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Allegations and Evidence of Material Injury and Causation

The petition alleges that the U.S. industry producing the domestic like product is being materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, by reason of the individual and cumulated imports of the subject merchandise sold at less than NV. The petitioner contends that the industry's injured condition is evident in the declining trends in net operating profits, net sales volumes, profit to sales ratios, and capacity utilization. The allegations of injury and causation are supported by relevant evidence including the U.S. Customs' import statistics and the *Seafood Report* which indicate that imports of blue mussels from Canada in 2000 grew by at least 30 percent compared to the prior year. *See Seafood Report*, at vol. 5, numbers 9 and 12 (attached to the petition). According to the petitioner, the trend of Canadian imports registered similar growth rates in the past four years, while during the same period petitioner's sales have been declining. We have assessed the allegations and supporting evidence regarding material injury and causation, and have determined that these allegations are properly supported by accurate and adequate evidence and meet the statutory requirements for initiation (*see Initiation Checklist* at Attachment Re: Material Injury).

Initiation of Antidumping Investigation

Based upon our examination of the petition on live processed blue mussels, and the petitioner's response to our supplemental questionnaire clarifying the petition, as well as our conversations with industry experts who provided information concerning various aspects of the petition, we have found that they meet the requirements of section 732 of the Act. *See* Industry Support Memorandum. Therefore, we are initiating an antidumping duty investigation to determine whether imports of live processed blue mussels from Canada are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless this deadline is extended, we will make our preliminary determination no later than 140 days after the date of this initiation.

Distribution of Copies of the Petitions

In accordance with section 732(b)(3)(A) of the Act, a copy of the public version of this petition has been provided to the representatives of the Government of Canada. We will attempt

to provide a copy of the public version to each exporter named in the petition, as appropriate.

International Trade Commission Notification

We have notified the ITC of our initiation, as required by section 732(d) of the Act.

Preliminary Determinations by the ITC

The ITC will determine, no later than April 26, 2001, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of live processed blue mussels from Canada are causing material injury, or threatening to cause material injury, to a U.S. industry. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated; otherwise, this investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act. Effective January 20, 2001, Bernard T. Carreau is fulfilling the duties of the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Dated: April 2, 2001.

Bernard T. Carreau,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-508-605]

Industrial Phosphoric Acid From Israel: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 6, 2001.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on industrial phosphoric acid from Israel. The review covers the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Postponement of Preliminary Results of Review

On October 2, 2000, the Department published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on industrial phosphoric acid from Israel, covering the period January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999 (65 FR 58733). The preliminary results are currently due no later than May 3, 2001.

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order/finding for which a review is requested. However, if it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results within this time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for a preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results to no later than August 31, 2001. *See* Memorandum from Barbara E. Tillman to Joseph A. Spetrini, dated April 2, 2001, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce Building. This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: March 30, 2001.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, AD/CVD Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate the performance of the Georgia Coastal Management Program, and the Rookery Bay National Estuarine Research Reserve in Florida.