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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

Pursuant to sections 703(c)(2), 733(c)(3), 751(a)(1), 751(b)(1), 751(c)(2), and 777(i)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930 as amended ("the Act"), Import Administration (IA) is required to publish certain notices in the **Federal Register** (FR). Following review of the requirements of the Act and our regulations, we have identified ways to shorten the length of many of our FR publications while also making available to the public and interested parties all pertinent information regarding our decisions. In addition, as neither the Act nor the Department of Commerce ("Department") regulations require publication of extension notices for the preliminary and final results of reviews conducted under section 751 of the Act, we will no longer publish such notices. Further, IA will cease publishing a list of pending scope decisions in its quarterly scope ruling publication and will cease publishing an Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews when no such review is scheduled for initiation the following month.

These modifications are in line with the modification IA adopted in 2000, when it reduced the size of FR notices for final determinations and results of review by developing Issues and Decision Memoranda that now regularly accompany FR notices. See *Notice of Reduction in the Size of Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Federal Register Notices*, 65 FR 3654 (January 24, 2000). The proven success of that modification, and the fact that interested parties now accept that as the standard for the final determinations and results of review, inform the decision to adopt these changes.

Outside parties and the public at large will continue to have access to all significant information that historically has been included in our FR notices. With the exception of the Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews, when no such review is scheduled for initiation the following month, and pending scope determinations, the information that we are henceforth omitting from the FR notices will be transferred to other memoranda, included in disclosure packages, and published on IA's Web site.

##### Modifications

IA has determined that it will no longer publish extension notices for

preliminary and final results of reviews, as there are no statutory or regulatory requirements for doing so and the financial burden outweighs the benefits associated with their publication. Rather, the Department will place a memorandum extending the deadline on the official case file which, when the service becomes available, will be accessible to parties on IA ACCESS, at <http://iaaccess.trade.gov>. In addition, parties and the public will be informed of upcoming deadlines and any extensions associated with these deadlines in a calendar published on IA's Web site.

IA will cease publishing our notices of Advance Notification of Sunset Review when no such reviews are scheduled for initiation in the following month. IA has also determined to cease publishing a list of pending scope inquiries in its quarterly publication of scope decisions.

All other notices will continue to be published in the FR, in a modified and condensed format. IA will continue to include in its published notices fundamental case information (e.g., segment of proceeding, an abbreviated scope description, period of review, summary of findings, summary of methodology, names of exporters/producers subject to the proceeding, margins calculated, notification of disclosure and public comment, notifications of assessment and cash deposit instructions, and a reminder of any deadlines associated with the notice's publication) in accordance with the requirements of the Act. For preliminary and final determinations of investigations, and antidumping and countervailing duty orders, IA will include the entire scope discussion in the FR, and not an abbreviated format. Abbreviated scope descriptions in other notices will provide a reference to the location of the full scope description. All other information will be transferred to separate memoranda. For example, for preliminary results of an administrative review, IA will issue a memorandum to accompany the FR notice, which will include the complete, detailed discussion of our margin calculation methodology, significant case issues, and background/history of the order. The memorandum will be a public document released to interested parties and published on IA's Web site. External services, such as Lexis and Westlaw, may also make the memorandum available to their clients in an electronically searchable format. In the coming months, IA will create such memoranda for most notices that will continue to be published in the FR and identify the content that will

remain in the FR notices and the content that will be included in the separate memorandum.

##### Implementation

The modifications described in this notice will be incrementally implemented. Beginning May 15, 2012, IA will no longer publish extension notices in the FR. Rather, these extensions will be published in calendar form on the IA Web site, available at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn/>. On that date, IA will stop publishing Advance Notification of Sunset Reviews when no such review is scheduled for initiation the following month. The next quarterly scope decision will no longer contain a list of pending scope decisions. Beginning September 1, 2012, abbreviated notices for all preliminary determinations and preliminary results of review will be published in the FR, while the memorandum accompanying each notice that includes the background, methodology, and additional content will be adopted through the notice's publication and posted on the IA Web site, available at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn/ext/>.

Finally, we anticipate that other IA notices will be published in abbreviated format in the near future, following implementation of the changes discussed in this notice.

Dated: April 23, 2012.

**Paul Piquado,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

##### National Institute of Standards and Technology

##### Consortium on "Concrete Rheology: Enabling Metrology (CREME)": Membership Fee Update

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On October 25, 2011, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) published a notice of a public meeting, which was held on November 8, 2011, to explore the feasibility of establishing a NIST/ Industry Consortium on Concrete Rheology: Enabling Metrology (CREME)". The notice stated that membership fees for participation in the CREME consortium would be Twenty-five Thousand (\$25,000) per year. As a result of the November 8, 2011, public

meeting, revisions have been made to the membership fee structure.

**DATES:** This notice is effective on April 30, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** Questions about joining the consortium should be sent to Chiara Ferraris at the National Institute of Standards and Technology; 100 Bureau Drive; MS 8615; Gaithersburg, MD 20899–8615.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Chiara Ferraris or Nicos Martys via email at [chiara.ferraris@nist.gov](mailto:chiara.ferraris@nist.gov); [nicos.martys@nist.gov](mailto:nicos.martys@nist.gov) or telephone at (301) 975–6711 or (301) 975–5915.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

**CREME Consortium Description**

The goal of the CREME consortium is to predict the pumpability of a grout/mortar or a concrete from the rheological properties of the materials and the geometry/material of the pipe. This goal will be achieved by developing test methods and models to measure and predict the performance parameters of grout. It is expected that the conclusions obtained for grout could be extrapolated for concrete. To move these ideas into practice and to engage industry, test bed facilities and quality control test methods for the field will be developed at NIST. The consortium will be administered by NIST. Consortium planning, research and development will be conducted by NIST staff along with at least one technical representative from each participating member company. Each member of the consortium will be required to sign a Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (“CRADA”) with NIST.

At the November 8, 2011 public meeting, organizations interested in participating in the CREME Consortium discussed membership fees and agreed to the following revisions to the membership fee structure. Initial membership fees will be Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) per year payable by Member to NIST at the time of CRADA execution and annually thereafter, or an in-kind contribution, equitable in value and mutually acceptable to NIST and Member. In recognition of the contributions made and risks taken by the initial Consortium Members, the membership fee for Consortium Members who join after the first year will be Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000) or mutually acceptable to NIST and Member in-kind contribution the first year and Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000) or mutually acceptable to NIST and Member in-kind contribution each year thereafter.

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**Willie E. May,**

*Associate Director for Laboratory Programs.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Coral and Coral Reefs Off the Southern Atlantic States; Exempted Fishing Permit**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces the receipt of an application for an exempted fishing permit (EFP) from the South Carolina Aquarium. If granted, the EFP would authorize the South Carolina Aquarium to collect, with certain conditions, various species of reef fish, crabs, and lobsters in Federal waters off South Carolina and North Carolina. The specimens would be used in educational exhibits displaying South Carolina native species at the South Carolina Aquarium located in Charleston, SC.

**DATES:** Comments must be received no later than 5 p.m., e.t., on May 30, 2012.

**ADDRESSES:** You may submit comments on the application by either of the following methods:

- *Email:* [Kate.Michie@noaa.gov](mailto:Kate.Michie@noaa.gov); include in the subject line of the email comment the following document identifier: South Carolina Aquarium EFP.
- *Mail:* Kate Michie, Southeast Regional Office, NMFS, 263 13th Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701.

The application and related documents are available for review upon written request to any of the above addresses.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kate Michie, 727–824–5305; email: [Kate.Michie@noaa.gov](mailto:Kate.Michie@noaa.gov).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The EFP is requested under the authority of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*), and regulations at 50 CFR 600.745(b) concerning exempted fishing.

The proposed specimen collection involves activities otherwise prohibited by regulations at 50 CFR part 622, as they pertain to species managed by the South Atlantic Fishery Management Council (Council) including snapper-grouper, golden crab, wreckfish, coastal migratory pelagics, dolphin and wahoo, spiny lobster, and shrimp. The applicant requires authorization to collect 1,615 live fish, crabs, lobsters, and shrimp in Federal waters off South Carolina, and sporadically in Federal waters off North Carolina. The federally-managed species to be collected over a 5-year period, listed by common name with the collection total, include: Black snapper (10); cero (12); cobia (6); coney (10); dolphin (50); golden crab (5); graysby (10); groupers *Epinephelus spp.* including, misty, red hind, rock hind, snowy, yellowedge (40); groupers *Myctoperca spp.* including black grouper, gag, yellowmouth, yellowfin, and scamp (50); grunts *Haemulon spp.* including cottonwick, margate, sailors choice, Spanish, tomtate, and white grunt (250); hogfish (8); jacks (200); king mackerel (15); little tunny (25); longspine porgy (50); triggerfish (22); porgies (65); queen snapper (2); red porgy (25); scup (50); sea bass (100); white shrimp (200); pink and brown shrimp (200); gray snapper (75); Spanish mackerel (15); spiny lobster (25); vermilion snapper (75); wahoo (5); and yellowtail snapper (15).

The project proposes to use vertical hook-and-line gear with artificial and natural baits, black sea bass pots, spiny lobster traps, golden crab traps, habitat traps, octopus traps, dip nets, and bait traps (bait traps would be used and tended while SCUBA diving). This EFP would authorize sampling operations to be conducted on four vessels designated by the South Carolina Aquarium including: F/V ON THE CLOCK SC–5264–BW; F/V CUB SCOUT SC–9288–BF; F/V MISTRESS SC–5326–BS; and a 25 ft (7.62 m) Parker NC5836P. The specimens would be opportunistically collected year-round for a period of 5 years, commencing on July 2, 2012. This EFP would not authorize the collection of species with an annual catch limit of zero (red snapper, warsaw grouper, speckled hind, goliath grouper, and Nassau grouper).

The overall intent of the project is to incorporate South Carolina native species into educational exhibits at the South Carolina Aquarium. The aquarium uses these displays of native South Carolina species to teach the public about stewardship and habitat preservation.

NMFS finds this application warrants further consideration. Based on a