

be provided for each loan. RUS generally obtains a lien on all the property financed by the loans. The borrower will need to provide adequate security and execute the appropriate legal documents.

Evaluation Criteria

Loan applications will be accepted as of the date of this notice and will be processed and approved on a first-come, first served basis throughout FY 2001 until the appropriation is utilized in its entirety provided that:

- (1) The loan is for approved loan purposes for broadband telecommunications services in rural areas;
- (2) The loan is deemed to be feasible and adequate security is provided;
- (3) The system design is appropriate; and
- (4) All other applicable Federal requirements are met.

Dated: November 27, 2000.

Christopher A. McLean,

Administrator, Rural Utilities Service.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATE AND TIME: December 12, 2000; 8:30 a.m.–4 p.m.

PLACE: Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20237.

Closed Meeting

The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)) In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6)).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact either Brenda Hardnett or Carol Booker at (202) 401-3736.

Dated: December 1, 2000.

Carol Booker,

Legal Counsel.

Certification

Based on the information provided to me, the meeting scheduled by the Broadcasting Board of Governors for December 12, 2000, may be closed to the public pursuant to sections (c)(1), (2), (6), and 9(B) of the Government in the Sunshine Act (5 U.S.C. 552b.).

Issues qualifying for closure of the meeting will be inextricably intertwined with issues which do not so qualify. During the course of the meeting there will be discussions relating to foreign policy options (c)(1), internal BBG or IBB personnel, budgetary, and organizational matters (c)(2), the performance or selection of personnel (c)(6), and options for negotiations or other sensitive discussions within the U.S. or abroad. (c)(9)(B).

Carol Booker,

BBG Legal Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-823-805]

Suspension Agreement on Silicomanganese from Ukraine; Preliminary Results of Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of the administrative review of the suspension agreement on silicomanganese from Ukraine.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from Eramet Marietta Inc. (petitioner), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is conducting an administrative review of the suspension agreement on silicomanganese from Ukraine ("the Agreement") for the period November 1, 1998 through October 31, 1999, to review the current status of, and compliance with, the Agreement. For the reasons stated in this notice, the Department preliminarily determines that the Government of Ukraine ("the GOU") is not in compliance with the Agreement.

The preliminary results are listed in the section titled "Preliminary Results of Review," infra. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit comments are requested to submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issues, and (2) a brief summary of the arguments.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jean Kemp or Carrie Blozy, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4037 or (202) 482-0165, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("Act") by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR Part 351 (2000).

Background

On October 31, 1994, the Department signed an agreement with the Government of Ukraine which suspended the antidumping investigation on silicomanganese from Ukraine. See *Silicomanganese from Ukraine; Suspension of Investigation*, 59 FR 60951 (November 29, 1994). In accordance with section 734(g) of the Act, on December 6, 1994, the Department published its final determination of sales at less than fair value in this case. See *Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Silicomanganese From Ukraine*, 59 FR 62711 (December 6, 1994).

On November 30, 1999, petitioner submitted a request for an administrative review pursuant to the notice of *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 64 FR 62167 (November 16, 1999). On December 28, 1999, the Department initiated a review of the Agreement. See *Notice of Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews ("Initiation Notice")*, 64 FR 72644 (December 28, 1999).

On August 4, 2000, the Department extended the time limit for the preliminary results of review by 120 days. See *Notice of Extension of Time*