

Jiangsu Kanghong. On April 19 and 23, 2004, we issued supplemental questionnaires to Eurasia. We also issued questionnaires to the respondents' U.S. customers on April 28, 2004. On April 30, 2004, we received a response to our supplemental questionnaire from Inner Mongolia Youth. On May 3, 2004, we received responses to our supplemental questionnaires from Anhui Honghui and Jiangsu Kanghong. On May 6 and 7, 2004, we received a response to our supplemental questionnaire from Eurasia. We received responses to our questionnaires to U.S. customers on May 7, 2004.

On May 10, 2004, the petitioners and respondents submitted comments on surrogate information with which to value the factors of production in this proceeding.

The preliminary results are currently due no later than July 28, 2004.

#### **Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results**

Section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.214(i)(1) require the Department to issue the preliminary results of a new shipper review within 180 days after the date on which the new shipper review was initiated and final results of a review within 90 days after the date on which the preliminary results were issued. The Department may, however, extend the deadline for completion of the preliminary results of a new shipper review to 300 days if it determines that the case is extraordinarily complicated (19 CFR 351.214 (i)(2)). The Department has determined that this case is extraordinarily complicated, and the preliminary results of this new shipper review cannot be completed within the statutory time limit of 180 days.

Specifically, the Department needs additional time because of the complexity of some of the issues, issuing supplemental questionnaires requesting additional information, and the scheduling of verifications. In particular, the Department needs additional time to research and analyze the appropriate surrogate values for raw honey. Given the issues in this case, the Department finds that this case is extraordinarily complicated, and cannot be completed within the statutory time limit.

Accordingly, the Department is extending the time limit for the completion of the preliminary results by 61 days, to September 27, 2004, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(i)(2). The final results will, in turn, be due 90 days

after the date of issuance of the preliminary results, unless extended.

Dated: May 24, 2004.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

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## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

### **International Trade Administration**

#### **Drug Pricing Study**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice on inquiry.

**SUMMARY:** Information is sought pursuant to a study of international drug pricing as required by section 1123 of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003.

This information will result in a report on trade in pharmaceuticals, focusing on the drug pricing practices of countries that are members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) and the effects of those practices on drug pricing in the United States, R&D, and innovation.

**DATES:** Submit comments, preferably via e-mail, on or before July 1, 2004.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Submit comments to: Kristie Mikus at: [drugpricing@ita.doc.gov](mailto:drugpricing@ita.doc.gov).

**ADDRESSES:** Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Room 4039, Washington, DC 20230.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The International Trade Administration (ITA) publishes this notice to solicit information, per the requirements of the Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement and Modernization Act of 2003. The Act directs the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the International Trade Commission, the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the U.S. Trade Representative, to conduct a study and produce a report on trade in pharmaceuticals, focusing on the drug pricing practices of countries that are members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

Specifically, the Conference Report to the act states:

*Report on Trade in Pharmaceuticals.* The Conference agreement directs the Secretary of Commerce, in consultation with the International Trade Commission, the Secretary of Health and Human Services and the United States Trade Representative, to

conduct a study and report on drug pricing practices of countries that are members of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development and whether those practices utilize non-tariff barriers with respect to trade in pharmaceuticals. The study shall include an analysis of the use of price controls, reference pricing, and other actions that affect the market access of United States pharmaceutical products.

The study shall include the following:

Identification of the countries that use price controls or other such practices with respect to pharmaceutical trade.

Assessment of the price controls and other such practices used by the countries identified.

Estimate of additional costs to U.S. consumers due to price controls and other such practices, and the extent to which additional costs would be reduced for U.S. consumers if price controls and other such practices were reduced or eliminated.

Estimate of the impact such price controls, intellectual property laws, and other such measures have on fair pricing, innovation, generic competition, and research and development in the United States and each country identified.

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Consequently, the Department is seeking input to the following questions. However, in responding to these questions, please feel free to also include any additional information or input relevant to the study's mandate.

- How do OECD countries set pharmaceutical prices? Within OECD countries, what mechanisms do governments use to control pharmaceutical expenditures?
- If price controls and other government cost control mechanisms were eliminated in OECD countries, how and to what degree would pharmaceutical prices and expenditures change in those countries and in the United States? What effects would these changes have on the sales and profits of pharmaceutical manufacturers?

- How do patent laws and their application affect the levels of and differences in prices of patented drugs in OECD countries?

- How would U.S. consumers be affected if price controls and other government cost control mechanisms were eliminated in OECD countries?

- What factors influence, and how do companies determine research and development (R&D) expenditures? How would higher prices and revenues from sales in OECD countries affect R&D?

- What is the relationship between increased R&D by pharmaceutical manufacturers and the introduction of new drugs?

- Could OECD countries reduce costs by increasing the use of generic drugs? What steps would the governments need

to take to facilitate the use of generic drugs?

- Are there means by which OECD countries could improve incentives for developing innovative medicines without significantly increasing spending on drugs?
- List any additional drug pricing practices by OECD countries that utilize non-tariff barriers.

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**Jonathan Menes,**

*Executive Director, Trade Development.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

#### Availability of Seats for the Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

**AGENCY:** National Marine Sanctuary Program (NMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Department of Commerce (DOC).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for applications.

**SUMMARY:** The Channel Islands National Marine Sanctuary (CINMS or Sanctuary) is seeking applicants for the following vacant seats on its Sanctuary Advisory Council (Council): Public At-Large member, Tourism member, Research member, and Commercial Fishing alternate. Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying; community and professional affiliations; views regarding the conservation and management of marine resources; and the length of residence in the area affected by the Sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve two-year terms, pursuant to the Council's Charter.

**DATES:** Applications are due by June 21, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Application kits may be obtained on line at [channelislands.noaa.gov](http://channelislands.noaa.gov), or from Michael Murray at 115 Harbor Way, Suite 150, Santa Barbara, CA 98625. Completed applications should be sent to the same address.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Michael Murray at (805) 884-1464, or [michael.murray@noaa.gov](mailto:michael.murray@noaa.gov), or visit the CINMS Web site at <http://channelislands.noaa.gov>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The CINMS Advisory Council was originally established in December 1998 and has a broad representation consisting of 21 members, including ten government agency representatives and eleven members from the general public. The Council functions in an advisory capacity to the Sanctuary Manager. The Council works in concert with the Sanctuary Manager by keeping him or her informed about issues of concern throughout the Sanctuary, offering recommendations on specific issues, and aiding the Manager in achieving the goals of the Sanctuary program. Specifically, the Council's objectives are to provide advice on: (1) Protecting natural and cultural resources, and identifying and evaluating emergent or critical issues involving Sanctuary use or resources; (2) Identifying and realizing the Sanctuary's research objectives; (3) Identifying and realizing educational opportunities to increase the public knowledge and stewardship of the Sanctuary environment; and (4) Assisting to develop an informed constituency to increase awareness and understanding of the purpose and value of the Sanctuary and the National Marine Sanctuary Program.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1431 *et seq.* (Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog Number 11.429 Marine Sanctuary Program)

Dated: May 24, 2004.

**Jamison S. Hawkins,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator for Management, Ocean Services and Coastal Zone Management, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) is scheduling a public meeting of its Habitat Advisory Panel and Habitat/Marine Protected Areas (MPA) Oversight Committee in June, 2004. Recommendations from these committees will be brought to the full

Council for formal consideration and action, if appropriate.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, June 16, 2004 from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. for the Advisory Panel only, then from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. jointly with the Oversight Committee and then from 11:30 a.m. until adjourn, the Habitat/MPA Committee will meet.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Courtyard by Marriott, 1000 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 436-2121.

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

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

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Habitat Advisory Panel will meet separately from 8:30 a.m. to 9:30 a.m. then jointly with the Committee from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. to review the scoping comments for the essential fish habitat (EFH) Omnibus Amendment. At 11:30 a.m., the Habitat Committee will meet, and based on the earlier review of the scoping comments for the EFH Omnibus Amendment, will develop recommendations for the Council's consideration regarding the goals and objectives of the Amendment. They will consider a draft Research for Proposals (RFP) for Habitat Areas of Particular Concern proposals and Dedicated Habitat Research Areas proposals. They will develop alternatives to allow shrimp trawling into the Western Gulf Of Maine Habitat Closed Area in Framework 40B to the Multispecies Fishery Management Plan. Also on the agenda will be development of a draft proposal for NOAA Marine Protected Areas Center funding to assist in the development of a Council MPA policy. Other business will be discussed at the discretion of the Committee.

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

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul