

group includes India, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, the Philippines, and Pakistan. With the exception of India, none of these countries is a significant producer of malleable pipe fittings. The petitioners assert that India is the most appropriate surrogate. Based on the information provided by the petitioners, we believe that the petitioners' use of India as a surrogate country is appropriate for purposes of initiating this investigation.

In accordance with section 773(c)(4) of the Act, petitioners valued FOP, where possible, on reasonably available, public surrogate data from India. Materials were valued based on Indian import values, as published by *Monthly Statistics of the Foreign Trade of India (Indian Import Statistics)*. Petitioners applied an inflation adjustment factor using the Indian Wholesale Price Index for September 2002. Petitioners divided the index for the period available by the index derived from the period in which the input price was located, and multiplied the input price by the resulting ratio. Petitioners calculated the surrogate value of steel scrap using the mill heavy average prices reported by the Indian newspaper, *The Economic Times*, which yields more contemporaneous publicly available prices. See Initiation Checklist.

Labor was valued using the Department's regression-based wage rate for the PRC, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.408(c)(3). See Initiation Checklist.

Electricity was valued using Indian electricity prices for industrial consumers taken from the second quarter 2002 issue of *Energy Prices and Taxes* published by the OECD's International Energy Agency. The electricity prices for industry for India are reported in U.S. dollars and for the year of 2000. In order to arrive at September 2002 prices, petitioners multiplied the computed amount by a U.S. inflation factor because it was denominated in U.S. dollars. See Initiation Checklist.

Petitioners derived the surrogate value for natural gas from a price in India found in the 1999 financial report of EOG Resources Inc., expressed in U.S. dollars per MCF. To inflate the price to September 2002 levels, petitioners multiplied the amount by a U.S. inflation factor because it was denominated in U.S. dollars. See Initiation Checklist.

For overhead, selling, depreciation, and general and administrative (SG&A) expenses, petitioners calculated the financial ratios based on the Indian financial data used in the Preliminary Determination of Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's

Republic of China. See Memo to Holly A. Kuga dated September 19, 2002. Based on the information provided by the petitioners, we believe that the surrogate values represent information reasonably available to the petitioners and are acceptable for purposes of initiating this investigation. See Initiation Checklist.

Based upon the comparison of EP to NV, the estimated dumping margins are between 34.69 and 148.08 percent. Should the need arise to use any of this information as facts available under section 776 of the Act in our preliminary or final determination, we will re-examine the information and may revise the margin calculation, if appropriate.

Fair Value Comparisons

Based on the data provided by the petitioners, there is reason to believe that imports of malleable pipe fittings from the PRC are being, or are likely to be, sold at less than fair value.

Allegations and Evidence of Material Injury and Causation

The petitioners allege that the U.S. industry producing the domestic like product is being materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of the subject merchandise sold at less than NV. The volume of imports from the PRC, using the latest available data, exceeded the statutory threshold of seven percent for a negligibility exclusion. See section 771(24)(A)(ii) of the Act. The petitioners contend that the industry's injured condition is evidenced in the declining trends in profitability, shipments, production, capacity utilization, employment, decreased U.S. market share, and increasing Chinese imports. The allegations of injury and causation are supported by relevant evidence including U.S. Customs import data, domestic consumption, and domestic production information. We have assessed the allegations and supporting evidence regarding material injury and causation, and have determined that these allegations are properly supported by accurate and adequate evidence and meet the statutory requirements for initiation. See Initiation Checklist.

Initiation of the Antidumping Investigation

Based on our examination of the petition on malleable pipe fittings, and the petitioners' response to our supplemental questionnaires clarifying the petition, and additional independent data, we find that the petition meets the requirements of section 732 of the Act. See Initiation

Checklist. Therefore, we are initiating the antidumping duty investigation to determine whether imports of malleable pipe fittings from the PRC are being, or are likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value. Unless this deadline is extended, we will make our preliminary determination no later than 140 days after the date of this initiation.

Distribution of Copies of the Petition

In accordance with section 732(b)(3)(A) of the Act, a copy of the public version of the petition has been provided to the representatives of the government of the PRC. We will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of the petition to each exporter named in the petition, as appropriate.

International Trade Commission Notification

We have notified the ITC of our initiation, as required by section 732(d) of the Act.

Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will determine, no later than December 16, 2002 whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of malleable pipe fittings from the PRC are causing material injury, or threatening to cause material injury, to a U.S. industry. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated; otherwise, this investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: November 19, 2002.

Bernard T. Carreau,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration, North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of decision of panel.

SUMMARY: On November 19, 2002, the binational panel issued its decision in the review of the final scope ruling made by the International Trade Administration, respecting Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Mexico, NAFTA Secretariat File Number USA-MEX-98-1904-05. The

majority remanded the determination to the investigating authority with the following instructions: (1) Re-evaluate whether the Order applies to Galvak's mechanical tubing, giving appropriate weight to the fact that the language of the order on its face excludes all mechanical tubing, (2) if necessary, explain adequately why the line pipe determination's conclusion that the exclusionary clause is based on industry classification and not actual end use should not be employed in the instant scope determination, and (3) take such other action as may be appropriate, not inconsistent with this decision. The panel required DOC to provide the determination on remand within 60 calendar days (January 6, 2003). Copies of the panel decision are available from the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a request for panel review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686). The panel review in this matter has been conducted in accordance with these rules.

Panel Decision: The panel remanded the final scope determination of the International Trade Administration respecting Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe from Mexico with instructions as listed above. The determination on remand is due on January 20, 2003.

Dated: November 19, 2002.

Caratina L. Alston,

U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 111402B]

Fisheries of the Northeastern United States; Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fisheries; Notice that Vendor Will Provide Year 2003 Cage Tags

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

ACTION: Notice of vendor to provide fishing year 2003 cage tags.

SUMMARY: NMFS informs surf clam and ocean quahog allocation owners that they are required to purchase their year 2003 cage tags from a vendor. The intent of this notice is to comply with regulations for the surfclam and ocean quahog fisheries and to promote efficient distribution of cage tags.

ADDRESSES: Written inquiries may be sent to Douglas W. Christel at: National Marine Fisheries Service, Northeast Regional Office, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-3799.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas W. Christel, Fishery Management Specialist, (978) 281-9141; fax 978-281-9135; e-mail Douglas.Christel@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Federal Atlantic surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries regulations at 50 CFR 648.75(b) authorize the Regional Administrator, Northeast Region, NMFS, to specify in the **Federal Register** a vendor from whom cage tags, required under the Atlantic Surf Clam and Ocean Quahog Fishery Management Plan, shall be purchased. Notice is hereby given that National Band and Tag Company of Newport, KY, is the authorized vendor of cage tags required for the fishing year 2003 Federal surf clam and ocean quahog fisheries. Detailed instructions for purchasing these cage tags will be provided in a letter to allocation owners in these fisheries within the next several weeks.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 et. seq.

Dated: November 20, 2002.

Richard W. Surdi,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[Docket No.: 020821203-2203-01]

Call for Proposals for Research in Satellite Data Assimilation for Numerical and Climate Prediction Models—Correction

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) publishes this notice to amend a notice entitled Call for Proposals for Research in Satellite Data Assimilation for Numerical and Climate Prediction Models.

ADDRESSES: All submissions should be directed to: NOAA/NASA Joint Center for Satellite Data Assimilation, Attn: Kathy LeFevre, 5200 Auth Road, Room 701, Camp Springs, MD 20746-4304.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kathy LeFevre, (301) 763-8127, Kathy.LeFevre@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The National Environmental Satellite, Data, and Information Service (NESDIS) published a notice of availability of financial assistance in the **Federal Register** of September 20, 2002, (67 FR 59264, entitled "Call for Proposals for Research in Satellite Data Assimilation for Numerical and Climate Prediction Models.") The following pages of the **Federal Register** notice of September 20, 2002 are amended as follows:

On Page 59265: First column, under the heading **DATES**, sixth line, "November 15, 2002" should read "December 9, 2002. If you have already submitted an application we are accepting revisions."

First column, under the sub-heading **Funding Availability**, the second sentence should read: "Individual annual awards in the form of grants and cooperative agreements are expected to range from \$50,000 to \$150,000, although greater amounts may be awarded."

Second column, under the sub-heading **Eligibility**, the first sentence