

development, and production of OCS leases.

Beginning in 1991, MMS has promoted, on a voluntary basis, the implementation of a comprehensive Safety and Environmental Management Program (SEMP) for the offshore oil and gas industry as a complement to current regulatory efforts to protect people and the environment during OCS oil and gas exploration and production activities.

From the beginning, MMS, the industry as a whole, and individual companies realized that at some point they would want to know the effect of SEM on safety and environmental management of the OCS. The natural consequence of this interest was the establishment of performance measures. We will be requesting OMB approval for a routine renewal of the performance measures on data Form MMS-131 with minor wording changes.

The responses to this collection of information are voluntary, although we consider the information to be critical for assessing the effects of the OCS Safety and Environmental Management Program. We can better focus our regulatory and research programs on areas where the performance measures indicate that operators are having difficulty meeting MMS expectations. We are more effective in leveraging resources by redirecting research efforts, promoting appropriate regulatory initiatives, and shifting inspection program emphasis. The performance measures also give us valuable quantitative information to use in judging the reasonableness of company requests for alternative compliance or departures under 30 CFR 250.141 and 250.142. We also use the information collected to work with industry representatives to identify and request "pacesetter" companies to make presentations at periodic workshops.

Knowing how the offshore operators, as a group, are doing and where their own company ranks, provides company management with information to focus their continuous improvement efforts. This leads to more cost-effective prevention actions and, therefore, better cost containment. This information also provides offshore operators and organizations with a credible data source to demonstrate to those outside the industry how well the industry and individual companies are doing.

We will protect information from respondents considered proprietary under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552) and its implementing regulations (43 CFR Part 2) and under regulations at 30 CFR 250.196, "Data and information to be made available to the public." No items of a sensitive

nature are collected. Responses are voluntary. We intend to release data collected on Form MMS-131 only in a summary format that is not company-specific.

Frequency: The frequency is annual, during the 1st quarter of the year.

Estimated Number and Description of Respondents: Approximately 100 Federal OCS oil and gas or sulphur lessees.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Hour" Burden: The currently approved "hour" burden for Form MMS-131 is 756 hours. We estimate the public reporting burden averages 12 hours per response. This includes the time for reviewing instructions, gathering and maintaining data, and completing and reviewing the information.

Estimated Annual Reporting and Recordkeeping "Non-Hour Cost" Burden: We have identified no "non-hour cost" burden associated with Form MMS-131.

Public Disclosure Statement: The PRA (44 U.S.C. 3501, *et seq.*) provides that an agency may not conduct or sponsor a collection of information unless it displays a currently valid OMB control number. Until OMB approves a collection of information, you are not obligated to respond.

Comments: Before submitting an ICR to OMB, PRA section 3506(c)(2)(A) requires each agency " * * * to provide notice * * * and otherwise consult with members of the public and affected agencies concerning each proposed collection of information * * * ". Agencies must specifically solicit comments to: (a) Evaluate whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the agency to perform its duties, including whether the information is useful; (b) evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information; (c) enhance the quality, usefulness, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) minimize the burden on the respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Agencies must also estimate the "non-hour cost" burdens to respondents or recordkeepers resulting from the collection of information. Therefore, if you have costs to generate, maintain, and disclose this information, you should comment and provide your total capital and startup cost components or annual operation, maintenance, and purchase of service components. You should describe the methods you use to estimate major cost factors, including system and technology acquisition,

expected useful life of capital equipment, discount rate(s), and the period over which you incur costs. Capital and startup costs include, among other items, computers and software you purchase to prepare for collecting information, monitoring, and record storage facilities. You should not include estimates for equipment or services purchased: (i) Before October 1, 1995; (ii) to comply with requirements not associated with the information collection; (iii) for reasons other than to provide information or keep records for the Government; or (iv) as part of customary and usual business or private practices.

We will summarize written responses to this notice and address them in our submission for OMB approval. As a result of your comments, we will make any necessary adjustments to the burden in our submission to OMB.

Public Comment Policy: MMS's practice is to make comments, including names and addresses of respondents, available for public review during regular business hours. If you wish your name and/or address to be withheld, you must state this prominently at the beginning of your comment. MMS will honor this request to the extent allowable by law; however, anonymous comments will not be considered. All submissions from organizations or businesses, and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses, will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

MMS Information Collection Clearance Office: Arlene Bajusz (202) 208-7744.

Dated: June 17, 2004.

E.P. Danenberger,

Chief, Engineering and Operations Division.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

In the Matter of Certain Plastic Food Containers; Notice of Investigation

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Institution of investigation pursuant to 19 U.S.C. 1337.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a complaint was filed with the U.S. International Trade Commission on May 17, 2004, under section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, 19 U.S.C. 1337, on behalf of Newspring Industrial

Corporation of Kearny, New Jersey. A supplement was filed on June 3, 2004. The complaint, as supplemented, alleges violations of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, and the sale within the United States after importation of certain plastic food containers by reason of infringement of claims 1–5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,056,138, claims 1–2 and 4–9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,196,404, and of U.S. Design Patent No. D 415,420. The complaint further alleges that an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

The complainant requests that the Commission institute an investigation and, after the investigation, issue a permanent exclusion order and a permanent cease and desist order.

ADDRESSES: The complaint, except for any confidential information contained therein, is available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Room 112, Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202–205–2000. Hearing impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server at <http://www.usitc.gov>. The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket imaging system (EDIS) at <http://edis.usitc.gov>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Everett Snotherly, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202–205–2599.

AUTHORITY: The authority for institution of this investigation is contained in section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and in section 210.10 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.10 (2003).

Scope of Investigation: Having considered the complaint, the U.S. International Trade Commission, on June 15, 2004, ordered that—

(1) Pursuant to subsection (b) of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, an investigation be instituted to determine whether there is a violation of subsection (a)(1)(B) of section 337 in the importation into the United States, the sale for importation, or the sale within the United States after

importation of certain plastic food containers by reason of infringement of one or more of claims 1–5 of U.S. Patent No. 6,056,138, claims 1–2 and 4–9 of U.S. Patent No. 6,196,404, and the claim of U.S. Patent No. D 415,420, and whether an industry in the United States exists as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

(2) For the purpose of the investigation so instituted, the following are hereby named as parties upon which this notice of investigation shall be served:

(a) The complainant is—Newspring Industrial Corporation, 35 O'Brien Street, Kearny, New Jersey 07032;

(b) The respondents are the following companies alleged to be in violation of section 337, and are parties upon which the complaint is to be served:

Taizhou Huasen Household Necessities, Co., Ltd., a/k/a China Huasen Daily Expenses Co., Ltd., No. 13,247 Lane, Yinshan Rd., Huaugyan, Taizhou, China;

Jiangsu Sainty Corporation, Ltd., 98 Jian Ye Road, Nanjing, China;

(c) Everett Snotherly, Esq., Office of Unfair Import Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Suite 401, Washington, DC 20436, who shall be the Commission investigative attorney, party to this investigation; and

(3) For the investigation so instituted, the Honorable Paul J. Luckern is designated as the presiding administrative law judge.

Responses to the complainant and the notice of investigation must be submitted by the named respondents in accordance with section 210.13 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.13. Pursuant to 19 CFR 201.16(d) and 210.13(a), such responses will be considered by the Commission if received not later than 20 days after the date of service by the Commission of the complaint and the notice of investigation. Extensions of time for submitting the responses to the complaint and the notice of investigation will not be granted unless good cause therefor is shown.

Failure of a respondent to file a timely response to each allegation in the complaint and in this notice may be deemed to constitute a waiver of the right to appear and contest the allegations of the complaint and this notice, and to authorize the administrative law judge and the Commission, without further notice to the respondent, to find the facts to be as alleged in the complaint and this notice and to enter a final determination containing such findings, and may result in the issuance of a limited

exclusion order or cease and desist order or both directed against such respondent.

Issued: June 16, 2004.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigations Nos. 701–TA–373 (Review) and 731–TA–770–775 (Review)]

Stainless Steel Wire Rod From Italy, Japan, Korea, Spain, Sweden, and Taiwan

AGENCY: United States International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Revised schedule for the subject reviews.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 17, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: D.J. Na (202–708–4727) or Douglas Corkran (202–205–3057), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired persons can obtain information on this matter by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Effective January 28, 2004, the Commission established a schedule for the conduct of the subject full five-year reviews (69 FR 5185, February 3, 2004). On February 25, 2004, Commerce extended the date of its preliminary results with regard to the full sunset review on the countervailing duty order on stainless steel wire rod from Italy to no later than February 27, 2004, and stated its intention to issue its final results by no later than June 28, 2004 (69 FR 8627). The Commission, therefore, is revising its schedule to incorporate Commerce's final results of the full review of the countervailing duty order on stainless steel wire rod from Italy into the record of these reviews.

The Commission's new schedule for the subject reviews is as follows. On June 29, 2004, the Commission will make available to parties all information