rugs, scarves, placemats, tablecloths, and other handloomed articles shall be treated as handloomed, handmade, and folklore articles under the AGOA. CITA directs you to permit duty-free entry of such articles accompanied by the appropriate AGOA Visa in Grouping ''9'' and entered under heading 9819.11.27 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.

Sincerely,

James C. Leonard III,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

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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; Reopening of the Public Comment Period

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of reopening of the public comment period for 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: In the July 15, 2003, **Federal Register** (68 FR 41783), the Commodity Futures Trading Commission (Commission) requested public comment on proposed amendments to the live cattle futures contract traded on the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME or Exchange). The proposals were submitted for Commission approval pursuant to the provisions of Section 5c(c)(2) of the Commodity Exchange Act (Act) and Commission Regulation 40.5. 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 Exchange intends to apply the amendments to newly listed contract months beginning with the October 2004 contract month.

The comment period for the proposed amendments closed on July 30, 2003. The Commission has received a number of requests for an extension of the time period in which to file comments on the amendments. 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 reopening the comment period to August 22, 2003, 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 August 22, 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.*

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Notice DE–FG01–03ER03–23; Research and Development for the Rare Isotope Accelerator

AGENCY: U.S. Department of Energy.

ACTION: Notice inviting grant applications.

SUMMARY: The Office of Nuclear Physics (NP), Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby announces interest in receiving applications for Research and Development (R&D) projects directed at the proposed Rare Isotope Accelerator (RIA). RIA is proposed as a new accelerator facility to address emerging research opportunities in low energy nuclear physics, and DOE is sponsoring pre-conceptual R&D activities on the facility.

DATES: The deadline for receipt of formal applications is 4:30 p.m., E.D.T., Wednesday, October 15, 2003, to be accepted for merit review and to permit timely consideration for award in early Fiscal Year 2004.

ADDRESSES: Formal applications in response to this solicitation are to be electronically submitted by an authorized institutional business official through DOE's Industry Interactive Procurement System (IIPS) at: *http://e-center.doe.gov/*. IIPS provides for the posting of solicitations and receipt of applications in a paperless environment via the Internet. In order to submit applications through IIPS your business official will need to register at the IIPS website. The Office of Science will include attachments as part of this notice that provide the appropriate forms in PDF fillable format that are to be submitted through IIPS. IIPS offers the option of submitting multiple files—please limit submissions to only one file within the volume if possible, with a maximum of no more than four files. Color images should be submitted in IIPS as a separate file in PDF format and identified as such. These images should be kept to a minimum due to the limitations of reproducing them. They should be numbered and referred to in the body of the technical scientific application as Color image 1, Color image 2, etc. Questions regarding the operation of IIPS may be e-mailed to the IIPS Help Desk at: *HelpDesk@pr.doe.gov*, or you may call the help desk at: (800) 683–0751. Further information on the use of IIPS by the Office of Science is available at: *http://www.sc.doe.gov/ production/ grants /grants.html*.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Eugene A. Henry, Office Nuclear Physics, SC–23/Germantown, Office of Science, U.S. Department of Energy, 1000 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20585–1290; telephone: (301) 903–6093; facsimile: (301) 903–3833; e-mail: *gene.henry@science.doe.gov*. The full text of Program Notice DE–FG01–03ER03–23 is available via the World Wide Web using the following Web site address: *http://www.sc.doe. gov/ production /grants/grants.html*.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The nuclear science community has proposed the Rare Isotope Accelerator as a new accelerator facility to address emerging research opportunities in nuclear structure, nuclear astrophysics, and fundamental interactions and symmetries. See the DOE/NSF Nuclear Science Advisory Committee's 2002 Long Range Plan available at the