The decision memorandum will be issued in accordance with sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(c).

Dated: August 20, 2018.

Gary Tavenar,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, performing the non-exclusive functions and duties of the Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.

Appendix I
Scope of the Investigation
The merchandise covered by this investigation is welded carbon and alloy steel pipe (including stainless steel pipe), more than 406.4 mm (16 inches) in nominal outside diameter (large diameter welded pipe), regardless of wall thickness, length, surface finish, grade, end finish, or stenciling. Large diameter welded pipe may be used to transport oil, gas, slurry, steam, or other fluids, liquids, or gases. It may also be used for structural purposes, including, but not limited to, piling. Specifically, not included is large diameter welded pipe produced only to specifications of the American Water Works Association (AWWA) for water and sewage pipe.

Large diameter welded pipe used to transport oil, gas, or natural gas liquids is normally produced to the American Petroleum Institute (API) specification 5L. Large diameter welded pipe may also be produced to American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) standards A500, A252, or A53, or other relevant domestic specifications, grades and/or standards. Large diameter welded pipe can be produced to comparable foreign specifications, grades and/or standards or to proprietary specifications, grades and/or standards, or can be non-graded material. All pipe meeting the physical description set forth above is covered by the scope of this investigation, whether or not produced according to a particular standard.

Subject merchandise also includes large diameter welded pipe that has been further processed in a third country, including but not limited to coating, painting, notching, beveling, cutting, punching, welding, or any other processing that would not otherwise remove the merchandise from the scope of the investigation if performed in the country of manufacture of the in-scope large diameter welded pipe.

The large diameter welded pipe that is subject to this investigation is currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS) under subheadings 7305.11.1030, 7305.11.1060, 7305.11.5000, 7305.12.1030, 7305.12.1060, 7305.12.5000, 7305.19.1030, 7305.19.1060, 7305.19.5000, 7305.31.4000, 7305.31.6010, 7305.31.6090, 7305.39.1000 and 7305.39.5000. While the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this investigation is dispositive.

Appendix II
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request
The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).
Title: Manufacturing Extension Partnership Management Information Reporting.
OMB Control Number: 0693–0032.

Type of Request: Revision and extension of an approved information collection.
Number of Respondents: 51.
Average Hours per Response: 20 Hours for Quarterly Review, 4 Hours for Semi-Annual Review, 30 hours for the Annual Review; 80 hours for Panel Review.
Burden Hours: 5,508 hours for quarterly, semi-annual and annual Review; and 1,360 hours for Panel Review.

Needs and Uses: NIST MEP offers technical and business solutions to small- and medium-sized manufacturers to improve their productivity, improve profitability, and enhance their economic competitiveness. This is a major program which links all 50 states and Puerto Rico and the manufacturers through more than 400 affiliated MEP Centers and Field Offices. NIST MEP has many legislative and contractual requirements for collecting data and information from the MEP Centers. This information is used for the following purposes: (1) Program Accountability, (2) Reports to Stakeholders, (3) Continuous Improvement; and (4) Identification of Distinctive Practices. Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.
Frequency: Quarterly, Semi-Annual, and Annual Reporting.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
National Institute of Standards and Technology
Announcing Request for Nominations for Lightweight Cryptographic Algorithms
AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.
ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice solicits nominations from any interested party for candidate algorithms to be considered for lightweight cryptographic standards. The submission requirements and the minimum acceptability requirements of a “complete and proper” candidate algorithm submission, as well as the evaluation criteria that will be used to appraise the candidate algorithms, can be found on the NIST Computer Security Resource Center webpage at:
DATES: Proposals must be received on or before February 25, 2019. Further details are available at https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/Lightweight-Cryptography.
ADDRESSES: Algorithm submission packages should be sent to Dr. Kerry
McKay, Information Technology Laboratory, Attention: Lightweight Cryptographic Algorithm Submissions, 100 Bureau Drive—Stop 8930, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–8930. Submissions may also be sent by email to lightweight-crypto@nist.gov. Note that for email submissions, some of the supporting documentation requires a signature and must be physically mailed to the above address. See https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/Lightweight-Cryptography for complete submission instructions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For general information, send email to lightweight-crypto@nist.gov. For questions related to a specific submission package, contact Dr. Kerry McKay, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–8930, email: kerry.mckay@nist.gov or by telephone: (301) 975–4969.

A public email list has been set up for announcements, as well as a forum to discuss the standardization effort being initiated by NIST. For directions on how to subscribe, please visit https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/Lightweight-Cryptography.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The deployment of small computing devices, such as RFID tags, industrial controllers, sensor nodes and smart cards, is becoming increasingly common. The shift in focus from desktop computers to small devices brings a wide range of new security and privacy concerns. In many conventional cryptographic standards, the tradeoff between security, performance and resource requirements was optimized for desktop and server environments, and this makes the standards difficult or impossible to implement in resource-constrained devices. Therefore, when current NIST-approved algorithms can be engineered to fit within the limited resources of constrained environments, their performance may not be acceptable. In recent years, there has been increased demand for cryptographic standards that are tailored for constrained devices. NIST has decided to create a portfolio of lightweight cryptographic algorithms, designed for limited use in applications and environments where cryptographic operations are performed by constrained devices that are unable to use existing NIST standards.

Previously, NIST solicited public comment on draft minimum acceptability requirements, submission requirements, and evaluation criteria for candidate algorithms (83 FR 22251, May 14, 2018). The comments received are posted at https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/Lightweight-Cryptography, along with a summary of the changes made as a result of these comments.

The purpose of this notice is to announce that nominations for lightweight candidate algorithms may now be submitted, up until the final deadline of February 25, 2019. Complete instructions on how to submit a candidate package, including the minimal acceptability requirements, are posted at https://csrc.nist.gov/Projects/Lightweight-Cryptography.


Kevin A. Kimball,
Chief of Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

National Institute of Standards and Technology Performance Review Board Membership

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

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice lists the membership of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Performance Review Board (NIST PRB) and supersedes the list published on September 15, 2017.

DATES: The changes to the NIST PRB membership list announced in this notice are effective August 27, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Didi Hanlein at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, (301) 975–3020 or by email at desiree.hanlein@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Institute of Standards and Technology Performance Review Board (NIST PRB or Board) reviews performance appraisals, agreements, and recommended actions pertaining to employees in the Senior Executive Service and ST–3104 employees. The Board makes recommendations to the appropriate appointing authority concerning such matters so as to ensure the fair and equitable treatment of these individuals.

This notice lists the membership of the NIST PRB and supersedes the list published in the Federal Register on September 15, 2017 (82 FR 43335).

NIST PRB Members:

Jennifer Ayers (C), Director, Office of the Secretary Financial Management, Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, Appointment Expires: 12/31/18.

Joanie Chin (C) (alternate), Deputy Director, Engineering Laboratory, National Institute of Standards & Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, Appointment Expires: 12/31/19.

Robert Fangmeyer (C) (alternate), Director, Baldrige Performance Excellence Program, National Institute of Standards & Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, Appointment Expires: 12/31/18.

Howard Harary (C), Director, Engineering Laboratory, National Institute of Standards & Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, Appointment Expires: 12/31/18.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Meeting of the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)’s Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT or Committee) will meet on Tuesday, October 16, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Mountain Time, and Wednesday, October 17, 2018, from 8:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Mountain Time. The VCAT is composed of not fewer than 9 members appointed by the NIST Director, eminent in such fields as business, research, new