

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa (PAC-DBIA or Council) will meet to deliberate on analysis of the top three obstacles U.S. companies face in approaching African markets, competing for business opportunities, and operating business activities. Topics may include: Market risk, capital market development, market size, localization requirements, foreign government support to enable competitors, procurement practices, local skilled workforce availability, foreign exchange, trade facilitation, and infrastructure. The final agenda for the meeting will be posted at least one week in advance of the meeting on the Council's Web site at <http://trade.gov/pac-dbia>.

DATES: November 29, 2017, 9:30 a.m. (EST).

ADDRESSES: The President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa meeting will be broadcast via live webcast on the Internet at <http://whitehouse.gov/live>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Giancarlo Cavallo or Ashley Bubna, Designated Federal Officers, President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 22004, Washington, DC 20230 telephone: 202-482-2091, email: dbia@trade.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The Council was established on November 4, 2014, to advise the President, through the Secretary of Commerce, on strengthening commercial engagement between the United States and Africa. The Council's charter was renewed for a second, two-year term in September 2017. The Council was established in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act (FACA), as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

Public Submissions: The public is invited to submit written statements to the Council. Statements must be received by 5:00 p.m. November 22, 2017 by either of the following methods:

a. Electronic Submissions

Submit statements electronically to Giancarlo Cavallo and Ashley Bubna, Designated Federal Officers, President's

Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa, via email: dbia@trade.gov.

b. Paper Submissions

Send paper statements to Giancarlo Cavallo and Ashley Bubna, Designated Federal Officers, President's Advisory Council on Doing Business in Africa, Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW., Room 22004, Washington, DC 20230.

Statements will be provided to the members in advance of the meeting for consideration and also will be posted on the Council Web site (<http://trade.gov/pac-dbia>). Any business proprietary information should be cleared and designated as such. All statements received, including attachments and other supporting materials, are part of the public record and subject to public disclosure.

Meeting minutes: Copies of the Council's meeting minutes will be available within ninety (90) days of the meeting on the Council's Web site at <http://trade.gov/pac-dbia>.

Dated: November 8, 2017.

Fred Stewart,

Director, Office of Africa.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Draft National Procedure for Permit Applications To Retain Releasable Rehabilitated Marine Mammals for Public Display

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

ACTION: Notice; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) has developed a draft national Procedural Directive clarifying the process for eligible permit applicants to obtain releasable marine mammals for public display purposes under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA). Releasable marine mammals are those that were successfully rehabilitated by the Marine Mammal Health and Stranding Response Program's network of stranding centers and have been determined by the rehabilitation facility's attending veterinarian to be candidates for return to the wild. NMFS will no longer grant permits for the specific purpose of retaining releasable

marine mammals for public display. Instead, applicants will now need to apply for a permit to take (collect) animals from the wild pursuant to the MMPA. Non-releasable animals, on the other hand, may still be obtained through NMFS' administrative procedures.

DATES: Comments must be received by December 15, 2017.

ADDRESSES: The draft Procedural Directive is available in electronic form via the Internet at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/pr/permits/public_display_permit.htm. You may submit comments by including NOAA-NMFS-2017-0096 by either of the following methods:

Federal e-Rulemaking Portal: Go to www.regulations.gov/#!docketDetail;D=NOAA-NMFS-2017-0096, click the "Comment Now!" icon, complete the required fields, and enter or attach your comments.

Mail: Send comments to: Chief, Marine Mammal and Sea Turtle Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226, Attn: Releasable Rehabilitated Marine Mammal Procedural Directive.

Instructions: NMFS may not consider comments if they are sent by any other method, to any other address or individual, or received after the comment period ends. All comments received are a part of the public record and will generally be posted to <http://www.regulations.gov> without change. All personal identifying information (e.g., name, address, etc.), confidential business information, or otherwise sensitive information submitted voluntarily by the sender is publicly accessible. NMFS will also accept anonymous comments (enter "N/A" in the required fields if you wish to remain anonymous).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 104 of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) allows permits to be issued to take or import marine mammals for public display purposes, and section 109 requires the release of rehabilitated marine mammals to their natural habitat whenever feasible. The MMPA regulations at 50 CFR 216.27(b)(4) allow the NMFS OPR Director to require the use of a rehabilitated marine mammal for public display (or research or enhancement) in lieu of a take from the wild.