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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Forest Service

Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory committee and Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee

AGENCY: Forest Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of meeting.

SUMMARY: The Eastern Washington Cascades Provincial Advisory Committee and the Yakima Provincial Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, January 17, 2002, at the Wenatchee National Forest headquarters main conference room, 215 Melody lane, Wenatchee, Washington. The meeting will begin at 9 a.m. and continue until 3 p.m. During this meeting we will learn about long-term restoration projects and noxious weeds. All Eastern Washington Cascades and Yakima Province Advisory Committee meetings are open to the public. Interested citizens are welcome to attend.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Direct questions regarding this meeting to Paul Hart, Designated Federal Official, USDA, Wenatchee National Forest, 215 Melody Lane, Wenatchee, Washington 98801, 509-662-4335.

Dated: December 6, 2001.

Paul Hart,

Designated Federal Official, Okanogan and Wenatchee National Forests.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Hearing on Environmental Justice

AGENCY: Commission on Civil Rights.

ACTION: Notice of hearings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given pursuant to the provisions of the Civil Rights Commission Amendments Act of

1994, section 3, Public Law 103-419, 108 Stat. 4338, as amended, and 45 CFR 702.3., that a public hearing before the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights will take place on Friday, January 11, 2002, beginning at approximately 10 a.m., immediately following previously scheduled Commission business taking place earlier that morning. The purpose of this hearing is to collect information within the jurisdiction of the Commission, under Public Law 98-183, section 5(a)(1) and Section 5 (a)(5), related particularly to the effect of environmental hazards, including hazardous waste sites and industries located in, or near, low-income communities and communities of color, and the question of whether the civil rights of those communities in question are being violated.

The Commission are authorized to hold hearings and to issue subpoenas for the production of documents and the attendance of witnesses pursuant to 45 CFR 701.2. The Commission in an independent bipartisan, fact finding agency authorized to study, collect, and disseminate information, and to appraise the laws and policies of the Federal Government, and to study and collect information with respect to discrimination or denials of equal protection of the laws under the Constitution because of race, color, religion, sex, age, disability, or national origin, or in the administration of justice. Hearing impaired persons who will attend the hearings and require the services of a sign language interpreter, should contact Pamela Dunston, Administration's Services and Clearinghouse Division at (202) 376-8105 (TDD (202) 376-8116), at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the hearing.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Les Jin, Office of the Staff Director (202) 376-7700.

Dated: December 7, 2002.

Les Jin,

Staff Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[I.D. 121001A]

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for emergency clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: NMFS Alaska Region Vessel Monitoring System (VMS) Program.

Form Number(s): None.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Type of Request: Emergency.

Burden Hours: 13,044.

Number of Respondents: 539.

Average Hours Per Response: 6 hours for installation of a VMS unit, 4 hours per year to maintain a VMS unit, 5 seconds for an automated position report, and 12 minutes to fax a check-in report.

Needs and Uses: As required in the reasonable and prudent measures in the Endangered Species Act, Section 7 biological opinion on the effects of the BSAI and GOA pollock, Atka mackerel, and Pacific cod fisheries on the endangered Steller sea lions, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) must implement changes to information collected from fishery participants. These new registrations will be in effect on January 1, 2002 and will end for Atka mackerel on January 15, 2002. In order to participate in the three fisheries, these registered participants must install vessel monitoring system (VMS) units on their vessels and operate the VMS while directed fishing for each of the species. Some of these applicants have already acquired VMS units for use in the Atka mackerel and pollock fisheries. This emergency collection of information extends the requirement for use of VMS units to all vessels that are directed fishing for Pacific cod, pollock, and Atka mackerel in the exclusive economic zone off Alaska.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: Every 20 minutes for a position report, on occasion for a check-in report.

Respondent's Obligation: Mandatory.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3129, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: December 6, 2001.

Madeleine Clayton,

Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer,
Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-489-806]

Certain Pasta From Turkey: Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of countervailing duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department is issuing the final results of the first administrative review of the countervailing duty order on pasta from Turkey.

EFFECTIVE DATE: December 13, 2001.

FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Annika O'Hara or Melanie Brown, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement 1, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 3099, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3798 and (202) 482-4987, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's ("the Department") regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (April 2000).

Background

On July 24, 1996, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (61 FR 38546) the countervailing duty order on certain pasta from Turkey.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), this review of the order covers the following producers or exporters of the subject merchandise for which a review was specifically requested: Filiz Gida Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. ("Filiz"), Beslen Makarna Gida Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. and Beslen Pazarlama Gida Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. ("Beslen"), Pastavilla Makarnacilik Sanayi ve Ticaret A.S. ("Pastavilla"), and Maktas Makarnacilik ve Ticaret A.S. ("Maktas").

Since the publication of the preliminary results (*see Certain Pasta from Turkey: Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review*, 66 FR 41553 (August 8, 2001)), the following events have occurred: On October 11, 2001, the Department issued a third supplemental questionnaire to Pastavilla, Maktas, and the Government of Turkey. Responses were received between October 19 and October 23, 2001. On October 31, 2001, Maktas submitted a case brief. No rebuttal briefs were submitted and we received no requests for a hearing.

Scope of Order

Covered by the order are shipments of certain non-egg dry pasta in packages of five pounds (2.27 kilograms) or less, whether or not enriched or fortified or containing milk or other optional ingredients such as chopped vegetables, vegetable purees, milk, gluten, diastases, vitamins, coloring and flavorings, and up to two percent egg white. The pasta covered by this order is typically sold in the retail market, in fiberboard or cardboard cartons or polyethylene or polypropylene bags, of varying dimensions.

Excluded from the order are refrigerated, frozen, or canned pastas, as well as all forms of egg pasta, with the exception of non-egg dry pasta containing up to two percent egg white.

The merchandise under review is currently classifiable under subheading 1902.19.20 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* ("HTSUS"). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

Scope Ruling

To date, the Department has issued the following scope ruling:

On October 26, 1998, the Department self-initiated a scope inquiry to

determine whether a package weighing over five pounds as a result of allowable industry tolerances may be within the scope of the countervailing duty order. On May 24, 1999, we issued a final scope ruling finding that, effective October 26, 1998, pasta in packages weighing or labeled up to (and including) five pounds four ounces is within the scope of the countervailing duty order. (See May 24, 1999 memorandum from John Brinkman to Richard Moreland, which is on file in the Central Records Unit ("CRU") in Room B-099 of the main Commerce building.)

Period of Review

The period of review ("POR") for which we are measuring subsidies is from January 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case by parties to this administrative review are addressed in the December 6, 2001 *Issues and Decision Memorandum* from Richard Moreland, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, to Bernard Carreau, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration ("Decision Memorandum"), which is hereby adopted by this notice. Only one interested party, Maktas, filed a case brief. No parties filed rebuttal briefs. The only issue raised by Maktas concerned the calculation of the benefit conferred by the Resource Utilization Support Fund ("KKDF") tax exemption program. Parties can find a complete discussion of this issue and the corresponding recommendation in the public *Decision Memorandum* which is on file in the CRU. In addition, a complete version of the memorandum can be accessed directly on the Internet at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov/frn/> under the heading "Turkey." The paper copy and electronic version of the *Decision Memorandum* are identical in content.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

In the preliminary results, we found a program called "Exemption from KKDF, BIST, and Stamp Taxes on Export-related Loans" to provide countervailable benefits. In addition to being countervailed as a separate tax program under this heading, the benefit from these tax exemptions was added to the benefit conveyed by preferential interest rates on pre-shipment export loans in order to capture the total