

limits or quotas, capacity restrictions, and bycatch reduction requirements;

(2) Overfishing of fish stocks shared by the United States, for which there are no applicable international conservation or management measures or in areas with no applicable international fishery management organization or agreement, that has adverse impacts on such stocks; and

(3) Fishing activity that has an adverse impact on seamounts, hydrothermal vents, and cold water corals located beyond national jurisdiction, for which there are no applicable conservation or management measures or in areas with no applicable international fishery management organization or agreement.

Additionally, the Secretary must identify in the biennial report those nations whose fishing vessels are engaged, or have been engaged during the preceding calendar year, in fishing activities either (1) in waters beyond any national jurisdiction that result in bycatch of a PLMR, or (2) beyond the U.S. exclusive economic zone (EEZ) that result in bycatch of a PLMR shared by the United States. In this context, PLMRs are defined as non-target fish, sea turtles, or marine mammals that are protected under U.S. law or international agreement, including the Marine Mammal Protection Act, the Endangered Species Act, the Shark Finning Prohibition Act, and the Convention on International Trade in Endangered Species of Wild Flora and Fauna. PLMRs do not include species, except sharks, managed under the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, the Atlantic Tunas Convention Act, or any international fishery management agreement. (A list of species considered as PLMRs for this purpose is available online at: <http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/mrip.htm>)

The first biennial report was submitted to Congress in January 2009 and is available online at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/msra_biennial_report_011309.pdf. The report identified six nations for IUU fishing.

The Moratorium Protection Act also requires the Secretary to establish procedures to certify whether each nation identified in the biennial report is taking appropriate corrective action to address IUU fishing and/or bycatch of PLMRs by fishing vessels of that nation. If a nation does not receive a positive certification by the Secretary, they could be subject to sanctions under the High Seas Driftnet Fisheries Enforcement Act (Enforcement Act)(16 U.S.C. 1826a). On January 14, 2009, NMFS published a

proposed rule to implement both the identification and certification procedures. (That proposed rule is available online at http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/msa2007/docs/iuu_bycatch_rule011409.pdf.) The rule provides information regarding the identification process and how the information solicited here will be used in that process.

In fulfillment of its requirements under the Moratorium Protection Act, NMFS is preparing the second biennial report to Congress, which will identify nations whose fishing vessels are engaged in IUU fishing, or fishing practices that result in bycatch of PLMRs. NMFS is soliciting information from the public that could assist in its identification of nations engaged in activities that meet one or more of the three criteria described above for IUU fishing or one or more of the two criteria described above for PLMR bycatch. Information that may prove useful to NMFS includes:

- Documentation (photographs, etc.) of IUU activity or PLMR bycatch;
- Fishing vessel records;
- Reports from off-loading facilities, port-side government officials, enforcement agents, military personnel, port inspectors, transshipment vessel workers and fish importers;
- Government vessel registries;
- IUU vessel lists from RFMOs;
- RFMO catch documents and statistical document programs;
- Appropriate certification programs; and
- Reports from governments, international organizations, or nongovernmental organizations.

NMFS will consider all available information, as appropriate, when making a determination whether or not to identify a particular nation in the biennial report to Congress. NMFS is particularly interested in information on IUU fishing activity and bycatch of PLMRs that occurred during 2009–2010. NMFS will consider several criteria when determining whether information is appropriate for use in making identifications, including but not limited to:

- Corroboration of information;
- Whether multiple sources have been able to provide information in support of an identification;
- The methodology used to collect the information;
- Specificity of the information provided;
- Susceptibility of the information to falsification and alteration; and
- Credibility of the individuals or organization providing the information.

Information should be as specific as possible as this will assist NMFS in its review.

Dated: March 1, 2010.

Rebecca Lent,

Director, Office of International Affairs, NOAA Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–570–890]

Wooden Bedroom Furniture from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Reviews

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 5, 2010.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (“Department”) has determined that three requests for new shipper reviews of the antidumping duty order on wooden bedroom furniture from the People’s Republic of China (“PRC”) meet the statutory and regulatory requirements for initiation. The period of review (“POR”) for the three new shipper reviews is January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey Pedersen, Rebecca Pandolph, or David Edmiston, AD/CVD Operations, Office 4, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482–2769, (202) 482–3627, or (202) 482–0989 respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The antidumping duty order on wooden bedroom furniture from the PRC was published on January 4, 2005. *See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order: Wooden Bedroom Furniture From the People's Republic of China*, 70 FR 329 (January 4, 2005). On January 21, and 29, 2010, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the “Act”), and 19 CFR 351.214(c), the Department received timely requests for new shipper reviews from Dongguan Huansheng Furniture Co., Ltd. (“Dongguan Huansheng”); Hangzhou Cadman Trading Co., Ltd. (“Cadman”); and Wanvog Furniture (Kunshan) Co., Ltd. (“Wanvog”).

Dongguan Huansheng and Wanvog certified that they are each the exporter and producer of, and Cadman certified that it is the exporter of, the subject merchandise upon which their respective request for a new shipper review was based.

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i)(I) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(i) and (b)(2)(ii)(A), Dongguan Huansheng, Cadman, and Wanvog certified that they did not export wooden bedroom furniture to the United States during the period of investigation ("POI"). Further, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(ii)(B), Haining Changbei Furniture Co., Ltd. ("Haining Changbei"), the producer of subject merchandise exported by Cadman, certified that it did not export subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. In addition, pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(i)(II) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(A), Dongguan Huansheng, Cadman, and Wanvog certified that, since the initiation of the investigation, they have never been affiliated with any PRC exporter or producer who exported wooden bedroom furniture to the United States during the POI, including those not individually examined during the investigation. As required by 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(B), Dongguan Huansheng, Cadman, and Wanvog, also certified that their export activities were not controlled by the central government of the PRC.

In addition to the certifications described above, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iv), Dongguan Huansheng, Cadman, and Wanvog submitted documentation establishing the following: (1) the date on which Dongguan Huansheng, Cadman, and Wanvog first shipped wooden bedroom furniture for export to the United States and the date on which the wooden bedroom furniture was first entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption; (2) the volume of their first shipment;¹ and (3) the date of their first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States.

The Department conducted U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") database queries and confirmed that shipments of subject merchandise from Dongguan Huansheng, Cadman, and Wanvog had entered the United States for consumption and that liquidation of such entries had been properly suspended for antidumping duties. The Department also confirmed by examining CBP data that Dongguan Huansheng, Cadman, and Wanvog's

entries were made during the POR as specified by the Department's regulations. See 19 CFR 351.214(g)(1)(i)(B). After examining CBP data, the Department requested additional information from Wanvog. See letter to Wanvog regarding, "Request for New Shipper Review of Wooden Bedroom Furniture from the People's Republic of China," dated February 18, 2010. On February 25, 2010, Wanvog submitted its response to the Department's request for additional information. See Wanvog's letter regarding, "New Shipper Review Request on Behalf of Wanvog Furniture (Kunshan) Co., Ltd.: Response to Supplemental Information Requests," dated February 25, 2010. For a detailed discussion regarding Wanvog's CBP data, see Memorandum to the File through Abdelali Elouaradia, Director, AD/CVD Operations, Office 4: Initiation of AD New Shipper Review of Wanvog Furniture (Kunshan) Co., Ltd.: Wooden Bedroom from the People's Republic of China ("Wanvog Checklist"), dated concurrently with this notice.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), the Department will publish the notice of initiation of a new shipper review no later than the last day of the month following the anniversary month of the order. As explained in the memorandum from the Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, the Department has exercised its discretion to toll deadlines for the duration of the closure of the Federal Government from February 5, through February 12, 2010. Thus, the deadline for publishing this notice of initiation has been extended by seven days. The revised deadline for publishing this notice is March 8, 2010, which is the first business day after the extended deadline. See Memorandum to the Record from Ronald Lorentzen, DAS for Import Administration, regarding "Tolling of Administrative Deadlines As a Result of the Government Closure During the Recent Snowstorm," dated February 12, 2010.

Initiation of New Shipper Reviews

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(d)(1), the Department finds that Dongguan Huansheng, Cadman, and Wanvog meet the threshold requirements for initiation of new shipper reviews of their shipments of wooden bedroom furniture from the PRC. See Memorandum to the File through Abdelali Elouaradia, Director, AD/CVD Operations, Office 4: Initiation of AD New Shipper Review of Dongguan Huansheng Furniture Co., Ltd.: Wooden Bedroom from the People's Republic of China, dated

concurrently with this notice; Memorandum to the File through Abdelali Elouaradia, Director, AD/CVD Operations, Office 4: Initiation of AD New Shipper Review of Hangzhou Cadman Trading Co., Ltd.: Wooden Bedroom from the People's Republic of China, dated concurrently with this notice; and Wanvog Checklist.

The POR for the new shipper reviews of Dongguan Huansheng, Cadman, and Wanvog is January 1, 2009, through December 31, 2009. See 19 CFR 351.214(g)(1)(i)(B). The Department intends to issue the preliminary results of these reviews no later than 180 days from the date of initiation, and the final results of these reviews no later than 270 days from the date of initiation. See section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act.

It is the Department's usual practice, in cases involving non-market economies, to require that a company seeking to establish eligibility for an antidumping duty rate separate from the country-wide rate provide evidence of *de jure* and *de facto* absence of government control over the company's export activities. Accordingly, we will issue questionnaires to Dongguan Huansheng, Cadman, and Wanvog, which will include a separate rate section. The review of each exporter will proceed if the response provides sufficient indication that the exporter is not subject to either *de jure* or *de facto* government control with respect to its exports of wooden bedroom furniture.

We will instruct CBP to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting, until the completion of the review, of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for certain entries of the subject merchandise from Dongguan Huansheng, Cadman, and Wanvog in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(e). Because Dongguan Huansheng, and Wanvog certified that they both produce and export the subject merchandise, the sales of which form the basis for their new shipper review requests, we will instruct CBP to permit the use of a bond only for entries of subject merchandise which the respondent both produced and exported. Because Cadman certified that it exported subject merchandise produced by Haining Changbei, the sales of which form the basis for Cadman's request for a new shipper review, we will instruct CBP to permit the use of a bond only for entries of the subject merchandise produced by Haining Changbei and exported by Cadman in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(e).

Interested parties requiring access to proprietary information in these new

¹ Dongguan Huansheng, Cadman, and Wanvog made no subsequent shipments to the United States.

shipper reviews should submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306.

This initiation and notice are published in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214 and 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: March 1, 2010.

Edward C. Yang,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Marine Mammals; File No. 358-1787

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

ACTION: Notice; issuance of permit amendment.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Alaska Department of Fish and Game, Division of Wildlife Conservation, 1255 West 8th Street, Juneau, AK 99802 (Principal Investigator: Robert Small, Ph.D.), has been issued a major amendment to Permit No. 358-1787-02.

ADDRESSES: The permit amendment and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 713-2289; fax (301) 713-0376; and Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907) 586-7221; fax (907) 586-7249.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tammy Adams or Amy Sloan, (301) 713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On September 25, 2009, notice was published in the *Federal Register* (74 FR 48909) that a request for an amendment to Permit No. 358-1787-02 to conduct research on harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*), spotted seals (*P. largha*), ringed seals (*P. hispida*), ribbon seals (*P. fasciata*), and bearded seals (*Erignathus barbatus*) in Alaska had been submitted by the above-named applicant. The requested permit

amendment has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The amended permit allows an increase in the number of ringed, bearded, spotted, and ribbon seals that may be captured, from 50 per year to 100 per year, to allow for selection of animals of specific age, sex, and molt condition. The amendment also includes permission to (1) administer diazepam as needed to sedate seals acting aggressively during handling, (2) pull a whisker for stable isotope analyses of diet; and (3) use a dip net from a boat as an additional capture method. The amendment is valid for the duration of the permit, which expires on December 31, 2011.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), a final determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Dated: March 1, 2010.

Tammy C. Adams,

Acting Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

The Manufacturing Council: Meeting of the Manufacturing Council

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

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Manufacturing Council will hold a meeting to discuss a variety of issues affecting the U.S. manufacturing industry. The Council was re-chartered on April 10, 2008, to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. manufacturing industry.

DATES: March 22, 2010.

Time: 1:30-3 p.m. (ET).

ADDRESSES: Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC, 20230. Because of building security, all non-government attendees must pre-register. This program will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first

served basis. Requests for sign language interpretation, other auxiliary aids, or pre-registration, should be submitted no later than March 15, 2010, to J. Marc Chittum, the Manufacturing Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230, telephone 202-482-4501, Marc.Chittum@trade.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Marc Chittum, the Manufacturing Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC, 20230, telephone: 202-482-4501, e-mail: Marc.Chittum@trade.gov.

Dated: March 1, 2010.

J. Marc Chittum

Executive Secretary, the Manufacturing Council.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-881]

Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Rescission of the 2008-2009 Administrative Review of the Antidumping Duty Order

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 5, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: FOR FURTHER CONTACT INFORMATION: Brian D. Behringer, AD/CVD Operations, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 1, 2009, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on malleable cast iron pipe fittings from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 74 FR 62743 (December 1, 2009). On December 31, 2009, Mueller Comercial de México, S. De R.L. de C.V. ("Mueller") and Southland Pipe Nipples Company, Inc. ("Southland") requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of Mueller's exports to the