

Steel Products From the Russian Federation ("First Addendum"). On February 24, 2003, the Parties agreed, ad referendum, to a proposed Second Addendum to the Agreement Concerning Trade in Certain Steel Products From the Russian Federation ("Second Addendum").

The United States is considering the acceptance of the Second Addendum and consequent modification to Proclamation 7210 in order to modify the terms of the 1999 Agreement with regards to pig iron, certain steel billets, and certain other semifinished steel products from the Russian Federation. This Addendum would modify the export limits, export limit periods and reporting periods of the 1999 Agreement for these three products. All other provisions of the 1999 Agreement and the First Addendum not affected by this Second Addendum remain in effect and unchanged.

Section 125(c) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2135(c)) provides that whenever the United States, acting in pursuance of any of its rights or obligations under any trade agreement entered into pursuant to the Trade Act, modifies any obligation with respect to the trade of any foreign country or instrumentality, the President is authorized to proclaim increased duties or other import restrictions, to the extent, at such times, and for such periods as he deems necessary or appropriate, in order to exercise the rights or fulfill the obligations of the United States. Section 125(f) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2135(f)) requires the President to provide the opportunity for interested parties to present views at a public hearing prior to taking action pursuant to section 125(b), (c), or (d) of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2135 (b), (c), or (d)). Such an opportunity is being provided by the holding of such a hearing on March 26, 2003, at 10:00 a.m., at the United States Department of Commerce. The Department has published a copy of the Second Addendum on its Import Administration Web site (<http://www.ia.ita.doc.gov/newitems.htm>).

Notice of Public Hearing

Pursuant to section 125(f) of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2135(f)), the International Trade Administration of the Department of Commerce, has scheduled a public hearing beginning at 10 a.m., on March 26, 2003, at Room (TBA) of the Herbert C. Hoover Building, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC.

Requests to Present Oral Testimony: Parties wishing to testify orally at the hearing must provide written

notification of their intention not later than 5 p.m., March 19, 2003, to Faryar Shirzad, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration: Public Hearing on the Second Addendum to the Agreement Concerning Trade in Certain Steel Products from the Russian Federation, Room 3099B, Herbert C. Hoover Building, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. The notification should include: (1) The name of the person presenting the testimony, their address and telephone number; (2) the organization or company they are representing, if appropriate; (3) a list of issues to be addressed; and (4), if applicable, any request for an extension of the time limitation for the oral presentation. This notification may be submitted via facsimile to Jean Kemp or Ed Yang at (202) 482-0865. Those parties presenting oral testimony must also submit a written brief, in 20 copies, not later than 10 a.m., March 24, 2003, to the above mentioned address. Hearing presentations should be limited to no more than five minutes to allow for possible questions from the Chairman and the panel. Additional time for oral presentations may be granted as time and the number of participants permit. Any business proprietary material must be clearly marked as such on the cover page (or letter) and succeeding pages. Such submissions must be accompanied by a public summary thereof.

Written Briefs

Those persons not wishing to participate in the hearing may submit written comments, in 20 typed copies, not later than 10 a.m., March 24, 2003, to Faryar Shirzad, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration: Re: Second Addendum to the Agreement Concerning Trade in Certain Steel Products from the Russian Federation, Room 3099B, Herbert C. Hoover Building, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC. Comments should state clearly the position taken and describe with specificity, the evidence supporting that position. Any business proprietary material must be clearly marked as such on the cover page (or letter) and succeeding pages. Such submissions must be accompanied by a public summary thereof. Public submissions will be available for public inspection at the Import Administration Central Records Unit. An appointment to review the file may be made by contacting Thomas Hartley at (202) 482-1248.

Dated: March 4, 2003.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

Title: Alaska Individual Fishing Quota Cost Recovery Program Requirements.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: 0648-0398.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 5,504.

Number of Respondents: 2,700.

Average Hours Per Response: 2 hours for a fee submission form; 2 hours for a register buyer ex-vessel value and volume report; 2 hours for an appeal; and 30 minutes for a pre-payment of fees.

Needs and Uses: The Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act requires that the Secretary of Commerce implement a Cost Recovery Program to cover the management and enforcement costs of the Alaska Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program. This Cost Recovery Program requires IFQ permit holders and registered buyers to submit information about the value of landings of IFQ species and for the permit holders to calculate and submit fees.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations, individuals or households, not-for-profit institutions.

Frequency: On occasion, annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk

Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: February 27, 2003.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No. 021114275-3052-02]

Joint Hurricane Testbed (JHT) Opportunities for Transfer of Research and Technology Into Tropical Cyclone Analysis and Forecast Operations

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) publishes this notice to notify applicants of the due date for the submission of full proposals and to amend the eligibility criteria to allow Federal agencies to submit proposals solicited under its January 3, 2003, **Federal Register** notice (68 FR 359) entitled Joint Hurricane Testbed (JHT) Opportunities for Transfer of Research and Technology into Tropical Cyclone Analysis and Forecast Operations.

DATES: Full proposals must be received at the Tropical Prediction Center in Miami, Florida no later than 5 p.m. e.d.t. on April 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Full proposals must be submitted to: Dr. Jiann-Gwo Jiing, Director, Joint Hurricane Testbed, Tropical Prediction Center, 11691 SW 17th Street, Miami, FL 33165.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To obtain an application package or for further information, contact: Karen King, DOC/NOAA, Office of Weather & Air Quality Research, Routing Code R/WA, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 11216, Silver Spring, MD 20910, phone (301) 713-0460 ext. 202, email Karen.King@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) publishes this notice to amend the eligibility criteria and to provide additional information concerning the due date for full proposals solicited under its January 3, 2003, **Federal Register** notice (68 FR 359) entitled Joint Hurricane Testbed (JHT) Opportunities for Transfer of Research

and Technology into Tropical Cyclone Analysis and Forecast Operations.

Update

In the January 3, 2003, **Federal Register** notice (68 FR359) announcing Joint Hurricane Testbed (JHT) funding opportunities, the "DATES" section on page 360 stated that "PIs (Principal Investigators) will be informed of the submittal deadline for full proposals in the response letter" (to be sent from NOAA by March 4, 2003, in response to submitted preapplications). Further, section VIII of that notice indicated that PIs who do not receive a response letter with an invitation to submit a full proposal are not precluded from submitting a full proposal. Finally, the notice stated that applicants who did not submit a preapplication may nevertheless submit a full proposal.

The deadline for submission of full proposals has now been established. Full proposals must be received at the Tropical Prediction Center in Miami, Florida (*see* ADDRESSES) no later than 5 p.m. e.d.t. April 10, 2003. Full proposals received after the submission deadline will be returned without review. In submitting full proposals, applicants must adhere to all requirements stated in the JHT **Federal Register** notice of January 3, 2003. Full proposals from non-Federal applicants must be submitted along with completed, required forms that are contained in the standard NOAA Grants and Cooperative Agreement Package. To obtain this package, and for further information, please see the individual listed under the heading **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. Federal applicants do not need to request this package and are not required to complete the forms it contains.

Restatement of Section VI.—Eligibility of the JHT Federal Register Notice of January 3, 2003

The eligibility criteria of the original solicitation are amended to allow Federal agencies to submit applications under this program. The statement published in section VI of the notice is replaced with the following revised statement:

Eligible applicants are institutions of higher education, other nonprofits, commercial organizations, international organizations, state, local and Indian tribal governments, and Federal agencies. Applications from non-Federal and Federal applicants will be competed against each other. Proposals selected for funding from non-Federal applicants will be funded through a cooperative agreement under the terms of the JHT **Federal Register** notice of

January 3, 2003. Funding for contractual arrangements for services and products for delivery to NOAA are not available under this notice. Proposals selected for funding from NOAA scientists shall be effected by an intra-agency fund transfer. Proposals selected for funding from a non-NOAA Federal agency will be funded through an inter-agency transfer. *Please Note:* Before non-NOAA Federal applicants may be funded, they must demonstrate that they have legal authority to receive funds from another Federal agency in excess of their appropriation. Because this announcement is not proposing to procure goods or services from applicants, the Economy Act (31 U.S.C. 1535) is not an appropriate legal basis.

Dated: March 5, 2003.

Louisa Koch,

Deputy Assistant Administrator, Office of Oceanic and Atmospheric Research, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111902C]

Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Missile Launch Operations from San Nicolas Island, CA

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application for a small take authorization; request for comments and information.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received a request from the U.S. Navy for the harassment of small numbers of pinnipeds incidental to missile launch operations from San Nicolas Island, CA (SNI). As a result of that request, NMFS is considering whether to propose regulations that would govern the incidental taking of a small number of marine mammals under a Letter of Authorization (LOA). In order to promulgate these regulations and issue an LOA, NMFS must determine that these takings will have a negligible impact on the affected species and stocks of marine mammals. NMFS invites comment on the application and suggestions on the content of the regulations.