

The tentative trip itinerary will be as follows:

September 21: Arrive in St. Petersburg
 September 22: Commercial Energy Summit in St. Petersburg
 September 23: Commercial Energy Summit in St. Petersburg; travel to Moscow
 September 24: Meetings in Moscow
 September 25: Meetings in Moscow; depart Moscow

V. Criteria for Participant Selection

The recruitment and selection of private sector participants for this mission will be conducted according to the "Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce-Overseas Trade Missions" established in March 1997. Approximately 15 companies will be selected for the mission. Companies will be selected according to the criteria set out below.

Eligibility

Participating companies must be incorporated in the United States. A company is eligible to participate if the products and/or services that it will promote (a) are manufactured or produced in the United States; or (b) if manufactured or produced outside the United States, are marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have U.S. content representing at least 51 percent of the value of the finished good or service.

Selection Criteria

Companies will be selected for participation in the mission on the basis of:

- Consistency of company's goals with the scope and desired outcome of the mission;
- Relevance of a company's business and product line to the identified growth sectors;
- Rank of the designated company representative;
- Past, present, or prospective relevant international business activity;
- Diversity of company size, type, location, demographics, and traditional under-representation in business.
- Timely receipt of signed mission application, participation agreement, and participation fee.

Recruitment will begin immediately and will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade missions calendar—<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html>—and other Internet websites, press releases to the general and trade media. Promotion of the mission will also take place through the involvement of U.S. Export Assistance Centers and relevant trade associations.

An applicant's partisan, political activities (including political contributions) are entirely irrelevant to the selection process.

VI. Time Frame for Applications

Applications for the Russia Business Development mission will be made available on or about July 3, 2003. The fee to participate in this mission has not yet been determined, but will be approximately \$8,000–\$10,000. The fees will not cover travel or lodging expenses, which will be the responsibility of each participant. For additional information on the trade mission or to obtain an application, contact the Office of Business Liaison at 202–482–1360. Applications should be submitted to the Office of Business Liaison by August 8, 2003, in order to ensure sufficient time to obtain in-country appointments for applicants selected to participate in the mission. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. A mission website will be posted at <http://www.commerce.com/russiamission2003> to share information as it becomes available.

Contact: Office of Business Liaison, Room 5062, Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, Tel: (202) 482–1360, Fax: (202) 482–4054, & <http://www.commerce.com/russiamission>.

Dated: July 9, 2003.

Dan McCardell,

Director, Office of Business Liaison.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Industry and Security

President's Export Council Subcommittee on Export Administration; Notice of Open Meeting

The President's Export Council subcommittee on Export Administration (PECSEA) will meet on July 31, 2003, 10 a.m., at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues, NW., Washington, DC. The PECSEA provides advice on matters pertinent to those portions of the Export Administration Act, as amended, that deal with United States policies of encouraging trade with all countries with which the United States has diplomatic or trading relations and of controlling trade for national security and foreign policy reasons.

Agenda

1. Welcome by Under Secretary of Commerce for Industry and Security.
2. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
3. Presentation of papers or comments by the public.
4. Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS) and Export Administration update.
5. Export Enforcement update.
6. Discussion of issues.
7. Closing remarks.

A limited number of seats will be available for the public session. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the PECSEA. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to PECSEA members, the PECSEA suggests that public presentation materials or comments be forwarded before the meeting to the address listed below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, BIS/EA/OSIES MS: 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th St. & Constitution Ave. NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter on 202–482–2583.

Dated: July 9, 2003.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary for Export Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Request for Information

SUMMARY: In furtherance of its implementation of the new U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing Policy authorized by the President on April 25, 2003, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is seeking public comment with regard to NOAA's licensing of commercial remote sensing satellite systems.

DATES: Submit comments on or before August 15, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Submit written comments to: NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs Office, 1335 East-West Highway SSMC1, Room 7311, Silver Spring, MD 20910, attn: Timothy Stryker, Chief, Satellite Activities Branch.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The new U.S. Commercial Remote Sensing Policy establishes guidance and implementation actions for the policies

contained therein with respect to commercial remote sensing space capabilities. A fact sheet regarding the new policy directive may be found on the web site of the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy, at <http://www.ostp.gov/html/new.html>. The fundamental goal of the policy is "to advance and protect U.S. national security and foreign policy interests by maintaining the nation's leadership in remote sensing space activities, and by sustaining and enhancing the U.S. remote sensing industry."

As part of the implementation of the new policy, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) is seeking public comment on all aspects of its licensing program for commercial remote sensing satellite systems. NOAA is seeking comments on topics such as:

- the current regulations on commercial remote sensing satellite systems;
- the current thresholds for commercial operations of U.S. systems;
- the U.S. Government's manner of conditioning operations of U.S. system operators;
- issues of foreign availability and competition; and,
- possible alternative approaches to address U.S. national security, foreign policy, and commercial interests.

For public reference, the Land Remote Sensing Policy Act of 1992, the Licensing of Private Land Remote-Sensing Space Systems (15 CFR part 960), and other relevant materials may be found in the "Reference Materials" section on the NOAA Commercial Remote Sensing Licensing Web site, at <http://www.licensing.noaa.gov>. Comments should be received by NOAA no later than August 15, 2003, by postal service to the address listed above.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Timothy Stryker, NOAA/NESDIS International and Interagency Affairs, 1335 East West Highway, Room 7311, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; telephone (301) 713-2024 x.205, fax (301) 713-2032, e-mail Timothy.Stryker@noaa.gov, or Bernard Crawford at telephone (301) 713-2024 x204, e-mail Bernard.Crawford@noaa.gov.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Chicago Mercantile Exchange: Proposed Amendments to the Live Cattle Futures Contract Restricting Delivery to Cattle Born and Raised in the United States

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of availability for public comment of the proposed amendments to the Chicago Mercantile Exchange's live cattle futures contract restricting delivery to cattle born and raised in the United States.

SUMMARY: The Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange) has requested that the Commission approve the subject proposed amendments for the live cattle futures contract. The proposals were submitted pursuant to the provisions of Section 5c(c)(2) of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act) and Commission Regulation 405.5. The proposals will require that all cattle delivered on the futures contract must be born and raised exclusively in the United States, and the seller must provide supporting documentation that conforms to industry standards at the time of delivery. The amendments are contingent upon the promulgation by the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) of regulations implementing Country Of Origin Labeling (COOL) requirements pursuant to Section 10816 of Public Law 107-171 (the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002), which by statute is intended to take effect on September 30, 2004.

The Director of the Division of Market Oversight (Division) of the Commission, acting pursuant to the authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, has determined that publication of the Exchange's proposed amendments for comment is in the public interest, and will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons.

DATES: Comments must be received on or before July 30, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Interested persons should submit their views and comments to Jean A. Webb, Secretary, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW., Washington, DC 20581. In addition, comments may be sent by facsimile transmission to (202) 418-5521 or by electronic mail to secretary@cftc.gov. Reference should be made to "CME Live Cattle Amendments."

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact Martin G. Murray of the

Division of Market Oversight, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street NW., Washington, DC 20581, (202) 418-5276. Facsimile number: (202) 418-5527. Electronic mail: mmurray@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The CME's live cattle futures contract calls for delivery at par of 40,000 pounds of live steers at specified CME-approved livestock yards in Texas, Kansas, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and New Mexico.¹ Under current contract terms, there is no country of origin requirement.

The proposed amendments will require that all cattle delivered on the futures contract must be born and raised exclusively in the United States, and the seller must provide supporting documentation that conforms to industry standards at the time of delivery. The amendments are contingent upon the promulgation by the USDA of final regulations implementing the COOL provisions (Section 10816 of Public Law 107-171), which by statute is intended to take effect on September 30, 2004. The Exchange intends to implement the amendments with respect to all newly listed futures contract months beginning with the October 2004 contract month.²

In support of the proposed amendments, the Exchange states the following:

[T]hese amendments are based on input from the Exchange's Ad Hoc Live Cattle Advisory Group, which includes a cross-section of industry representatives. This Group was convened on Monday, June 2nd specifically to discuss the implications associated with the impending adoption of COOL regulations. The Group agreed that the Live Cattle contract delivery specifications should be modified to require that all delivered cattle must be born and raised exclusively in the United States. Further, the seller (short) must provide documentation that conforms to industry standards at the time of delivery, verifying country of origin information. Finally, a contingency clause has been adopted in the event that COOL is postponed or repealed.

The Division is requesting comment on the proposals. The Division is particularly interested in comments assessing the potential impact of the proposals on available deliverable supplies for the live cattle futures contract and the consequential effects

¹ At the buyer's option, cattle may be graded on a live basis at the delivery stockyard, or on a carcass basis at a CME-approved packaging plant located within the originating stockyard's delivery region.

² The Exchange intends to list the October 2004 futures contract month on September 2, 2003.