

1. *Forgiveness of Short-Term Liabilities.* The petitioner alleges that, because the combined short-term liabilities listed on the 1998 financial statements from Nitrokemia Rt. and Nitrokemia 2000 are significantly smaller than the short-term liabilities listed on the former Nitrokemia's 1997 financial statements, the GOH forgave some of the former Nitrokemia's short-term liabilities when the company was split.

The petitioner has not provided sufficient evidence that any short-term debts were actually forgiven by the GOH. Although the combined short-term debts were less than the short-term debts from the former Nitrokemia's financial statements, the petitioner has provided no evidence that the short-term debt was not simply paid off or converted to long-term debt. Thus, lacking sufficient evidence of a financial contribution or a benefit from the GOH at this time, we are not including this program in our investigation.

2. *Provision of Natural Gas for Less Than Adequate Remuneration.* The petitioner alleges that the GOH subsidizes the price of natural gas to the Hungarian industry because natural gas prices in Hungary are significantly lower than they are in the rest of the world. Without this alleged subsidy, the petitioner states that the cost of natural gas for Nitrokemia 2000's sulfanilic acid production would be one percent higher.

The petitioner has provided no evidence to support its claim that the GOH provided natural gas for less than adequate remuneration to a specific enterprise or industry in Hungary. The petitioner admits that it was not able to locate any information that this alleged provision of low-priced natural gas was not generally available in Hungary. Thus, because no information was provided in support of the specificity claim, at this time we are not including this program in our investigation.

#### Distribution of Copies of the Petition

In accordance with section 702(b)(4)(A)(i) of the Act, a copy of the public version of the petition has been provided to the GOH. We will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of the petition to each exporter named in the petition, as provided for under section 351.203(c)(2) of the Department's regulations.

#### ITC Notification

We have notified the ITC of our initiation, as required by section 702(d) of the Act.

#### Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will determine no later than November 13, 2001, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of sulfanilic acid from Hungary 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, the investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: October 18, 2001.

#### Faryar Shirzad,

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### International Trade Administration

##### Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC)

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Open Meeting.

**DATE:** November 15, 2001.

**TIME:** 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

**PLACE:** U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

**SUMMARY:** The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee will hold a plenary meeting on November 15, 2001, at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

ETTAC will hear reports on programs in the International Trade Administration, and on the status of U.S. Commercial Service support for the U.S.-Asia Pacific Environmental Partnership. ETTAC will also hold a roundtable on the effects of the September 11 terrorism attacks on the environmental industry and the industry's response. The meeting is open to the public.

ETTAC is mandated by Public Law 103-392. It was created to advise the U.S. government on environmental trade policies and programs, and to help it to focus its resources on increasing the exports of the U.S. environmental industry. The ETTAC operates as an advisory committee to the Secretary of Commerce and the interagency Environmental Trade Working Group (ETWG) of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC). The ETTAC was originally chartered in May

of 1994. It was most recently rechartered until May 30, 2002.

For further information phone Jane Siegel, Office of Technologies Industries, (ETI), U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482-5225. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to ETI.

Dated: October 22, 2001.

**Carlos F. Montoulieu,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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##### Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Fisheries Finance Program Requirements

**AGENCY:** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

**DATES:** Written comments must be submitted on or before December 26, 2001.

**ADDRESSES:** Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Charles L. Cooper, Financial Services Division, Office of Constituent Services, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone 301-713-2396).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

#### I. Abstract

NOAA operates a direct loan program to assist in financing certain actions relating to commercial fishing vessels, shoreside fishery facilities, aquaculture operations, and individual fishing quotas (IFQ). Application information is