

- The review involves three companies, all including sales and cost investigations which require the Department to gather and analyze a significant amount of information pertaining to each company's sales practices, manufacturing costs and corporate relationships.

- Additionally, responses from the three companies required the Department to issue multiple supplemental questionnaires which further delayed the planned verification schedules.

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, we are extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of review by 90 days until December 1, 2003. The final results continue to be due 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results.

Dated: July 30, 2003.

Barbara E. Tillman,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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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.

DATES: September 12, 2003; Time: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

PLACE: U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, Room 4830 (Room 3407 has also been reserved as a backup).

SUMMARY: The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC) will hold a plenary meeting on September 12, 2003 at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

The ETTAC will discuss administrative and trade issues including the status of trade negotiations in regards to environmental technologies trade liberalization, China's export market, and subcommittee action plans. Time will be permitted for public comment. The meeting is open to the public.

Written comments concerning ETTAC affairs are welcome anytime before or after the meeting. Minutes will be available within 30 days of this meeting.

The 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. 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). ETTAC was originally chartered in May of 1994. It was most recently rechartered until May 30, 2004.

For further information phone Corey Wright, Office of Environmental Technologies Industries (ETI), International Trade Administration, 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: July 31, 2003.

Carlos F. Montouliou,

Director, Office of Environmental Technologies Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration, North American Free Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Notice of Panel Decision

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of panel decision.

SUMMARY: On July 17, 2003, the binational panel issued its decision in the review of the final results of the antidumping duty determination made by the International Trade Administration (ITA) respecting Certain Softwood Lumber Products from Canada (Secretariat File No. USA-CDA-2002-1904-02) affirmed in part and remanded in part the determination of the Department of Commerce. The Department will return the determination on remand no later than September 15, 2003. A copy of the complete panel decision is available from the NAFTA Secretariat.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial

review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from the other country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

Panel Decision: On July 17, 2003, the Binational Panel affirmed in part and remanded in part the Department of Commerce's final antidumping duty determination. The following issues were remanded to the Department:

1. To explain the factual background of Commerce's determination that, for purposes of determining Constructed Value (CV) profit, the "foreign like product" should be defined as each Canadian Respondent's aggregate sales of subject merchandise during the period of investigation was reasonable and in accordance with law;

2. To re-allocate joint production costs using a value-based allocation methodology which takes into account dimensional differences between different jointly produced softwood lumber products;

3. To make an adjustment pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1677b(a)(6)(c)(ii) to reflect dimensional differences between different softwood lumber products being compared;

4. To exclude exports made by Scieries Saguenay Ltee. (SSL) from the final LTFV determination rendered in respect of Abitibi-Consolidated Inc.;

5. To exclude from the cost of production and constructed value of softwood lumber products produced during the period of investigation by Abitibi the costs of redemption of stock options issued to executives of Donohue, Inc.;

6. To treat "trim blocks" produced by Abitibi Inc. as subject merchandise rather than by-products, and to allocate production costs to the trim blocks produced by Abitibi during the period of the investigation;

7. To explain the agency's reason for determining why, based upon an examination of the entire record, general and administrative expenses incurred in

production of softwood lumber by Tembec Inc. according to parent company consolidated financial statements is reasonable and lawful consistent with the agency's obligation, set out at 19 U.S.C. 1677b(b)(3)(B), to calculate such expenses "based on actual data pertaining to production and sales of the foreign like product";

8. To explain why Commerce's final determination concerning Tembec's credit expenses does not contain a clerical error with respect to programming language used to make currency conversions; or, if the final determination does contain such an error, to identify and correct the error;

9. To explain why Commerce's decision to use Tembec's internal prices for wood chips was representative of the cost of producing such wood chips, and why such prices constituted a reasonable and permissible basis for calculating an offset to Tembec's production costs;

10. To consider the claims of West Fraser Mills that Commerce erred in adjusting the offset to production costs resulting from West Fraser's by-product sales of wood chips to unaffiliated purchasers in British Columbia during the period of investigation, and particularly, to consider whether the timing of West Fraser's wood chip sales to unaffiliated parties during the early part of the period of investigation, and the existence of a long term contract, cause those sales to be not fairly representative of West Fraser's wood chip prices during the POI;

11. To provide a complete explanation of Commerce's decision that finger-jointed flangestock (FJF) does not constitute a separate "class or kind" of merchandise for purposes of this investigation; and in so doing, to explain how the agency applied each of the Diversified Products factors to its consideration of FJF, the determinations reached with respect to each such factor, and how the agency weighed these factors in reaching its determination; and

12. To provide a complete explanation of Commerce's determination not to treat square-end bed frame components as a separate "class or kind" of merchandise for purposes of this investigation; and in so doing, to explain how the agency applied each of the Diversified Products factors to its consideration of square-end bed frame components, and how the agency weighed these factors in reaching its determination; and

13. To publish revised less than fair value (LTFV) margins for the investigated Respondents, including a revised "all others" rate, as determined

after carrying out the above remand instructions.

Commerce was directed to issue its determination on remand within 60 days of the issuance of the decision or not later than September 15, 2003.

Dated: July 28, 2003.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 110802A]

Endangered Species; File No. 1405

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the South Carolina Department of Natural Resources, Charleston, SC 29422-2559, has been issued a permit to take loggerhead (*Caretta caretta*), Kemp's ridley (*Lepidochelys kempfi*), green (*Chelonia mydas*), leatherback (*Dermochelys coriacea*), and hawksbill (*Eretmochelys imbricata*) sea turtles for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376;

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ruth Johnson (301)713-2289 or Patrick Opay (301) 713-1401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 25, 2002, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (67 FR 70583) that a request for a scientific research permit to take loggerhead, Kemp's ridley, leatherback, hawksbill, and green sea turtles had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of

endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

The applicant will handle, tag, measure, weigh, photograph and release the above mentioned sea turtles in order to collect data from in-water captures that can be used by management agencies and scientists for better understanding of these species and to promote their protection and recovery.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered or threatened species which are the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: July 30, 2003.

Stephen L. Leathery,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice. The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by September 4, 2003.

Title, Form, and OMB Number: Technical Assistance for Public Participation (TAPP) Application; DD Form 2749; OMB Number 0704-0392.

Types of Request: Reinstatement.

Number of Respondents: 25.

Responses Per Respondent: 2.

Annual Responses: 50.

Average Burden Per Response: 4 hours.

Annual Burden Hours: 200.

Needs and Uses: The collection of information is necessary to identify products or services requested by community members of restoration advisory boards or technical review committees to aid in their participation in the Department of Defense's environmental restoration program, and to meet Congressional reporting requirements. Respondents are community members of restoration advisory boards or technical review committees requesting technical