DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
International Trade Administration
Circular Welded Carbon-Quality Steel Pipe From India, the Sultanate of Oman, the United Arab Emirates, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in the Countervailing Duty Investigations

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

DATES: Effective Date: December 19, 2011.


Background


Postponement of Due Date for Preliminary Determinations

On December 6, 2011, the Department received a request from Wheatland Tube (one of the petitioners in these investigations) to postpone the preliminary determinations of the countervailing duty investigations of certain steel pipe from India, Oman, the UAE, and Vietnam. Under section 703(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (“the Act”), the Department may extend the period for reaching a preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation until no later than the 130th day after the date on which the administering authority initiates an investigation if the petitioner makes a timely request. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.205(e), Wheatland Tube’s request for postponement of the preliminary determinations was made 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determinations. Thus, we are fully extending the due date for the preliminary determinations to no later than 130 days after the day on which the investigations were initiated (i.e., March 24, 2012). However, March 24, 2012, falls on a Saturday and it is the Department’s long-standing practice to issue a determination the next business day when the statutory deadline falls on a weekend, federal holiday, or any other day when the Department is closed. See Notice of Clarification: Application of “Next Business Day” Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005). Accordingly, the deadline for completion of the preliminary determinations is now no later than March 26, 2012.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e).

Dated: December 12, 2011.

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Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Permitting, Vessel Identification, and Reporting Requirements for Deepwater Shrimp Fisheries in the Western Pacific Region

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 17, 2012.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6616, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument and instructions should be directed to Walter Ikehara, (808) 944–2275 or Walter.Ikehara@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract
This request is for extension of a currently approved information collection.

Under the Code of Federal Regulations in Title 50, Part 665, all vessel owners who fish for deepwater shrimp (Heterocarpus spp.), or land these species in ports, in the western Pacific region must obtain a Federal permit from the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS). They must also mark their vessels for identification. Vessel operators must submit NMFS logbook reports of their fishing activity to NMFS within 72 hours of the end of each fishing trip. The information collected is used to identify participants in the fishery, document fishing activities and landings, determine the conditions of the stocks, assess the effectiveness of management measures, evaluate the benefits and costs of changes in management measures, and monitor and respond to accidental takes of protected species, including seabirds, turtles, and marine mammals.

Vessel owners must identify their vessels to assist in aerial and at-sea enforcement of fishing regulations. The currently approved permit application, vessel identification, and logbook reporting requirements are being renewed without change.

II. Method of Collection
Respondents submit paper forms for permit applications and logbook reports to NMFS. Permits are valid for one calendar year and may be renewed annually. Logbook forms provided by NMFS are completed by the vessel operator and submitted to NMFS no later than 72 hours after the end of the trip. Methods of submittal at this time include mail, email and facsimile transmission of paper forms. In the future, email of electronic forms or online access to web-based forms will be available.

III. Data

OMB Control Number: 0648–0586.
Form Number: None.
Type of Review: Regular submission (extension of a currently approved collection).