

entries, exports, or sales of the subject merchandise. Therefore, the Department is rescinding this review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3).

Although Siderca did not have any sales or exports of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR, its subject merchandise entered the United States during the POR under its antidumping case number, without its knowledge, by way of intermediaries. The Department will instruct CBP 15 days after the publication of this notice to liquidate such entries at the "All Others" rate in effect on the date of the entry. *See Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003).

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d)(4).

Dated: March 5, 2007.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### **Certain Pasta from Italy: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 9, 2007.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Brandon Farlander or Audrey Twyman, AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0182 and (202) 482-3534, respectively.

#### **Background**

On July 24, 1996, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published a countervailing duty order on certain pasta ("pasta" or "subject merchandise") from Italy. *See Notice of Countervailing Duty Order and Amended Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination: Certain Pasta From Italy*, 61 FR 38544 (July 24, 1996). On July 3, 2006, the Department published a notice of "Opportunity to Request Administrative

Review" of this countervailing duty order for calendar year 2005, the period of review ("POR"). *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 71 FR 37890 (July 3, 2006). In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we published a notice of initiation of the review on August 30, 2006 for the 2005 POR. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 70 FR 51573 (August 30, 2006). The preliminary results for this review are currently due no later than April 2, 2007.

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

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), requires the Department to issue the preliminary results of an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested and the final results of review within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published. If it is not practicable to complete the review within the time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend these deadlines to a maximum of 365 days and 180 days, respectively.

We are currently analyzing supplemental information provided by the respondents and the Government of Italy in this review. Because the Department requires additional time to review, analyze, and issue additional supplemental questionnaires, it is not practicable to complete this review within the originally anticipated time limit (*i.e.*, by April 2, 2007). Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results to not later than July 31, 2007, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

We are issuing and publishing this notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 05, 2007.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### **Exporters' Textile Advisory Committee (ETAC); Notice of Open Meeting**

A meeting of the Exporters' Textile Advisory Committee will be held on Thursday, April 12, 2007 from 1:00-4:00 at the Ronald Reagan Building, Trade Information Center, 1300 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20004, Training Room A.

The ETAC is a national advisory committee that advises Department of Commerce officials on the identification of export barriers, and on market expansion activities. With the elimination of textile quotas under the WTO agreement on textiles and clothing, the Administration is committed to encouraging U.S. textile and apparel firms to export and remain competitive in the global market.

The meeting will be open to the public with a limited number of seats available. For further information or copies of the minutes, contact Rachel Alarid at (202) 482-5154.

Date: March 5, 2007.

**R. Matthew Priest,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles and Apparel.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### **Mission Statement**

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

**ACTION:** Notice.

#### **Healthcare Technologies Trade Mission to Turkey, Jordan, and Egypt**

*October 24 to November 1, 2007*

#### **I. Mission Description**

The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, U.S. Commercial Service, Office of Global Trade Programs, in conjunction with the Global Healthcare Team, will lead a healthcare technologies trade mission to Istanbul, Turkey; Amman, Jordan; and Cairo, Egypt from October 24 to November 1, 2007. This mission will allow representatives of U.S. medical equipment and healthcare technology firms interested in entering or expanding existing business in these

markets. Companies can choose the stops they wish to visit. However, preference will be given to participants selecting two or more stops.

## II. Mission Objective

This U.S. Department of Commerce trade mission is the ideal way for small and mid-sized companies to evaluate these markets and make important business contacts.

During the trade mission participants will receive:

(A) Briefings on local medical markets;

(B) Introductions to potential distributors, facility administrators, and purchasing managers through group events;

(C) Hospital and other site visits, if applicable;

(D) One-on-one meetings tailored to each firm's interests; and

(E) Meetings with local business representatives and government officials, as suitable.

The precise schedule will depend on the availability of local government and business officials, specific goals of mission participants, and air travel schedules.

Applications for this Mission are available, and may be obtained by contacting: Lisa Huot, USDOC/CS—Room 2118, 1401 Constitution Ave., NW., Washington, DC 20230. Tel: 202-482-2796; Fax 202-482-0115. E-mail: [lisa.huot@mail.doc.gov](mailto:lisa.huot@mail.doc.gov).

### Lisa Huot,

*International Trade Specialist, Global Trade Programs.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Initiation of a Status Review under the Endangered Species Act for Cusk

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

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation of a status review under the Endangered Species Act (ESA); request for information.

**SUMMARY:** We, NMFS, announce the initiation of a status review for the cusk and solicit information on the status of, and threats to, the species.

**DATES:** Information regarding the status of, and threats to, the cusk must be received by April 1, 2007.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit information by any one of the following methods:

- Fax: 978-281-9394, Attention: Kim Damon-Randall-Damon

- Mail: Information on paper, disk, or CD-ROM should be addressed to the Assistant Regional Administrator for Protected Resources, NMFS, Protected Resources Division, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930.

- E-mail: [cuskinfo@noaa.gov](mailto:cuskinfo@noaa.gov). Include in the subject line the following identifier: cusk status review.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kim Damon-Randall, NMFS Northeast Region, 978-281-9300 ext. 6535; or Marta Nammack, NMFS-HQ, Office of Protected Resources, 301-713-1401 ext. 180.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Because of concern over declines in abundance, we identified cusk (*Brosme brosme*) as a species of concern on April 15, 2004 (69 FR 19975). In May 2003, the Committee on the Status of Endangered Wildlife in Canada (COSEWIC) completed a status report for cusk in Canada and assessed the species status as threatened. In April 2006, the Minister of the Environment referred the assessment back to COSEWIC for further information and consideration. It is, therefore, unclear whether cusk will be listed in Canada under the Species at Risk Act.

Our Northeast Fisheries Science Center (NEFSC) autumn bottom trawl survey biomass index for cusk has fluctuated considerably, but a declining trend has been evident since the late 1960s, with all indices remaining at or close to record-low levels from 1985 through 2002 (Sosebee and Cadrin, 2006). The 1998 biomass index is near zero and is the record low. Cusk have been found to be distributed primarily in deeper waters in the central portion of the Gulf of Maine where a declining trend is also apparent on the distribution maps, and where very few fish were caught in 1993-1997 and 1998-2002 (Sosebee and Cadrin, 2006). Mean length has also declined from 24 inches (62 cm) during 1964 to 1987 to 19 inches (50 cm) during the period of 1988 to 1998. In the early 1970s, individual fish weight averaged 3 kg but was reduced by 50 percent to 1.5 kg in the late 1990s. Landings and survey indices have dropped considerably from 1984 to 2004 (NMFS, 2004). The ratio of landings to survey biomass estimates

has been increasing since 1986, which implies increased exploitation over that time period.

In the United States, the cusk fishery is not presently managed. Fishing was unrestricted in Canada until 1999 when limitations were established for landings in the Scotia-Fundy region. Despite these limitations, fishing continues to be a source of mortality. Fishing mortality is one of the prime factors for the observed decline. This appears to be a transboundary species, and, as such, conservation measures may be needed both in the United States and Canada.

Our notice establishing the species of concern list states that as resources permit, we intend to conduct status reviews, collect documentation, and make appropriate amendments relevant to species on the list (69 FR 19975; April 15, 2004). As such, we are initiating a status review for cusk. We will use the status review report and any other information that we obtain during this process to determine if listing this species under the ESA is warranted or if this species should be retained or removed from the species of concern list.

#### Request for Information

To support this status review, we are soliciting information relevant to the status of and threats to the species, including, but not limited to, information on the following topics: (1) Historical and current abundance and distribution of the species; (2) potential factors for the species' decline throughout its range; (3) rates of capture and release of the species from both recreational and commercial fisheries; (4) post-release mortality; (5) life history information (size/age at maturity, growth rates, fecundity, reproductive rate/success, etc.); (6) morphological and molecular information to assist in determining stock structure; (7) threats to the species, particularly: (a) Present or threatened destruction, modification, or curtailment of habitat or range; (b) over-utilization for commercial, recreational, scientific, or educational purposes; (c) disease or predation; (d) inadequacy of existing regulatory mechanisms; or (e) other natural or manmade factors affecting its continued existence; and (8) any ongoing conservation efforts for the species. See **DATES** and **ADDRESSES** for guidance on and deadlines for submitting information.