

merchandise on each of that importer's entries during the review period.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of this notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of certain SSBWPF from Taiwan entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for Ta Chen will be the rate shown above; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers shall continue to be 51.01 percent.

These deposit requirements shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice also serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of doubled antidumping duties.

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders ("APO") of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a violation which is subject to sanction.

We are issuing and publishing this determination and notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: December 17, 2002.

Bernard T. Carreau,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

APPENDIX I

Discussion of the Issues:

Comment 1: Intra-Warehouse Freight Costs

Comment 2: CEP Profit

Comment 3: Use of Adverse Facts Available

Comment 4: Home Market Credit Expenses

Comment 5: CEP Expenses

Comment 6: CEP Offset

Comment 7: Costs Associated with U.S.

Short-Term Borrowings

Comment 8: U.S. Indirect Selling Expenses

Comment 9: Home Market Indirect Selling Expenses

Comment 10: Home Market Inventory

Carrying Costs Related to U.S. Sales

Comment 11: General and

Administrative Expenses

Comment 12: Miscellaneous

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121802A]

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Scallop Advisory Panel, Oversight Committee and Habitat Oversight Committee in January, 2003 to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ). Recommendations from these groups will be brought to the full Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

DATES: The meetings will be held between January 7 and January 10, 2003. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held in Warwick, RI and Plymouth, MA. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific locations.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; (978) 465-0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Meeting Dates and Agendas

*Tuesday, January 7, 2003, 9:30 a.m.—*Habitat Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Radisson Hotel Plymouth Harbor, 180 Water Street, Plymouth, MA 02360; telephone: (508) 747-4900.

The Committee will review the analysis for the Essential Fish Habitat Sections of the Draft Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement (DSEIS) for Amendment 10. They will also select preferred alternatives for Amendment 10 to be recommended to the full Council.

*Wednesday, January 8, 2003, 9:30 a.m.—*Scallop Advisory Panel Meeting.

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000.

The Scallop Advisory Panel will review the Draft Amendment 10 alternatives and analysis of impacts, providing advice to the Oversight Committee for measures to include in one or more preferred alternatives.

*January 9, 2003, 9:30 a.m. and January 10, 2003, 8:30 a.m.—*Scallop Oversight Committee Meeting.

Location: Radisson Airport Hotel, 2081 Post Road, Warwick, RI 02886; telephone: (401) 739-3000.

Based on the new and existing analyses in the DSEIS, Plan Development Team (PDT) recommendations, and Panel advice; the Oversight Committee will develop recommendations for one or more preferred alternatives for Draft Amendment 10 to the Atlantic Sea Scallop Fishery Management Plan. The committee will also develop initial/default rotation management recommendations for the 2004-07 scallop fishing years based on the 2002 survey data and updated projections. Other scallop management issues may also be discussed, if needed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically listed in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see ADDRESSES) at least 5 days prior to the meeting dates.

Dated: December 18, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Docket No. 010222048-2313-07

The State Uniform Commercial Code Exception of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act

AGENCY: National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), U.S. Department of Commerce

ACTION: Request For Comments

SUMMARY: Section 101 of the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, Pub. L. No. 106-229, codified at 15 U.S.C. §§ 7001 *et seq.* ("ESIGN" or "the Act"), preserves the legal effect, validity, and enforceability of signatures and contracts relating to electronic transactions and electronic signatures used in the formation of electronic contracts. 15 U.S.C. § 7001(a), Section 103 (a) and (b) of the Act, however, provides that the provisions of section 101 do not apply to contracts and records governed by statutes and regulations regarding court documents; probate and domestic law matters; state commercial law; consumer law covering utility services, residential property foreclosures and defaults, and insurance benefits; product recall notices; and hazardous materials documents. Section 103 of the Act also requires the Secretary of Commerce, through the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, to review the operation of these exceptions to evaluate whether they continue to be necessary for consumer protection, and to make recommendations to Congress based on this evaluation. 15 U.S.C. § 7003(c)(1). This Notice is intended to solicit comments from interested parties for purposes of this evaluation, specifically on the state uniform commercial code exception to the ESIGN Act. See 15 U.S.C. § 7003(a)(3). NTIA will publish separate notices requesting comment on

the other exceptions listed in section 103 of the ESIGN Act.¹

DATES: Written comments and papers are requested to be submitted on or before February 24, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Written comments should be submitted to Josephine Scarlett, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20230. Paper submissions should include a three and one-half inch computer diskette in HTML, ASCII, Word, or WordPerfect format (please specify version).

Diskettes should be labeled with the name and organizational affiliation of the filer, and the name of the word processing program used to create the document. In the alternative, comments may be submitted electronically to the following electronic mail address: esignstudy_ucc@ntia.doc.gov. Comments submitted via electronic mail also should be submitted in one or more of the formats specified above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For questions about this request for comment, contact: Josephine Scarlett, Attorney, Office of the Chief Counsel, NTIA, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-1816 or electronic mail: jscarlett@ntia.doc.gov. Media inquiries should be directed to the Office of Public Affairs, National Telecommunications and Information Administration, at (202) 482-7002.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act

Congress enacted the Electronic Signatures in Global and National Commerce Act, Pub. L. No. 106-229, 114 Stat. 464 (2000), to facilitate the use of electronic records and signatures in interstate and foreign commerce and to remove uncertainty about the validity of contracts entered into electronically. Section 101 requires, among other things, that electronic signatures, contracts, and records be given legal effect, validity, and enforceability. Sections 103(a) and (b) of the Act provides that the requirements of section 101 shall not apply to contracts and records governed by statutes and regulations regarding: probate and

¹Comments submitted in response to **Federal Register** notices requesting comment on the other exceptions to ESIGN will be considered as part of the same section 103 evaluation and not as part of a separate review of the Act. Notices have been published on the court documents, hazardous materials, product recall, family law documents, housing default, and insurance cancellation notices exceptions to ESIGN. See 67 Fed. Reg. 56277, 56279, 59828, 61599, 63379, 69201, and 75849.

domestic law matters; state commercial law; consumer law covering utility services, residential default and foreclosure notices, and insurance benefits cancellation notices; product recall notices; and hazardous materials documents.

The statutory language providing for an exception to section 101 of ESIGN for contracts governed by the Uniform Commercial Code as in effect in any state is found in section 103(a)(3) of the Act:

Sec. 103. [15 U.S.C. 7003] Specific Exceptions.

(a) *Excepted Requirements.*— The provisions of section 101 shall not apply to a contract or other record to the extent it is governed by—

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(3) the Uniform Commercial Code, as in effect in any State, other than sections 1-107 and 1-206 and Articles 2 and 2A.

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The statutory language requiring the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information to submit a report to Congress on the results of the evaluation of the section 103 exceptions to the ESIGN Act is found in section 103(c)(1) of the Act as set forth below.

(c) *Review of Exceptions.*—

(1) *Evaluation required.*— The Secretary of Commerce, acting through the Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information, shall review the operation of the exceptions in subsections (a) and (b) to evaluate, over a period of 3 years, whether such exceptions continue to be necessary for the protection of consumers. Within 3 years after the date of enactment of this Act, the Assistant Secretary shall submit a report to Congress on the results of such evaluation.

Contracts and Records Governed by State Uniform Commercial Code

The ESIGN exception for contracts governed by state uniform commercial code (UCC) provisions, other than sections 1-107, 1-206, Articles 2 and 2A, precludes the formation or establishment of these contracts by electronic means.² Contracts based on the other provisions of the uniform commercial code are excepted or exempt from the application of ESIGN's provisions, and therefore, are not legally valid if executed electronically or

²Section 1-107 allows for waiver or renunciation of a claim or right after breach without a writing; section 1-206, the statute of frauds, requires a written contract for sale of property in excess of \$5,000 in amount or value of remedy; Articles 2 and 2A govern sales and lease transactions, respectively.