

which to assess antidumping duties.” See *Granular Polytetrafluoroethylene Resin from Japan: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 70 FR 44088, 44088 (August 1, 2005). In *Allegheny Ludlum Corp. v. United States*, 346 F.3d 1368 (Fed. Cir. 2003), the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit upheld the Department’s practice of rescinding annual reviews when there are no entries of subject merchandise during the POR. See also *Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Taiwan: Final Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 63067, 63068 (November 7, 2003) (stating that “the Department’s interpretation of its statute and regulations, as affirmed by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, supports not conducting an administrative review when the evidence on the record indicates that respondents had no entries of subject merchandise during the POR”).

Because there were no entries of merchandise subject to the order during the POR from any of the Viraj companies named in the notice of initiation, we intend to rescind the administrative review with respect to Viraj. Thus, the statute, the regulations, previous administrative decisions, and case law all support rescission of the administrative review in this case. Therefore, the Department intends to rescind the administrative review with respect to the Viraj entities.

Public Comment

Interested parties may comment on the Department’s notice of intent to rescind the administrative review with respect to the Viraj entities not later than 15 days after the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**. Rebuttal comments, must be filed not later than 10 days after the time limit for filing the initial comments. Comments will be considered in the Department’s preliminary results, which are currently due October 31, 2006.

This notice is published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: May 18, 2006.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No.: 060428114-6114-01]

Request for Technical Input—Standards in Trade Workshops

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Request for workshop recommendations.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to submit recommendations for workshops covering specific sectors and targeted countries or regions of the world where training in the U.S. system of standards development, conformity assessment, and metrology may facilitate trade. Prospective workshops will be scheduled for a one week period. This notice is not an invitation for proposals to fund grants, contracts or cooperative agreements of any kind. NIST will offer a limited number of workshops, based upon the availability of resources. Recommenders are encouraged to consider departmental priorities outlined in the 2005 National Export Strategy. NIST will consider recommendations based upon which workshops would be most useful to intended audiences.

DATES: All recommendations must be submitted no later than 5 p.m., June 23, 2006.

ADDRESSES: All recommendations must be submitted to Ellen Emard via e-mail (ellen.emard@nist.gov) or by mail to 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. The National Export Strategy is available at <http://www.ita.doc.gov/media/publications/>. Additional information about the NIST Standards in Trade Workshops, including schedules and summary reports for workshops held to date and participant information, is available at <http://ts.nist.gov/ts/htdocs/210/gsig/sitdescr.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Ellen Emard (301) 975-4038, ellen.emard@nist.gov or Teresa Cronise (301) 975-4023, teresa.cronise@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Standards in Trade Workshops are a major activity of the Global Standards and Information Group in the NIST Standards Services Division (SSD). The workshops are designed to provide timely information to foreign standards officials on U.S. practices in standards and conformity assessment. Participants are introduced to U.S. technology and

principles in metrology, standards development and application, and conformity assessment systems and procedures.

Each workshop is a one week program offering an overview of the roles of the U.S. Government, private sector, and regional and international organizations engaged in standards development and conformity assessment practices. Specific workshop objectives are to: (1) Familiarize participants with U.S. technology and practices in metrology, standardization, and conformity assessment; (2) describe and understand the roles of the U.S. Government and the private sector in developing and implementing standards; (3) understand the structure of the standards and conformity assessment systems in the invited country or countries and the role and responsibilities of organizations represented by the invitees; and (4) develop professional contacts as a basis for strengthening technical ties and enhancing trade.

Workshop recommendations (maximum 5 pages) must address at a minimum the following points, *in the order noted and labeled accordingly*:

1. Name and Description of the Recommending Person or Organization

Provide the primary mailing address and a brief description of the organization, including the name, telephone number and e-mail address of the primary point of contact.

2. Industry Sector and Suggested Workshop Title

Provide a description of the suggested industrial sector and focus area with a possible workshop title which captures the essence of the recommendation. Consider the goals and potential benefits.

3. Proposed Workshop Objectives

Describe the intended goals to be attained and why they are important and list the specific possible workshop objectives.

4. Calendar Dates Suggested for Workshop

Provide three or more suggested start dates for the workshop. The first date should be no earlier than 8 months from the publication date of this announcement.

5. Relevant NIST Organizational Link

Workshop topics must be linked to NIST activities and/or research. The appropriate NIST organizational unit, laboratory or program must be identified by the recommender and the relevance of the activity to NIST must be

demonstrated. If known, identify the specific NIST staff who could serve as the NIST internal point of contact.

6. Proposed Foreign Participants

Provide a representative list of the foreign organizations that might participate in the workshop, including a description of their function or business and their country of incorporation or origin.

7. U.S. Stakeholder Participants (e.g., Associations, Agencies, Users, Others)

Provide a representative list of other U.S.-based organizations that are likely to participate in the workshop.

8. Principal Topics

Provide a list of the suggested topics for the workshop.

9. Related Site Visits and Events

Workshops can include visits to relevant business sites or events. Provide a list of suggested site visit locations, events or other areas of interest and discuss the relevance of each to the overall purpose of the proposed workshop's goals.

10. Expected Outcomes/Measures of Success

Include in this section a description of:

- a. The anticipated benefit of the workshop for trade and market access;
- b. The anticipated economic impacts (in dollars);
- c. The potential for future opportunities for collaboration and for trade as a result of the workshop;
- d. The measures of success;
- e. The desired results of the workshop and how the results will be measured.

All recommendations must address each of the above ten points.

Dated: May 17, 2006.

Hratch G. Semerjian,
Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, June 13, from 8:45 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Wednesday, June 14, from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Director of NIST who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations.

The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include updates on NIST's activities, safety, strategic planning, and the NIST U.S. Measurement System project; a presentation on the vision for the Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology; a presentation on the NIST reconnaissance of Hurricane Katrina and Hurricane Rita; a VCAT Panel on How to Maximize NIST Impact on U.S. Innovation; and selected laboratory tours. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.htm>.

DATES: The meeting will convene on June 13 at 8:45 a.m. and will adjourn on June 14, 2006, at 11 a.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held in the Employees Lounge, Administration Building, at NIST, Gaithersburg, Maryland. All visitors to the NIST site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, e-mail address and phone number to Carolyn Peters no later than Thursday, June 8 and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Mrs. Peter's e-mail address is carolyn.peters@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975-5607.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Carolyn Peters, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-1000, telephone number (301) 975-5607.

Dated: May 18, 2006.

William Jeffrey,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 051106A]

Endangered and Threatened Species; Recovery Plans

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Availability; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) announces the availability for public review of the draft revised Recovery Plan (Plan) for the western and eastern distinct population segments (DPS) of Steller sea lion (*Eumetopias jubatus*). NMFS is soliciting review and comment from the public and all interested parties on the Plan, and will consider all substantive comments received during the review period before submitting the Plan for final approval.

DATES: Comments on the draft Plan must be received by close of business on July 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Send comments to Kaja Brix, Assistant Regional Administrator, Protected Resources Division, Alaska Region, NMFS, Attn: Ellen Walsh. Comments may be submitted by: (1) E-mail: SSLRP@noaa.gov, include in the subject line the following document identifier: Sea Lion Recovery Plan. E-mail comments, with or without attachments, are limited to 5 megabytes; (2) Mail: P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802; (3) hand delivery to the Federal Building : 709 W. 9th Street, Juneau, AK; or (4) Fax: (907) 586 7012. Interested persons may obtain the Plan for review from the above address or on-line from the NMFS Alaska Region website: <http://www.fakr.noaa.gov/>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Shane Capron, (907 271 6620), e-mail shane.capron@noaa.gov; or Kaja Brix, (907 586 7235), e-mail kaja.brix@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Recovery plans describe actions considered necessary for the conservation and recovery of species listed under the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*). The ESA requires that recovery plans incorporate (1) Objective, measurable criteria that, when met, would result in a determination that the species is no longer threatened or