DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Ocean Energy Management

[Docket No. BOEM–2013–00]

Notice of Determination of No Competitive Interest, Offshore Virginia

AGENCY: Bureau of Ocean Energy Management (BOEM), Interior.

ACTION: Notice of Determination of No Competitive Interest (DNCI) for a Proposed Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Research Lease Offshore Virginia.

SUMMARY: This notice provides BOEM’s determination that there is no competitive interest in the area requested by the Commonwealth of Virginia, Department of Mines, Minerals and Energy (DMME) to acquire an OCS research lease as described in the Request for Competitive Interest (RFCI): Research Lease for Renewable Energy on the Outer Continental Shelf Offshore Virginia, that BOEM published on December 21, 2012, (77 FR 75656–75658). The RFCI described the proposal submitted to BOEM by the DMME to acquire an OCS lease for wind energy research activities on the OCS off the coast of Virginia, and provided an opportunity for the public to submit comments about the proposal.

DATES: Effective March 15, 2013.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Casey Reeves, Project Coordinator, BOEM, Office of Renewable Energy Programs, 381 Eelden Street, HM 1328, Herndon, Virginia 20170, (703) 787–1320.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

This DNCI is published pursuant to subsection 8(p)(3) of the OCS Lands Act (43 U.S.C. 1337(p)(3)), which was added by section 388 of the Energy Policy Act of 2005 (EPAct), and the implementing regulations at 30 CFR part 585. Subsection 8(p)(3) of the OCS Lands Act requires that OCS renewable energy leases, easements, and rights-of-way be issued “on a competitive basis unless the Secretary [of the Interior] determines after public notice of a proposed lease, easement, or right-of-way (ROW) that there is no competitive interest.” The Secretary delegated the authority to make such determinations to BOEM.

Determination and Next Steps

This DNCI provides notice to the public that BOEM has determined there is no competitive interest in the proposed research lease area, as no indications of competitive interest were submitted in response to the RFCI.

In the December 2012 RFCI, BOEM also solicited public comment on the proposed lease area and the proposed DMME research project and any potential impacts that the project may have. In response to the RFCI, BOEM received public comment submissions from four entities none of which expressed competitive interest in the proposed research lease area. However, BOEM will use the comments that it received to inform its subsequent decisions. After the publication of this DNCI, BOEM will proceed with the research lease issuance process outlined at 30 CFR 585.238.

Map of the Area

A map of the area proposed for a research lease can be found at the following URL: http://www.boem.gov/Renewable-Energy-Program/State-Activities/Virginia.aspx.

Dated: March 4, 2013.

Tommy P. Beaudreau,
Director, Bureau of Ocean Energy Management.

INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 731–TA–747 (Third Review)]

Fresh Tomatoes From Mexico; Termination of Five-Year Review and Resumption of Antidumping Investigation


ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The subject five-year review was instituted on December 3, 2012, to determine whether termination of the suspended investigation on fresh tomatoes from Mexico would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury (77 FR 71629, December 3, 2012). On February 28, 2013, Mexican tomato growers/exporters accounting for a significant percentage of all fresh tomatoes imported into the United States from Mexico provided written notice to the Department of Commerce of their withdrawal from the agreement suspending the antidumping investigation on fresh tomatoes from Mexico. Effective March 1, 2013, the Department of Commerce terminated the suspension agreement, terminated the five-year review of the suspended investigation, and resumed the antidumping investigation on fresh tomatoes from Mexico because the suspension agreement no longer covered substantially all imports of fresh tomatoes from Mexico. Accordingly, the U.S. International Trade Commission gives notice of the termination of its review and the resumption of its antidumping investigation on fresh tomatoes from Mexico. A schedule for the final phase of the investigation will be established and announced at a later date.

DATES: Effective Date: March 4, 2013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background. On November 1, 1996, the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) suspended an antidumping investigation on imports of fresh tomatoes from Mexico (61 FR 56618, November 1, 1996). On October 1, 2001, Commerce initiated its first five-year review of the suspended investigation (66 FR 49926, October 1, 2001). On the basis of the withdrawal from the suspension agreement by Mexican tomato growers which accounted for a significant percentage of all fresh tomatoes imported into the United States from Mexico, Commerce terminated the suspension agreement, terminated the first five-year review, and resumed the antidumping investigation.

On November 1, 2007, Commerce initiated its second five-year review of the suspended investigation (72 FR 61861). Once again, based on the withdrawal from the suspension agreement by Mexican tomato growers which accounted for a significant percentage of all fresh tomatoes imported into the United States from Mexico, Commerce terminated the suspension agreement, terminated the second five-year review, and resumed the antidumping investigation, effective January 18, 2008 (73 FR 2887, January 16, 2008). The antidumping investigation was again suspended effective January 22, 2008 (73 FR 4831, January 28, 2008). On December 3, 2012, Commerce initiated its third five-year review of the suspended investigation (77 FR 71684). On February 2, 2013, Commerce and Mexican tomato growers/exporters accounting for a significant percentage of all fresh tomatoes imported into the United States from Mexico initiated a draft agreement that would suspend a resumed antidumping investigation on fresh tomatoes from Mexico. Based on this draft agreement, on February 8, 2013, Commerce published its intention to terminate the 2008 suspension agreement, terminate its third five-year review, and resume its antidumping investigation (78 FR 9366).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Elizabeth Haines (202–205–3200), Office of Investigations, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street SW., Washington, DC 20436. Hearing-impaired individuals are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission’s TDD terminal on 202–205–1810. Persons with mobility impairments who will need special assistance in gaining access to the Commission should contact the Office of the Secretary at 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (http://www.usitc.gov). The public record for this investigation may be viewed on the Commission’s electronic docket (EDIS) at http://edis.usitc.gov.

Authority: This investigation is being terminated under authority of title VII of the Tariff Act of 1930; this notice is published pursuant to section 207.40 of the Commission’s rules (19 CFR 207.40).

By order of the Commission.

Issued: March 11, 2013.
Lisa R. Barton,
Acting Secretary to the Commission.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

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Fresh Tomatoes From Mexico; Suspension of Antidumping Investigation


ACTION: Notice.

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DATES: Effective Date: March 5, 2013.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Background. On November 1, 1996, the Department of Commerce (“Commerce”) suspended an antidumping investigation on imports of fresh tomatoes from Mexico (61 FR 56618). On October 1, 2001, Commerce initiated its first five-year review of the suspended investigation (66 FR 49926). On the basis of the withdrawal from the suspension agreement by Mexican tomato growers which accounted for a significant percentage of all fresh tomatoes imported into the United States from Mexico, Commerce terminated the suspension agreement, terminated the first five-year review, and resumed the antidumping investigation, effective July 30, 2002 (67 FR 50858, August 6, 2002). On December 16, 2002, Commerce suspended the antidumping investigation on imports of fresh tomatoes from Mexico (67 FR 77044). On November 1, 2007, Commerce initiated its second five-year review of the suspended investigation (72 FR 61861). Once again, based on the withdrawal from the suspension agreement by Mexican tomato growers which accounted for a significant percentage of all fresh tomatoes imported into the United States from Mexico, Commerce terminated the suspension agreement, terminated the second five-year review, and resumed the antidumping investigation, effective January 18, 2008 (73 FR 2887, January 16, 2008). The antidumping investigation was again suspended effective January 22, 2008 (73 FR 4831, January 28, 2008). On December 3, 2012, Commerce initiated its third five-year review of the suspended investigation (77 FR 71684). On February 2, 2013, Commerce and Mexican tomato growers/exporters accounting for a significant percentage of all fresh tomatoes imported into the United States from Mexico initiated a draft agreement that would suspend a resumed antidumping investigation on fresh tomatoes from Mexico. Based on this draft agreement, on February 8, 2013, Commerce published its intention to terminate the 2008 suspension agreement, terminate its third five-year review, and resume its antidumping investigation (78 FR 9366).

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