

Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews (“Rules”). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

Three Requests for Panel Review were filed with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on December 22, 2010, requesting a panel review of the determination and order described above.

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(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is January 21, 2011);

(b) a Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is February 7, 2011); and

(c) the panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: December 23, 2010.

Valerie Dees,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of First Request for Panel Review.

SUMMARY: On December 22, 2010, the Government of Mexico filed a First Request for Panel Review with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel Review was requested of the final determination by the U.S. Department of Commerce regarding

Sales at Less Than Fair Value on Seamless Refined Copper Pipe and Tube from Mexico and the People’s Republic of China. This determination was published in the **Federal Register** (75 Fed. Reg. 71070), on November 22, 2010. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-MEX-2010-1904-03 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Valerie Dees, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free Trade Agreement (“Agreement”) established a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada, and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* (“Rules”). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

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including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: December 23, 2010.

Valerie Dees,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Laminated Woven Sacks From the People’s Republic of China: Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is rescinding the administrative review of the countervailing duty order on laminated woven sacks (sacks) from the People’s Republic of China (PRC) for the period January 1, 2009, to December 31, 2009, with respect to Zibo Aifudi Plastic Packaging Co., Ltd. (Zibo Aifudi). Since Zibo Aifudi was the only party that requested a review and is the only producer/exporter subject to review, this notice also serves to rescind the entire administrative review. This rescission is based on Zibo Aifudi’s timely withdrawal of its request for review.

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 30, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Justin M. Neuman, AD/CVD Operations, Office 6, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; *telephone:* (202) 482-0486.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On August 7, 2008, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the countervailing duty order on sacks from the PRC. *See Laminated Woven Sacks From the People’s Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 73 FR 45955 (August 7, 2008). On August 2, 2010, the Department published a notice announcing the opportunity to request an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on sacks from the PRC for the period January 1, 2009,

through December 31, 2009. *See Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review*, 75 FR 45094 (August 2, 2010). On August 26, 2010, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), the Department received a timely request from Zibo Aifudi, a Chinese producer and exporter to the United States of sacks, to conduct an administrative review of the company under the countervailing duty order on sacks from the PRC for the period January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

In accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), on September 29, 2010, the Department published a notice initiating an administrative review of Zibo Aifudi under the countervailing duty order. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 75 FR 60076 (September 29, 2010). On November 3, 2010, Zibo Aifudi withdrew its request for review.

Rescission of Administrative Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Secretary will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if the party that requested the review withdraws the request within 90 days of the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the requested review. On November 3, 2010, Zibo Aifudi withdrew its request for review within the 90-day period, and no other party requested a review. Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Department is rescinding this administrative review.

Assessment

The Department will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to assess countervailing duties at the cash deposit rate in effect on the date of entry, for entries during the period January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009. The Department intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of this notice of rescission of administrative review.

Notification Regarding Administrative Protective Order

This notice serves as a final reminder to parties subject to administrative protective orders (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely written notification of the return/destruction of APO materials or

conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

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

Dated: December 22, 2010.

Christian Marsh,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA)

NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) Strategic Plan FY 2011-FY 2015

AGENCY: Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), Oceanic and Atmospheric Research (OAR), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of availability and request for public comment.

SUMMARY: NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) is seeking comments on the revised draft OER STRATEGIC PLAN Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2015, submitted to meet the requirement for program direction under Public Law 111-11, Section 12104(b). The draft OER STRATEGIC PLAN describes the vision, mission, core activities, and organization of the Office of Ocean Exploration and Research.

DATES: Comments on this draft report must be received by 5 p.m., February 3, 2011.

ADDRESSES: You may submit comments, identified by XRIN 0648-XV56, by any one of the following methods:

Electronic Submissions: Submit all electronic public comments via the Federal eRulemaking Portal <http://www.regulations.gov>.

Fax: (703) 713-1967, Attn: Yvette Jefferson.

Mail: NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), ATTN: OER Plan Comments, 1315 East-West Highway, R/OER, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

Hand Delivery to Silver Spring Metro Center 3: 1315 East-West Highway, Room 10151, Silver Spring, Maryland.

Instructions: No comments will be posted for public viewing until after the comment period has closed. All comments received are a part of the

public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All Personal Identifying Information (for example, name, address, etc.) voluntarily submitted by the commenter may be publicly accessible. Do not submit Confidential Business Information or otherwise sensitive or protected information. OAR will accept anonymous comments (enter N/A in the required fields, if you wish to remain anonymous). You may submit attachments to electronic comments in Microsoft Word, Excel, WordPerfect, or Adobe PDF file formats only.

Electronic copies of the draft OER Strategic Plan and Public Law 111-11 Chapter XII may be obtained from <http://www.regulations.gov> or from the OER Web site at <http://explore.noaa.gov/OERPlan>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR QUESTIONS

CONTACT: *OERPlan.Questions@noaa.gov* or NOAA Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER), ATTN: OER Plan Questions, 1315 East-West Highway, R/OER, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: NOAA's Office of Ocean Exploration and Research (OER) is seeking comments on the draft OER STRATEGIC PLAN Fiscal Year (FY) 2011-2015, submitted to meet the requirement for program direction under Public Law 111-11, Section 12104(b). The preparation of the report was also directed by the Appropriations Committee in the Joint Explanatory Statement and Senate Report (S. Rept. 110-124) accompanying the Consolidated Fiscal Year 2008 Appropriations (Pub. L. 110-161).

OER seeks to better understand our ocean frontiers through bold and innovative exploration, research and technology development. The Office explores, maps, observes, detects and characterizes ocean areas and phenomena; obtaining archiving, and distributing ocean data in new ways to describe the ocean's living and nonliving resources and physical, chemical and biological characteristics. Data and observations resulting from OER investments will result in new discoveries, insights, knowledge and identification of new frontiers, and will likely lead to new or revised understandings of our largely unknown ocean. The draft OER STRATEGIC PLAN describes how NOAA will implement Chapter XII of Public Law 111-11 through the vision, mission, core activities, and organization of the Office of Ocean Exploration and Research.

NOAA welcomes all comments on the content of the draft report, especially with respect to implementation of the