

## Background

On August 26, 2011, the U.S. Department of Commerce (Department) published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain pasta from Italy, covering the period January 1, 2010, through December 31, 2010. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 76 FR 53404 (August 26, 2011). The preliminary results of this administrative review are currently due no later than April 1, 2012.<sup>1</sup>

## Statutory Time Limits

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 a countervailing duty order for which a review is requested and issue the final results within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary results are published. However, 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. *See also* 19 CFR 351.213(h).

## Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results

Because the Department will require additional time to review and analyze submitted information from the Government of Italy and the respondent company, Molino e Pastificio Tomasello, S.p.A., and to issue supplemental questionnaires, it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results by 120 days. The preliminary results will now be due no later than July 30, 2012.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(3)(A) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 9, 2012.

**Christian Marsh,**

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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<sup>1</sup> Because April 1, 2012 is a Sunday, the preliminary results of this review would be due no later than the next business day. *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).

## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Public Workshop to Seek Comment on Federal Conformity Assessment Guidance

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Public Workshop.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Department of Commerce's (DOC) National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) will hold a free public workshop titled "Conformity Assessment—Approaches and Best Practices" on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at 9 a.m. Eastern Time (ET) at NIST in Gaithersburg, Maryland. The purpose of the NIST public workshop is (1) to examine current approaches to conformity assessment among Federal agencies and the private sector and (2) to provide a forum for discussion with NIST on conformity assessment practices, challenges and the means by which these challenges are being addressed.

**ADDRESSES:** NIST, Building 101, Green Auditorium, 100 Bureau Drive in Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

**DATES:** Wednesday, April 11, 2012; 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. ET. Please see registration information and deadlines in the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Gordon Gillerman, NIST Standards Coordination Office (SCO), Standards Services Division (SSD), 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD; Email: *Federal\_CA@nist.gov*.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 12(b) of the National Technology Transfer and Advancement Act (NTTAA—Pub. L. 104-113) requires NIST to coordinate Federal, State, and local standards activities and conformity assessment activities with the private sector, with the goal of eliminating unnecessary duplication and complexity. OMB A119, which provides additional policy guidance on implementation of the NTTAA, directed the Secretary of Commerce to issue guidance to Federal agencies on conformity assessment related issues. In response, NIST published regulations entitled "Guidance on Federal Conformity Assessment Activities" in August 2000 (15 CFR part 287). The regulations outline Federal agencies' responsibility for evaluating the efficiency and effectiveness of their conformity assessment activities and are

intended to help Federal agencies improve the management and coordination of their own conformity assessment activities in support of their regulatory, procurement and other mission objectives.

Discussions at the workshop will inform NIST conformity assessment guidance to Federal agencies. The conference will include presentations from key government officials, regulators, and industry and conformity assessment experts. Time will be allotted for participant input and discussions.

**Registration Information:** U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents wishing to attend the meeting must register by 5 p.m. ET April 3, 2012. Non-U.S. Citizens that do not hold a green card must register by 5 p.m. ET March 27, 2012. There will be no onsite registration. To register, please go to the NIST Conference Services registration link: [https://www-s.nist.gov/CRS/conf\\_disclosure.cfm?&conf\\_id=5282](https://www-s.nist.gov/CRS/conf_disclosure.cfm?&conf_id=5282).

There is no registration fee.

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**Kevin Kimball,**

*Chief of Staff.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered and Threatened Species; Take of Anadromous Fish

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of permits.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS has issued permit 15542 to Normandeau Associates, Incorporated [Responsible Party: Tim Salamunovich], 890 L Street, Arcata, CA 95521; permit 16608 to the U.S. Bureau of Reclamation (USBR) [Responsible Party: Michelle Banonis], 2800 Cottage Way, Room W-1727 Sacramento, CA 95825; and permit 16531 to FISHBIO Environmental, LLC [Responsible Party: Andrea Fuller], 599 Hi-Tech Pkwy, Oakdale, CA 95361; for purposes of scientific research.

**ADDRESSES:** Permits and related documents are available for review, upon written request or appointment in the following office(s): Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS,