. It also lists any scope or anticircumvention inquiries pending as of June 30, 2000. The Department intends to publish in October 2000 a list of all completed and pending scope and anticircumvention inquiries for the period July 1, 2000 through September 30, 2000; subsequent lists will follow in

the month after the close of each calendar quarter.

Scope Rulings Completed Between April 1, 2000 and June 30, 2000

Japan

A-588-804 Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings) and Parts Thereof; NTN Bearing Corporation of America; "EM coupling" and ring plates used in scroll compressors for automotive air conditioners are outside the scope; May 1, 2000.

A-588-804 Antifriction Bearings (Other Than Tapered Roller Bearings) and Parts Thereof and Cylindrical Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof; Subaru-Isuzu Automotive, Inc. (SIA); fan bracket assembly, identified as Isuzu part number 8971486750 (prior to October 1, 1999) and 8972317180 (as of October 1, 1999) is outside the scope of either order; May 26, 2000.

People's Republic of China

A-570-504 Petroleum Wax Candles; American Greetings Corporation; tapers with "Valentine heart," "teddy-bear," snowflake, "Easter flowers," acorns-and-leaves, and "Indian corn" figurines are all within the scope, taper with snowman-shaped base is within the scope, pillars with snowflake or gold star decorations are within the scope, and taper shaped to resemble Indian corn is within the scope; May 4, 2000.

A-570-504 Petroleum Wax Candles; Ender Corporation; votive candle with silver studs, three models of "Chinese Lantern" candles, and red and white "Candy Cane Floater" candle are within the scope; May 11, 2000.

A-570-851 Certain Preserved Mushrooms; Wei Mei Food Industry Co., Ltd., Tak Fat Co., Leung Mi International, Tak Yeun Corp., and Genex International Corp.; marinated or acidified mushrooms with an acetic acid content under 0.5 percent are within the scope; June 19, 2000.

Taiwan

A-583-827 Static Random Access Memory Semiconductors from Taiwan; Pacesetter, Inc.; platform B digital integrated circuit and symmetry controllers are not within the scope; June 9, 2000.

Anticircumvention Determinations Completed Between April 1, 2000 and June 30, 2000

None.

Scope Inquiries Terminated Between April 1, 2000 and June 30, 2000

None.

Anticircumvention Inquiries Terminated Between April 1, 2000 and June 30, 2000

None.

Scope Inquiries Pending as of June 30, 2000

Germany

A-428-821 Large Newspaper Printing Presses and Components Thereof, Whether Assembled or Unassembled (LNPP); KBA North America, Inc., Web Press Division; various LNPP parts or subcomponents imported for the production of an LNPP system sold to Dayton Newspapers, Inc. were found preliminarily to be outside the scope on December 22, 1997, and January 27, June 17, and August 4, 1998. Final rulings pending.

A-428-821 Large Newspaper Printing Presses and Components Thereof, Whether Assembled or Unassembled (LNPP); KBA North America, Inc., Web Press Division; various LNPP parts or subcomponents imported for the production of an LNPP system sold to Fayetteville Publishing Company were found preliminarily to be outside the scope on December 30, 1998, and January 14 and February 1, 1999. Final rulings pending.

A-428-821 Large Newspaper Printing Presses and Components Thereof, Whether Assembled or Unassembled (LNPP); KBA North America, Inc., Web Press Division; whether parts or subcomponents for the production of reel tension pasters of an LNPP system and an extension to that system sold to the *Austin American-Statesman* are covered by the scope of the order. Requested June 14, 2000.

India

A-533-808 Certain Stainless Steel Wire Rod; Ishar Bright Steel, Ltd.; whether stainless steel bar produced in the United Arab Emirates from stainless steel wire rod from India is within the scope. Requested December 22, 1998.

Italy

A-475-059 Pressure Sensitive Plastic Tape; CCL Industries, LLC, d.b.a. CST Special Tapes; whether "surface protection tape" is covered by the scope of the order. Requested January 28, 2000.

A-475-820, C-475-821 Stainless Steel Wire Rod; Ishar Bright Steel, Ltd.; whether stainless steel bar produced in the United Arab Emirates from stainless steel wire rod imported from Italy is within the scope. Requested December 22, 1998.