ACTION: Notice of Reopening of Scoping Comment Period.

Authority: This scoping comment period is published pursuant to the regulations (40 CFR 1501.7) implementing the provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (42 U.S.C. 4321 et seq.) (NEPA).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the regulations implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA, on July 9, 2012, BOEM announced its intent to prepare a Supplemental EIS for proposed Western Planning Area (WPA) Lease Sale 233 and Central Planning Area (CPA) Lease Sale 231 (WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS) (77 FR 40380). Due to a BOEM email address incorrectly noted in the July 9, 2012, Federal Register notice and out of an abundance of caution to ensure that BOEM receives all scoping comments, BOEM is reopening the scoping comment period.

DATES: Scoping comments for this Draft WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS will now be accepted until September 10, 2012.

SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION: BOEM is announcing the re-opening of the scoping process for the WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS. Throughout the scoping process, Federal, State, tribal, and local government agencies, and other interested parties have the opportunity to aid BOEM in determining the significant issues, reasonable alternatives, and potential mitigation measures to be analyzed in the WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS, as well as providing additional information. BOEM will use the NEPA commenting process to satisfy the public involvement process for Section 106 of the National Historic Preservation Act (16 U.S.C. 470f), as provided for in 36 CFR 800.2(d)(3).

Comments

All interested parties, including Federal, State, and local government agencies, and the general public, may submit written comments on the scope of the WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS, significant issues that should be addressed, alternatives that should be considered, potential mitigation measures, and the types of oil and gas activities of interest in the proposed lease sale areas.

Written scoping comments may be submitted in one of the following two ways:

1. In an envelope labeled “Scoping for the WPA/CPA Supplemental EIS” and mailed (or hand delivered) to Mr. Gary D. Goeke, Chief, Regional Assessment Section, Office of Environment (GM 623E), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park
Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394; or
(2) BOEM email address: Ls_233–2313SEIS@boem.gov.

Petitions, although accepted, do not generally provide relevant information at this stage to assist in scoping. BOEM does not consider anonymous comments. Before including your address, phone number, email address, or other personal identifying information in your comment, you should be aware that your entire comment—including your personal identifying information—may be made publicly available at any time. While you can ask us in your comment to withhold your personal identifying information from public review, we cannot guarantee that we will be able to do so. If you wish for your name and/ or address to be withheld, you must state your preference prominently at the beginning of your comment.

All submissions from organizations or businesses and from individuals identifying themselves as representatives or officials of organizations or businesses will be made available for public inspection in their entirety.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For information on the WPA/GPA Supplemental EIS, scoping process, the submission of comments, or BOEM’s policies associated with this notice, please contact Mr. Gary D. Goeke, Chief, Regional Assessment Section, Office of Environment (GM 623E), Bureau of Ocean Energy Management, Gulf of Mexico OCS Region, 1201 Elmwood Park Boulevard, New Orleans, Louisiana 70123–2394, telephone (504) 736–3233.

Dated: August 2, 2012.
Tommy P. Beaudreau,
Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
[Investigation Nos. 701–TA–488 (Final) and 731–TA–1199–1200 (Final)]

Large Residential Washers From Korea and Mexico

Scheduling of the final phase of countervailing duty and antidumping investigations.


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Commission hereby gives notice of the scheduling of the final phase of countervailing duty investigation no. 701–TA–488 (Final) under section 705(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1671d(b)) (the Act) and the final phase of antidumping investigation nos. 731–TA–1199–1200 (Final) under section 735(b) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673d(b)) to determine whether an industry in the United States is materially injured or threatened with material injury, or the establishment of an industry in the United States is materially retarded, by reason of subsidized imports from Korea and less-than-fair-value imports from Korea and Mexico of large residential washers, provided for in subheading 8450.20.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States.¹

¹ For purposes of these investigations, the Department of Commerce has defined the subject merchandise as: “all automatic clothes washing machines, regardless of the orientation of the rotational axis, except as noted below, with a cabinet width (measured from its widest point) of at least 24.5 inches (62.23 cm) and no more than 32.0 inches (81.28 cm). Also covered are certain subassemblies used in large residential washers, namely: (1) All assembled cabinets designed for use in large residential washers which incorporate, at a minimum: (a) At least three of the six cabinet surfaces; and (b) a bracket; (2) all assembled tubs designed for use in large residential washers which incorporate, at a minimum: (a) A tub; and (b) a seal; (3) all assembled baskets designed for use in large residential washers which incorporate, at a minimum: (a) A side wrapper; (b) a base; and (c) a drive hub; and (d) any combination of the foregoing subassemblies.

Excluded from the scope are stacked washer-dryers and commercial washers. The term ‘stacked washer-dryers’ denotes distinct washing and drying machines that are built on a unitary frame and share a common console that controls both the washer and the dryer. The term ‘commercial washer’ denotes an automatic clothes washing machine designed for the ‘pay per use’ market meeting either of the following two definitions: (1)(a) It contains payment system electronics; or (b) it is configured with an externally mounted steel frame at least six inches high that is designed to house a coin/token operated payment system (whether or not the actual coin/token operated payment system is installed at the time of importation); (c) it contains a push button user interface with a maximum of six manually selectable wash cycle settings, with no ability of the end user to otherwise modify water temperature, water level, or spin speed for a selected wash cycle setting; and (d) the console containing the user interface is made of steel and is assembled with security fasteners; or (2)(a) it contains payment system electronics; or (b) the payment system electronics are enabled (whether or not the payment acceptance device has been installed at the time of importation) such that, in normal operation, the unit cannot begin a wash cycle without first receiving a signal from a bonafide payment acceptance device such as an electronic credit card reader; (c) it contains a push button user interface with a maximum of six manually selectable wash cycle settings, with no ability of the end user to otherwise modify water temperature, water level, or spin speed for a selected wash cycle setting; and (d) the console containing the user interface is made of steel and is assembled with security fasteners. Also excluded from the scope are automatic clothes washing machines with a vertical rotational axis and a rated capacity of less than 3.7 cubic feet, for further information concerning the conduct of this phase of the investigations, hearing procedures, and rules of general application, consult the Commission’s Rules of Practice and Procedure, part 201, subparts A through E (19 CFR part 201), and part 207, subparts A and C (19 CFR part 207).

DATES: Effective Date: August 3, 2012.


SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:
Background. The final phase of these investigations is being scheduled as a result of affirmative final findings of material injury and material injury threatened by the determinations by the Department of Commerce that certain benefits which constitute subsidies within the meaning of section 703 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1671b) are being provided to manufacturers, producers, or exporters in Korea and Mexico which imports of such products from Korea and Mexico are being sold in the United States at less than fair value within the meaning of section 733 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1673b).

The investigations were requested in a petition filed on December 30, 2011, by Whirlpool Corporation, Benton Harbor, MI.

Participation in the investigations and public service list. Persons, including industrial users of the subject merchandise and, if the merchandise is sold at the retail level, representative consumer organizations, wishing to participate in the final phase of these

as certified to the U.S. Department of Energy pursuant to 10 CFR 429.12 and 10 CFR 429.20, and in accordance with the test procedures established in 10 CFR Part 430. The products subject to these investigations are currently classifiable under subheading 8450.20.00 of the Harmonized Tariff System of the United States (HTSUS). Products subject to these investigations may also enter under HTSUS subheadings 8450.11.0040, 8450.11.0080, 8450.90.6000, and 8450.90.6000. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to this scope is dispositive.”