

### Extension of Due Date for Preliminary Determinations

On October 18, 2001, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated the countervailing duty ("CVD") investigations of certain cold-rolled carbon steel flat products from Argentina, Brazil, France, and the Republic of Korea. See *Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigations: Certain Cold-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products From Argentina, Brazil, France, and the Republic of Korea*, 66 FR 54218 (October 26, 2001). The initial deadline for these preliminary determinations was December 22, 2001. On November 30, 2001, we issued a notice partially extending these preliminary determinations until January 28, 2002. See *Certain Cold-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Argentina, Brazil, France, and the Republic of Korea: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Determinations in Countervailing Duty Investigations*, 66 FR 63523 (December 7, 2001) ("*Preliminary Postponement*"). Pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we find that, because of the continued, "extraordinarily complicated" nature of these investigations, we must extend the preliminary determinations deadline for the full 130 days.

Under section 703(c)(1)(B), the Department can extend the period for reaching a preliminary determination until not later than the 130th day after the date on which the administering authority initiates an investigation if:

(B) The administering authority concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating and determines that

(i) The case is extraordinarily complicated by reason of

(I) The number and complexity of the alleged countervailable subsidy practices;

(II) The novelty of the issues presented;

(III) The need to determine the extent to which particular countervailable subsidies are used by individual manufacturers, producers, and exporters; or

(IV) The number of firms whose activities must be investigated; and

(ii) Additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination.

Regarding the first requirement, we find that in each case all concerned parties are cooperating. Regarding the second requirement for extraordinarily complicated cases, it is the Department's position that the appropriate criterion for analysis is not the number of programs in question, but rather, the *specific transactions*, e.g.,

equity infusions, debt-to-equity conversions, etc., applied under those programs, which are numerous and appropriately categorized as "practices." With respect to the issue of the complexity of the practice, these practices are complex in nature as reflected in the extensive analysis required to address these subsidies. Therefore, we find that each of these four cases is extraordinarily complicated as described below.

#### Argentina

As stated in the *Preliminary Postponement*, the Argentine investigation is extraordinarily complicated because a number of the alleged countervailable subsidies practices are complex or novel. This continues to be the case. Also, in addition to the reasons stated in the *Preliminary Postponement*, the recent political turmoil in Argentina has made it difficult for the Government of Argentina to provide complete responses to the Department's questionnaire.

#### Brazil

As stated in the *Preliminary Postponement*, the Brazil investigation is extraordinarily complicated because a number of newly alleged countervailable subsidies practices are complex or novel. This continues to be the case. In order to properly analyze these new allegations, the Department has asked several detailed supplemental questions regarding complex tax provisions which will not be due earlier than January 24, 2002. The answers to these questions will require complicated analysis and will be necessary for the Department to make its preliminary determination.

#### France

As stated in the *Preliminary Postponement*, the French investigation is extraordinarily complicated because a number of the alleged countervailable subsidies practices are complex or novel. This continues to be the case. In addition, the Department has asked several detailed supplemental questions which were due on January 16, 2002. The answers to the supplemental questions will require complicated analysis and will be necessary for the Department to make its preliminary determination.

#### The Republic of Korea

As stated in the *Preliminary Postponement*, the Korean investigation is extraordinarily complicated because a number of the alleged countervailable subsidies practices are complex or

novel. This continues to be the case. In addition, the Department is issuing supplemental questionnaires. The answers to the supplemental questions will require complicated analysis and will be necessary for the Department to make its preliminary determination.

Accordingly, we deem these investigations to be extraordinarily complicated and determine, with regard to the third requirement noted above, that additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determinations. Therefore, pursuant to section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we are postponing the preliminary determinations in these investigations for an additional 28 days to no later than February 25, 2002.

This notice is published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: January 18, 2002.

**Faryar Shirzad,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Telecommunications and Information Administration

[Docket No. 011109273-1273-01]

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### Closing Comment Period on Deployment of Broadband Networks and Advanced Telecommunications

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On November 19, 2001, the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) published a Notice in the **Federal Register** inviting the public to submit comments on broadband deployment in the United States.<sup>1</sup> Interested parties were requested to submit comments in response to the Notice on or before December 19, 2001. Comments received after the December 19, 2001 deadline were received and posted as late-filed comments. As of January 18, 2002, the comment period in this docket is closed. NTIA will no longer accept or place in the record late-filed documents.

**DATES:** The comment period in this docket is closed as of January 18, 2002.

<sup>1</sup> 66 FR 57941 (2001). The initial Notice contained an incorrect date for the deadline, but a correction was published the following week. See 66 FR 59050 (Nov. 26, 2001).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

NTIA is the executive branch agency responsible for developing and articulating domestic and international telecommunications policy. NTIA is the principal advisor to the President on telecommunications policies pertaining to the Nation's economic and technological advancement and to the regulation of the telecommunications industry. The request for comment on the deployment of broadband and advanced services is a part of NTIA's ongoing effort to obtain more information about broadband issues. The comments submitted in this proceeding will be used to assist the Administration in developing a domestic telecommunications policy and NTIA's continuing support for removing obstacles to broadband deployment.

Due to the complexity of the issues in this proceeding and to facilitate a fully developed record, NTIA allowed interested parties to submit comments after the December 19, 2001 deadline. Since that time, NTIA received a substantial number of comments. Effective January 18, 2002, however, NTIA will no longer accept or place in the public record comments in this proceeding.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Inquiries should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, at (202) 482-7002.

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Agency Information Collection Under Review by the Office of Management and Budget**

**AGENCY:** Department of Energy.

**ACTION:** Submission for OMB review; comment request.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Energy (DOE), pursuant to section 3506(c)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, intends to extend for three years, an information collection package with the Office of Management and Budget (OMB).

The package covers collections of information concerning the public and the management and administration of DOE's government-owned contractor-

operated (GOCO) facilities and offsite contractors. The information is used by Departmental management to exercise management oversight with respect to the implementation of applicable statutory and contractual requirements and obligations. The collection of this information is critical to ensure the Government has sufficient information to judge the degree to which contractors meet contractual requirements; that public funds are being spent in the manner intended, and that fraud, waste, and abuse are immediately detected and eliminated.

**DATES:** Written comments and recommendations for the proposed collections of information must be submitted to the OMB Desk Officer, within February 25, 2002. If you anticipate that you will be submitting comments, but find it difficult to do so within the period of time allowed by this Notice, please advise the OMB Desk Officer of your intention to make a submission as soon as possible. The Desk Officer may be telephoned at (202) 395-3087. In addition, please notify the DOE contact listed in this Notice.

**ADDRESSES:** Address comments to the DOE Desk Officer, Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, New Executive Office Building, Room 10102, 725 17th Street, NW., Washington, DC 20503. (Comments should also be addressed to Susan L. Frey, Director, Records Management Division, Office of the Deputy Associate CIO for Architecture Standards & Policy, Office of the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Department of Energy, Germantown, MD 20874-1290.)

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Requests for copies of the Department's Paperwork Reduction Act Submission should be directed to James Renjilian, Office of the General Counsel (GC-80), U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, DC 20585, (202) 586-1522. Any other information should be directed to Ms. Susan L. Frey, (see above address), by telephone at (301) 903-3666 or e-mail at [Susan.Frey@hq.doe.gov](mailto:Susan.Frey@hq.doe.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** This package contains: (1) Current OMB No. 1910-0800; (2) Title: Legal Collections Packages; (3) Summary: Request for a three-year extension of the existing clearance; (4) Purpose: This information is required by DOE to ensure that programmatic and administrative management requirements and resources are managed efficiently and effectively and to exercise management oversight over DOE M&O contractors of the Department's GOCO facilities, and off-site contractors. (5) Type of

Respondents: DOE management and operating contractors and off-site contractors; (6) Estimated Number of Responses: 1,894. Estimated number of Burden Hours: 14,100 .

**Statutory Authority:** Section 3506(c)(1)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13).

Issued in Washington, DC, on January 15, 2002.

**Susan L. Frey,**

*Director, Records Management Division, Office of Deputy Associate Architecture Standards & Policy, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY****Office of Environmental Management, Environmental Management Advisory Board; Renewal**

Pursuant to Section 14(a)(2)(A) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (Public Law 92-463), and in accordance with Title 41 of the Code of Federal Regulations, section 102-3.65(a), and following consultation with the Committee Management Secretariat, General Services Administration, notice is hereby given that the Environmental Management Advisory Board has been renewed for a two-year period beginning on January 18, 2002. The Board will provide advice to the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management.

The Board provides the Assistant Secretary for Environmental Management with information and strategic advice on corporate issues, with a focus on achieving closure of selected sites by 2006. It recommends options to resolve difficult issues faced in the Environmental Management program including; public and worker health and safety, integration and disposition of waste, regulatory agreements, roles and authorities, risk assessment and cost-benefit analyses, program performance and functionality, and science requirements and applications. Consensus recommendations to the Department of Energy from the Board on programmatic nationwide resolution of numerous difficult issues will help achieve the Department's objective of the safe and efficient cleanup of its contaminated sites.

Additionally, the renewal of the Environmental Management Advisory Board has been determined to be essential to the conduct of Department of Energy business and to be in the public interest in connection with the