

Type of Request: Extension of a currently approved information collection.

Abstract: The purpose of this information collection is to obtain information necessary to evaluate grant applications to determine the eligibility of the applicant and the project for the program and to qualitatively assess the project to determine which projects should be funded.

Estimate of Burden: Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 1.7 hours per grant application.

Respondents: Cooperatives and Association of Cooperatives.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 30.

Estimated Number of Responses per Respondent: 1.

Estimated Number of Responses: 200.

Estimated Total Annual Burden on Respondents: 347.5 hours.

Copies of this information collection can be obtained from Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division at (202) 692-0226.

Comments: Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service, including whether the information will have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the Rural Business-Cooperative Service's estimate of the burden of the proposed collection of information, including validity of the methodology and assumptions used; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on those who are to respond, including through the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology. Comments may be sent to Linda Watts Thomas, Regulations and Paperwork Management Branch, Support Services Division, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Rural Development, STOP 0742, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington, DC 20250-0742. All responses to this notice will be summarized and included in the request for OMB approval. All comments will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 17, 2009.

Curtis Wiley,

Acting Administrator, Rural Business-Cooperative Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

A-570-945

Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of the Preliminary Determination of the Antidumping Duty Investigation

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 23, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alan Ray, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5403.

Background

On June 23, 2009, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published in the **Federal Register** the initiation of the investigation of prestressed concrete steel wire strand ("PC Strand") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), covering the period of October 1, 2008, through March 31, 2009.¹ On July 28, 2009, the Department selected two companies as mandatory respondents for this investigation: Tianjin Shengte PC Steel Strand Co., ("Tianjin Shengte") and Silvery Dragon PC Steel Products ("Silvery Dragon").² On August 14, 2009, the Department selected Jiangxi Xinhua Metal Products Co. ("Xinhua Metal") as a new mandatory respondent, to replace Silvery Dragon, who had indicated that they would not participate in this investigation.³ Subsequent to that, Silvery Dragon failed to respond to a supplemental questionnaire and the Department selected Wuxi Jinyang Metal Products Co., Ltd. ("WJMP") as a voluntary respondent.⁴

¹ *Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation*, 74 FR 29665 (June 23, 2009).

² Memorandum to James C. Doyle, Office 9 Director, through Alex Villanueva, Office 9 Program Manager, from Alexis Polovina, Office 9 Case Analyst, dated July 28, 2009, Antidumping Duty Investigation of Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"): Respondent Selection ("Respondent Selection Memo").

³ See Memorandum to the File from Alan Ray, Office 9 Case Analyst, through Alex Villanueva, Office 9 Program Manager, dated August 14, 2009.

⁴ See Memorandum to the File from Alan Ray, Office 9 Case Analyst, through Alex Villanueva, Office 9 Program Manager, dated September 11, 2009.

On November 16, 2009, Petitioners⁵ requested a fourteen-day postponement of the preliminary determination pursuant to 733(c)(1)(B)(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, ("the Act"). The preliminary determination of this antidumping duty investigation is currently due on December 3, 2009.

Statutory Time Limits

Pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(B) of the Act, the Department can extend the period for a preliminary determination until not later than 190 days after the date on which the administrative authority initiates an investigation if the Department concludes that the parties concerned are cooperating and determines that:

The case is extraordinarily complicated by the reason of (I) the number and complexity of the transactions to be investigated or adjustments to be considered, (II) the novelty of the issues presented, or (III) the number of firms whose activities must be investigated, and (ii) additional time is necessary to make the preliminary determination.

Extension of Time Limit of Preliminary Determination

Although the respondent⁶ and a separate rates applicant are cooperating, the Department intends to issue additional supplemental questionnaires addressing certain adjustments that impact factors of production and the U.S. sales data that may need to be considered, thereby making it extraordinarily complicated because of the complexity of the adjustments to be considered. Therefore, the Department finds it necessary to extend the current preliminary determination deadline pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(B)(i)(I) of the Act. In addition, as noted above, Petitioners requested a postponement of the preliminary determination on November 16, 2009.

Therefore, for the reasons identified above, and pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(B)(i)(I) we are postponing the preliminary determination under section 733(c)(1) of the Act by fourteen days from December 3, 2009, to December 17, 2009.

This notice is published pursuant to sections 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

⁵ American Spring Wire Corp., Insteel Wire Products Company, and Sumiden Wire Products Corp.

⁶ Xinhua Metal and WJMP.

Dated: November 17, 2009.

John M. Andersen,

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for
Antidumping and Countervailing Duty
Operations.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648-XQ85

Atlantic Highly Migratory Species; Exempted Fishing, Scientific Research, Display, and Chartering Permits; Letters of Acknowledgment

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

ACTION: Notice of intent; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces its intent to issue Exempted Fishing Permits (EFPs), Scientific Research Permits (SRPs), Display Permits, Letters of Acknowledgment (LOAs), and Chartering Permits for the collection of Atlantic Highly Migratory Species (HMS) in 2010. In general, EFPs and related permits would authorize collection of a limited number of tunas, swordfish, billfishes, and sharks from Federal waters in the Atlantic Ocean, Caribbean Sea, and Gulf of Mexico for the purposes of scientific data collection and public display. Chartering permits allow the collection of HMS on the high seas or in the Exclusive Economic Zone of other nations. Generally, these permits will be valid from the date of issuance through December 31, 2010, unless otherwise specified, subject to the terms and conditions of individual permits.

DATES: Written comments on these activities received in response to this notice will be considered by NMFS when issuing EFPs and related permits and must be received on or before *December 23, 2009*.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be submitted by any of the following methods:

* *E-mail:* HMSEFP.2010@noaa.gov.

Include in the subject line the following identifier: 0648-XQ85.

* *Mail:* Craig Cockrell, Highly Migratory Species Management Division (F/SF1), NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

* *Fax:* (301) 713-1917.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Craig Cockrell, phone: (301) 713-2347, fax: (301) 713-1917.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Issuance of EFPs and related permits are necessary for the collection of HMS for public display and scientific research outside of regulations (*e.g.*, seasons, prohibited species, authorized gear, and minimum sizes) that may prohibit the collection of live animals or biological samples. Collection for scientific research and display represents a small portion of the overall fishing mortality for HMS, and this mortality is counted against the quota of the species harvested, as appropriate. The terms and conditions of individual permits are unique; however, all permits will include reporting requirements, limit the number and species of HMS to be collected, and only authorize collection in Federal waters of the Atlantic Ocean, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Sea.

EFPs and related permits are issued under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Reauthorization Act (Magnuson-Stevens Act) (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*) and/or the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act (ATCA) (16 U.S.C. 971 *et seq.*). Regulations at 50 CFR 600.745 and 50 CFR 635.32 govern scientific research activity, exempted fishing, chartering arrangements, and exempted educational activities with respect to Atlantic HMS. Since the Magnuson-Stevens Act does not consider scientific research to be "fishing," scientific research is exempt from this statute, and NMFS does not issue EFPs for bona fide research activities (*e.g.*, research conducted from a research vessel and not a commercial or recreational fishing vessel) involving species that are only regulated under the Magnuson-Stevens Act (*e.g.*, most species of sharks) and not under ATCA. NMFS requests copies of scientific research plans for these activities and indicates concurrence by issuing an LOA to researchers to indicate that the proposed activity meets the definition of research and is therefore exempt from regulation. Examples of research conducted under LOAs include tagging and releasing of sharks during bottom longline surveys to understand the distribution and seasonal abundance of different shark species, and collecting and sampling sharks caught during trawl surveys for life history studies.

Scientific research is not exempt under ATCA. NMFS issues SRPs for collection of species managed under this statute (*e.g.*, tunas, swordfish, billfish, and some species of sharks), which authorize researchers to collect

HMS from bona fide research vessels. One example of research conducted under SRPs consists of scientific surveys of HMS conducted from the NOAA research vessels. EFPs are issued to researchers collecting ATCA-managed species and conducting research from commercial or recreational fishing vessels. NMFS regulations concerning the implantation or attachment of archival tags in Atlantic HMS require scientists to report their activities associated with these tags. Examples of research conducted under EFPs include deploying pop-up satellite archival tags on billfish, sharks, and tunas to determine migration patterns of these species, conducting billfish larval tows to determine billfish habitat use, life history, and population structure, and determining catch rates and gear characteristics of the swordfish buoy gear fishery.

NMFS is also seeking public comment on its intent to issue Display Permits for the collection of sharks and other HMS for public display in 2010. Collection of sharks and other HMS sought for public display in aquaria often involves collection when the commercial fishing seasons are closed, collection of otherwise prohibited species, and collection of fish below the minimum size for recreational permit holders. NMFS established a 60-metric ton (mt) whole weight (ww) (approximately 3,000 sharks) quota for the public display and research of sharks (combined) in the final Fishery Management Plan (FMP) for Atlantic Tunas, Swordfish, and Sharks (1999 FMP). The quotas available for scientific research and public display of sandbar and dusky sharks were modified in Amendment 2 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP (June 24, 2008, 73 FR 35778; corrected on July 15, 2008 73 FR 40658) in light of the results of recent stock assessments. The public display and scientific research quotas for sandbar sharks are now limited to 2.78 mt ww (2 mt dressed weight (dw)): 1.39 mt ww for public display and 1.39 mt ww for scientific research. Furthermore, Amendment 2 limited dusky shark collection to bona fide scientific research and prohibits dusky shark collection for public display. The rule did not modify the overall 60 mt ww quota, rather; it adjusted the proportion of the quota allocated to sandbar and dusky sharks. These quotas have been analyzed in conjunction with other sources of mortality under Amendment 2 to the 2006 Consolidated HMS FMP, and NMFS has determined that harvesting this amount for public display will not have a significant