Paper from China and Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from Vietnam, the present-day Chinese and Vietnamese economies are sufficiently dissimilar from Soviet-style economies that the Department can determine whether the Chinese or Vietnamese government have bestowed an identifiable and measurable benefit upon a producer, and whether the benefit is specific, including certain measures related to taxation. See “Whether the Analytical Elements of the Georgetown Steel Opinion are Applicable to China’s Present-Day Economy,” dated Mar. 29, 2007 (available at: http://ita.export.doc.gov/download/prc-cfsp/GFS%20China_Georgetown%20applicability.pdf); Polyethylene Retail Carrier Bags from the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, 74 FR 45811, 45813–14 (Sept. 4, 2009) (prelim. affirmative CVD determination), unchanged in final determination, 75 FR 16428 (Apr. 1, 2010) (final affirmative CVD determination), and accompanying Issues and Decision Memo. at III (Applicability of the CVD Law to Vietnam).

Pursuant to its determination that subsidies from certain NME governments to NME companies can be identified and measured, upon further reflection, the Department has reconsidered its administrative practice that taxes paid by NME companies to these NME governments cannot be identified and measured. Specifically, the Department proposes to change the administrative practice set forth in Russian Magnesium, as upheld in the Mag. Corp. cases, with respect to China and Vietnam. Accordingly, pursuant to section 772(c)(2)(B), the Department proposes to reduce the export price and constructed export price used in NME dumping margin calculations based upon export taxes and similar charges, including value added taxes (“VAT”) applied to export sales, imposed by the Chinese and Vietnamese governments in future less-than-fair-value investigations and administrative reviews of antidumping duty orders. This methodology may later be applied to other NMEs, pursuant to a determination that the NME at issue is dissimilar from Soviet-style economies.

Therefore, as detailed below, the Department is proposing the following methodology to implement section 772(c)(2)(B) in future antidumping duty investigations and administrative reviews involving merchandise from China and Vietnam.

Proposed Methodology

The Department would determine whether, as a matter of law, regulation, or other official action, the NME government has imposed an “export tax, duty, or other charge” upon the subject merchandise during the period of investigation or the period of review (e.g., export tax or VAT that is not fully refunded upon exportation). The Department anticipates that parties would place upon the record copies of laws, regulations, other official documents, or similar publicly available information that is demonstrative of government action in this regard. The Department would also consider evidence as to whether the particular respondent(s) was, in some manner, exempted from the requirement to pay the export tax, duty, or other charge. The Department anticipates that such evidence would include official documentation of the respondent’s exemption.

Provided that the NME government imposed an export tax, duty, or other charge on subject merchandise as contemplated by section 772(c)(2)(B), and the respondent was not exempted from it, the Department would reduce the respondents’ export price and constructed export price accordingly. The Department anticipates that, in most instances, the export tax, VAT, duty, or other charge will be assessed as a percentage of the price. In such cases, the Department would adjust the export price or constructed export price downward by the same percentage. In instances where the tax or charge is a flat fee or similar charge denominated in NME currency, the Department would determine the ratio of the flat fee to the respondents’ export price or constructed export price as denominated in its domestic currency, and would then adjust the export price or constructed export price downward by the same ratio.

Submission of Comments: As specified above, to be assured of consideration, comments must be received no later than February 28, 2011. All comments must be submitted through the Federal eRulemaking Portal at http://www.regulations.gov, Docket No. ITA–2010–0008, unless the commenter does not have access to the Internet. Commenters that do not have access to the Internet may submit the written, telefaxed, or e-mailed comments must be received on or before February 28, 2011.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN 0648–XA172

Marine Mammals; File No. 15453

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

ACTION: Notice; receipt of application.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Waikiki Aquarium, 2777 Kalakaua Avenue, Honolulu, HI 96815 (Dr. Andrew Rossiter, Responsible Party), has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on and enhancement of captive Hawaiian monk seals.

DATES: Written, telefaxed, or e-mailed comments must be received on or before February 28, 2011.

ADDRESSES: The application and related documents are available for review by selecting “Records Open for Public Comment” from the Features box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov, and then selecting File No. 15453 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

- Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713–2289; fax (301) 713–0376; and
In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement. Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the Federal Register, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

DATED: January 24, 2011.

P. Michael Payne,
Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

Annual Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
Availability of Seats for the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council

AGENCY: Office of National Marine Sanctuaries (ONMS), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice and request for applications.

SUMMARY: The ONMS is seeking applications for the following vacant positions on the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary Advisory Council: Boating Industry (alternate), Citizen at Large—Middle Keys (alternate), and Citizen at Large—U. Keys (alternate). Applicants are chosen based upon their particular expertise and experience in relation to the seat for which they are applying: community and professional affiliations; philosophy regarding the protection and management of marine resources; and possibly the length of residence in the area affected by the sanctuary. Applicants who are chosen as members should expect to serve 3-year terms, pursuant to the council’s Charter.

DATES: Applications are due by February 23, 2011.

CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Jennifer Skidmore, (301) 713–2289.


The Waikiki Aquarium is requesting a 5-year permit to continue to maintain in captivity two male non-releasable Hawaiian monk seals for research and enhancement purposes. Research proposed includes continuation of a long-term study on the digestive efficiency of the captive seals as they age using voluntary behaviors to collect bi-monthly weights and blubber ultrasound measurements. Seals would also be fed chronic oxide up to 72 times per year and marked, voided feces would be collected for determination of digestive efficiency. A second study proposed includes post-vaccination antibody response trials. West Nile virus (WNV) and canine distemper viruses (CDV) are considered a potential threat to the wild Hawaiian monk seal population. Each seal would be vaccinated twice for CDV and WNV, and to assess the effectiveness of the vaccines, blood and nasal swabs would be taken four times over the period of one year for antibody detection. The seals would be displayed to the public incidental to the research program, and the Waikiki Aquarium provides daily public narrations and informative educational graphics about the Hawaiian monk seal.