

Dated: September 20, 2001.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, Group II.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Spherical Plain Bearings and Parts Thereof From France and Ball Bearings and Parts Thereof From Singapore: Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative reviews.

SUMMARY: On June 19, 2001, the Department of Commerce initiated administrative reviews of the antidumping duty order on ball bearings and parts thereof from Singapore for one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise, NMB Singapore Ltd., Pelmec Industries (Pte.) Ltd., and NMB Technologies Corporation, and the antidumping duty order on spherical plain bearings and parts thereof from France, produced and exported by SKF France S.A., for the period May 1, 2000, through April 30, 2001. The Department is rescinding these reviews after receiving timely withdrawals from the parties requesting these reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 26, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dunyako Ahmadu or Richard Rimlinger, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 3, Import Administration International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0198 or (202) 482-4477, respectively.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions in effect as of January 1, 1995, the effective date of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (2001).

Background

On May 31, 2001, NMB Singapore Ltd., Pelmec Industries (Pte) Ltd., and

NMB Technologies Corporation (collectively "NMB/Pelmec") requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of its shipments of ball bearings for the period May 1, 2000, through April 30, 2001, and SKF USA Inc., SKF France, and Sarma (collectively "SKF") also requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of its shipments of spherical plain bearings during the period May 1, 2000, through April 30, 2001. On June 19, 2001, the Department published in the *Federal Register* a notice of initiation of these administrative reviews with respect to NMB/Pelmec and SKF, both for the period of May 1, 2000, through April 30, 2001. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocations in Part*, 66 FR 32934-32936 (June 19, 2001).

On August 28, 2001, NMB/Pelmec withdrew its request for a review. Similarly, on September 7, 2001, SKF withdrew its request for a review. Furthermore, both NMB/Pelmec and SKF asked the Department to rescind the administrative reviews.

Rescission of Reviews

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Department will rescind an administrative review if a party that requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. Because NMB/Pelmec and SKF submitted their requests for rescission within the 90-day time limit and there were no requests for review from other interested parties, we are rescinding these reviews. As such, we will issue appropriate appraisement instructions directly to the Customs Service. This notice is in accordance with section 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: September 19, 2001.

Richard W. Moreland,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-580-601]

Top-of-the-Stove Stainless Steel Cooking Ware From Korea: Extension of Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 26, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paige Rivas at (202) 482-0651, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 4, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

TIME LIMITS:

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department of Commerce (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 and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days and for the final determination to 180 days (or 300 days if the Department does not extend the time limit for the preliminary determination) from the date of publication of the preliminary determination.

Background

On February 28, 2001 the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Top-of-the-Stove Stainless Steel Cooking Ware from Korea, covering the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 (65 FR 12758). The preliminary results are currently due no later than October 3, 2000.

Extension of Preliminary Results of Review

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore, we are extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until no later than

January 30, 2002. See Decision Memorandum from Senior Office Director Holly Kuga to Deputy Assistant Secretary Bernard T. Carreau, dated concurrently with this notice, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce Building. We intend to issue the final determination no later than 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results of review notice.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

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Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

The Research Foundation of State University of New York: Notice of Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5 P.M. in Suite 4100W, U.S. Department of Commerce, Franklin Court Building, 1099 14th Street, NW., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 01-015. Applicant: The Research Foundation of State University of New York, Albany, NY 12201-0009. Instrument: XY Shifting Table and Accessories. Manufacturer: Luigs & Neumann, Germany. Intended Use: See notice at 66 FR 39490, July 31, 2001.

Comments: None received. Decision: Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. Reasons: The foreign instrument provides: (1) Direct approach of the micropipette to the cell, (2) adjustable advancement speed (from 0.04 to 6 mm/sec.), (3) a temperature controlled bath and (4) a stage customized for use with an Olympus microscope. A university research laboratory advised August 21, 2001 that (1) these capabilities are pertinent to the applicant's intended purpose and (2) it knows of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument for the applicant's intended use.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument which is being manufactured in the United States.

Gerald A. Zerdy,

Program Manager, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 071101A]

Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Seismic Retrofit of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge, San Francisco Bay, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) has been issued to the California Department of Transportation (CALTRANS) to take small numbers of Pacific harbor seals and possibly California sea lions, by harassment, incidental to seismic retrofit construction of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge (the Bridge), San Francisco Bay, (the Bay) CA.

DATES: This authorization is effective from September 19, 2001, through September 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: A copy of the application may be obtained by writing to Donna Wieting, Chief, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225, or by telephoning one of the contacts listed here.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055, ext 128, or Christina Fahy, Southwest Regional Office, NMFS, (562) 980-4023.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 et seq.) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of marine mammals

by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review and comment.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses and that the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as "an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival."

Section 101(a)(5)(D) of the MMPA established an expedited process by which citizens of the United States can apply for an authorization to incidentally take small numbers of marine mammals by harassment. The MMPA defines "harassment" as:

any act of pursuit, torment, or annoyance which (i) has the potential to injure a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild; or (ii) has the potential to disturb a marine mammal or marine mammal stock in the wild by causing disruption of behavioral patterns, including, but not limited to, migration, breathing, nursing, breeding, feeding, or sheltering.

Section 101(a)(5)(D) establishes a 45-day time limit for NMFS review of an application followed by a 30-day public notice and comment period on any proposed authorizations for the incidental harassment of small numbers of marine mammals. Within 45 days of the close of the comment period, NMFS must either issue or deny issuance of the authorization.

Summary of Request

On June 8, 2001, NMFS received a letter from CALTRANS, requesting reauthorization of an IHA that was first issued to it on December 16, 1997 (62 FR 6704, December 23, 1997), and renewed on January 8, 2000 (65 FR 2375, January 14, 2000), with an effective date for the IHA beginning on September 1, 2000, and expired on August 31, 2001. The renewed authorization would be for the harassment of small numbers of Pacific harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*) and possibly California sea lions (*Zalophus*