

exonerated and reimbursed taxes in each calendar year by Eurodif's total sales during that calendar year. We adjusted Eurodif's sales denominator using the methodology described in the "Purchase at Prices that Constitute 'More Than Adequate Remuneration'" section, above. On this basis, we preliminarily determine a net countervailable subsidy to Eurodif from this program of 0.34 percent *ad valorem* in 2001 and 1.63 percent *ad valorem* in 2002.

#### Verification

In accordance with section 782(i) of the Act, we conducted verification at Eurodif and the GOF on November 11 through November 14, 2003.

#### Preliminary Results of Review

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(A)(i) of the Act, we have calculated an individual rate for Eurodif, the only company under review, for 2001 and 2002. We preliminarily determine that the total estimated net countervailable subsidy rate is 6.54 percent *ad valorem* for 2001 and 3.03 percent *ad valorem* for 2002.

If the final results of this review remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department intends to instruct the U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP), within 15 days of publication of the final results of this review, to liquidate shipments of low enriched uranium from France by Eurodif entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption from May 14, 2001 through September 11, 2001 at 6.54 percent *ad valorem* and from February 13, 2002 through December 31, 2002 at 3.03 percent *ad valorem* of the f.o.b. invoice price. The Department also intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at 3.03 percent *ad valorem* of the f.o.b. invoice price on all shipments of the subject merchandise from the reviewed company, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this review.

Because the URAA replaced the general rule in favor of a country-wide rate with a general rule in favor of individual rates for investigated and reviewed companies, the procedures for establishing countervailing duty rates, including those for non-reviewed companies, are now essentially the same as those in antidumping cases, except as provided for in section 777A(e)(2)(B) of the Act. The requested review will normally cover only those companies specifically named. See 19 CFR 351.213(b). Pursuant to 19 CFR

351.212(c), for all companies for which a review was *not* requested, duties must be assessed at the cash deposit rate, and cash deposits must continue to be collected, at the rate previously ordered. As such, the countervailing duty cash deposit rate applicable to a company can no longer change, except pursuant to a request for a review of that company. See *Federal-Mogul Corporation and The Torrington Company v. United States*, 822 F.Supp. 782 (CIT 1993) and *Floral Trade Council v. United States*, 822 F.Supp. 766 (CIT 1993) (interpreting 19 CFR 353.22(e), the antidumping regulation on automatic assessment, which is identical to 19 CFR 351.212(c)(ii)(2). Therefore, the cash deposit rates for all companies except those covered by this review will be unchanged by the results of this review.

We will instruct CBP to continue to collect cash deposits for non-reviewed companies at the most recent company-specific or country-wide rate applicable to the company. Accordingly, the cash deposit rates that will be applied to non-reviewed companies covered by this order will be the rate for that company established in the most recently completed administrative proceeding. See *Notice of Amended Final Determination and Notice of Countervailing Duty Order: Low Enriched Uranium from France*, 67 FR 6889 (February 13, 2002). These rates shall apply to all non-reviewed companies until a review of a company assigned these rates is requested.

#### Public Comment

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(b), the Department will disclose to parties to the proceeding any calculations performed in connection with these preliminary results within five days after the date of the public announcement of this notice. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309, interested parties may submit written comments in response to these preliminary results. Unless otherwise indicated by the Department, case briefs must be submitted within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice, and rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, must be submitted no later than five days after the time limit for filing case briefs, unless otherwise specified by the Department. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument: (1) a statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Parties submitting case and/or rebuttal briefs are requested to provide the Department copies of the public version on disk. Case and

rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f). Also, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310, within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice, interested parties may request a public hearing on arguments to be raised in the case and rebuttal briefs. Unless the Secretary specifies otherwise, the hearing, if requested, will be held two days after the date for submission of rebuttal briefs, that is, thirty-seven days after the date of publication of these preliminary results.

Representatives of parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs, under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(ii), are due. The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of arguments made in any case or rebuttal briefs.

This administrative review is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(I)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1) and 19 U.S.C. 1677f(I)(1)).

Dated: January 29, 2004.

**James J. Jochum,**

*Assistant Secretary Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[Docket No. 040129030-4030-01]

#### Special American Business Internship Training Program (SABIT)

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration (ITA), U.S. Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces availability of funds for the Special American Business Internship Training Program (SABIT), for training business executives and scientists (also referred to as "Interns") from Eurasia (see program description for eligible countries). The amount of financial assistance available for the program is \$1,500,000.

**DATES:** Applications must be received by 5 p.m. Eastern Time on April 23, 2004. Processing of complete applications takes approximately three

to six months. All awards will be made by September 30, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Request for Applications: Competitive Application Kits will be available from ITA starting on the day this notice is published. To obtain a copy of the Application Kit please contact SABIT by: (1) E-mail at [SABITApply@ita.doc.gov](mailto:SABITApply@ita.doc.gov), providing your name, company name and address; (2) Telephone (202) 482-0073; (3) The World Wide Web at <http://www.mac.doc.gov/sabit/sabit.html>; (4) Facsimile (202) 482-2443; (5) Mail: Send a written request with two self-addressed mailing labels to Application Request, The SABIT Program, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., FCB 4100W, Washington, DC 20230. The telephone numbers are not toll free numbers. Only one copy of the Application Kit will be provided to each organization requesting it, but it may be reproduced by the requesters.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Tracy M. Rollins, Director, SABIT Program, U.S. Department of Commerce, phone (202) 482-0073, facsimile (202) 482-2443. These are not toll free numbers.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** *Electronic Access:* The full funding opportunity announcement for the SABIT program is available via Web site: <http://www.fedgrants.gov> or by contacting the program official identified above.

*Funding Availability:* Pursuant to section 632(a) of the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (the "Act") funding to the U.S. Department of Commerce (DOC) for the program will be provided by the United States Agency for International Development (AID). ITA will award financial assistance and administer the program pursuant to the authority contained in section 635(b) of the Act and other applicable grant rules. The amount of financial assistance available for the program is \$1,500,000. Additional funding may become available at a future date.

**Statutory Authority:** 22 U.S.C. 2395(b).

*Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance (CFDA):* 11.114, Special American Business Internship Training Program.

*Program Description:* The Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration (ITA) established the SABIT program in September 1990 to assist Eurasia's transition to a market economy. Since that time, SABIT has been supporting U.S. companies and organizations that wish to provide business executives and scientists from Eurasia three to six month programs of

hands-on training in a U.S. market economy. Under the SABIT program, qualified U.S. firms will receive funds through a cooperative agreement with ITA to help defray the cost of hosting Interns. The training must take place in the United States. ITA will approve Eurasian managers or scientists nominated by participating U.S. companies, or assist in identifying eligible candidates. Interns may be from any of the following countries in Eurasia: Armenia, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Georgia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Moldova, Russia, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan, Ukraine, and Uzbekistan. Some Eurasian countries may have certain restrictions with regard to U.S. funding. These restrictions, and any waivers of restrictions, are made by the U.S. Department of State, not the SABIT program. Information on current restrictions is available upon request, but new restrictions may be put into place after a grant is awarded. The U.S. firms will be expected to provide the Interns with a hands-on, non-academic, executive training program designed to maximize their exposure to management or commercially oriented scientific operations. At the end of the training program, the Intern must return to his/her home country. If there is any evidence of a conflict of interest between the nominated Intern and the company, the Intern is disqualified.

*Managers:* SABIT assists economic restructuring in Eurasia by providing mid-to-senior level business managers with practical training in American methods of innovation and management in such areas as strategic planning, financing, production, distribution, marketing, accounting, wholesaling, and/or labor relations. This first-hand experience in the U.S. economy enables Interns to become leaders in establishing and operating a market economy in Eurasia, and creates a unique opportunity for U.S. firms to familiarize key executives from Eurasia with their products and services. Sponsoring U.S. firms will benefit by establishing relationships with managers in similar industries who are uniquely positioned to assist their U.S. sponsors in doing business in Eurasia.

*Scientists:* SABIT provides opportunities for gifted scientists to apply their skills to peaceful research and development in the civilian sector, in areas such as defense conversion, medical research, and the environment, and exposes them to the role of scientific research in a market economy where applicability of research relates to business success. Sponsoring firms in the U.S. scientific community also benefit from exchanging information

and ideas, and different approaches to new technologies.

All internships are three to six months; however, ITA reserves the right to allow an Intern to stay for a shorter period of time (no less than one month). ITA will reimburse companies for the round trip international travel (coach class tickets) of each Intern from the Intern's home city in Eurasia to the U.S. internship site, a stipend of \$34 per day to the Intern(s), and housing costs of up to \$500.00 per month (excluding utilities or telephone services). For cities with higher costs of living, up to \$750.00 a month (excluding utilities or telephone services) may be reimbursed. Interns must return to their home countries immediately upon completion of their U.S. internships.

U.S. firms wishing to utilize SABIT in order to be matched with an intern without applying for financial assistance may do so. Such firms will be responsible for all costs, including travel expenses, related to sponsoring the intern. However, prior to acceptance as a SABIT intern, work plans and candidates must be approved by the SABIT Program. Furthermore, program training will be monitored by SABIT staff and evaluated upon completion of training. ITA does not guarantee that it will match Applicants with the profile provided to SABIT.

*Award Period:* Recipient firms will have one year from the date listed on the Financial Assistance Award form, CD-450, in order to use the funds. However, DOC reserves the right to allow an extension if the recipient can justify the need for extra time.

*Eligibility:* Eligible applicants for the SABIT program will include all for-profit or non-profit U.S. corporations, associations, organizations or other public or private entities located in the United States. Agencies or divisions of the Federal Government are not eligible. However, state and local governments are eligible.

*Matching Requirements:* The budget will not include matching requirements, however, recipients are expected to bear the costs beyond the \$34 per day stipend, additional lodging costs (including utilities and local telephone service) beyond the reimbursed amount, any training-related travel within the United States, visa cost, emergency medical insurance, training manuals and provisions of the hands-on training for the Interns.

*Project Funding Priorities:* Applicant must indicate involvement in priority business sector(s). While Applicants involved in any industry sector may apply to the program, priority consideration is given to those operating

in the following sectors: (a) Agribusiness (including food processing and distribution, and agricultural equipment), (b) Defense conversion, (c) Energy, (d) Environment (including environmental clean-up), (e) Financial services (including banking and accounting), (f) Housing, construction and infrastructure, (g) Medical equipment, supplies, pharmaceuticals, and health care management, (h) Product standards and quality control, (i) Telecommunications, (j) Transportation and (k) Biotechnology. Priority funding will also be given to applicants applying to host Interns from the following countries: Armenia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan, Turkmenistan and Uzbekistan.

**Evaluation and Selection Procedures:** Each application will receive an independent, objective review by one or more three or four-member review panels qualified to evaluate applications submitted under the program. Panels may include federal employees and non-federal individuals. No consensus advice will be given by the panel. Applications will be evaluated on a competitive basis after the deadline date in accordance with the selection evaluation criteria set forth above. Applicants that have received a passing score of 70 or above, based on the evaluation criteria weighting, will be ranked and awards will be made until funds are depleted. Applicants receiving scores below 70 will not be considered. ITA reserves the right to limit the award amount as well as the number of Interns per applicant.

Applicants must provide evidence of a satisfactory record of performance in grants, contracts and/or cooperative agreements with the Federal Government, if applicable. (Applicants who are or have been deficient in current or recent performance in their grants, contracts, and/or cooperative agreements with the Federal Government shall be presumed to be unable to meet this requirement.) If applicant has a Federal Government Performance Record Statement, this must be noted as specified in the Application Kit. If there is no record to date, the Applicant should indicate this. Not having a record of performance will not count against an organization.

**Evaluation Criteria:** Consideration for financial assistance will be given to those SABIT proposals that provide the following:

(1) **Work Plan.** The Applicant organization must provide a detailed work plan for the intended training. If the Applicant organization is providing different training plans for different Interns, it MUST attach a separate work

plan for each. If Interns will be trained on the same plan, only one plan needs to be attached. If an internship will take place at several organizations, a work plan for each organization must be provided. The work plan must include: (a) A detailed week-by-week description of internship activities; (b) a description of the intern's duties and responsibilities; (c) complete contact information for the everyday internship coordinator; (d) locations of training within the company, if the internship(s) will be in different divisions; (e) locations of training outside the company. If the Intern will spend substantial amounts of time at one or more external organizations or companies (over one week) the organization MUST provide a letter from each of those companies, indicating their willingness and ability to provide the planned training. **Evaluation Scale:** 0–40 points.

(2) **Training Objectives Statement.** The Applicant organization must provide an objectives statement, clearly titled "Training Objectives" with the name of the Applicant organization noted indicating why the organization wishes to provide a professional training experience to a Eurasian manager or scientist. The Applicant organization must explain how the proposed training would further the intent and goals of the SABIT program to provide practical, on-the-job, non-academic, non-classroom training for a professional-level Intern. **Evaluation Scale:** 0–30 points.

(3) **Intern Description(s) and Resume(s):** The Applicant organization should provide descriptions for all the Interns requested. This description should note the experience, education, and skills desired in a qualified candidate for the training they intend to provide. If an organization wants Interns from a specific region or country of Eurasia, it should be indicated in the application. If an organization has nominated candidates for training, their resumes must be attached. Additionally, the organization must describe for SABIT the relationship they have with the nominated candidates. All Intern candidates must meet SABIT criteria in order to participate. **Evaluation Scale:** 0–15 points.

(4) **Financial Resources Documentation:** Evidence of adequate financial resources of the Applicant organization to cover the costs involved in providing an internship(s). Evidence may include a published annual report, or a letter from the company's outside, independent accountant attesting to the organization's financial ability to support the training program planned

and the funds requested or a letter from the organization's bank. All letters must be on the accountant's or bank's letterhead and addressed to the United States Department of Commerce. **Evaluation Scale:** 0–15 points.

Evaluation criteria are listed in decreasing importance. That is, evaluation criterion 1 is most important, followed by criterion 2, etc.

**Selection Factors:** The final selecting official reserves the right to choose or recommend recipients based on U.S. geographic location, organization size as well as priority business sectors and country priorities (listed in Project Funding Priorities, above) and past performance, when making awards. Recipients may be eligible, pursuant to approval of an amendment of an active award, to host additional interns under the program. The Director of the SABIT Program is the final selecting official for each award.

#### **Intergovernmental Review:**

Applications under this program are not subject to Executive Order 12372, "Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs."

**Application Forms and Kit:** To obtain an Application Kit, please refer to the section above marked **ADDRESSES**. An original and two copies of the application (including all relevant standard forms and supplemental material) are to be sent to the address designated in the Application Kit and received no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time on the closing date. Sign the original application (including forms) with blue ink.

**Other Requirements:** Department of Commerce Pre-Award Notification Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements, which are contained in **Federal Register** Notice of October 1, 2001 (66 FR 49917), as amended by the Notice published on October 30, 2002 (67 FR 66109), are applicable.

All applicants are advised of the following:

1. Participating companies will be required to comply with all relevant U.S. tax and export regulations. Export controls may relate not only to licensing of products for export, but also to technical data transfer. The U.S. Department of Commerce's Bureau of Industry and Security (BIS formerly BXA, the Bureau of Export Administration) reviews applications in question to determine whether export licenses are required. SABIT will not award a grant until the export license issue has been satisfied.

2. The following statutes apply to this program: Section 907 of the FREEDOM Support Act, Public Law 102–511, 22

U.S.C. 5812 note (Restriction on Assistance to the Government of Azerbaijan); Public Law 107-115 (Waiver of Section 907 of the Freedom Support Act); 7 U.S.C. 5201 *et seq.* (Agricultural Competitiveness and Trade—the Bumpers Amendment); The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended, including Chapter 11 of Part I, section 498A(b), Public Law 102-511, 22 U.S.C. 2295a(b) (regarding ineligibility for assistance); 22 U.S.C. 2420(a), section 660(a) of The Foreign Assistance Act of 1961, as amended (Police Training Prohibition); and provisions in the annual Foreign Operations, Export Financing, and Related Programs Appropriations Acts, concerning impact on jobs in the United States (*see, e.g.*, 536 of Pub. L. 106-113).

3. The collection of information is approved by the Office of Management and Budget, OMB Control Number 0625-0225. Public reporting for this collection of information is estimated to be six hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. All responses to this collection of information are voluntary, and will be protected from disclosure to the extent allowed under the Freedom of Information Act.

The use of Standard Forms 270, 424 and 424B is approved under OMB Control Numbers 0348-0004, 0348-0043 and 0348-0040, respectively. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall any person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the PRA unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB number. Send comments regarding the burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Reports Clearance Officer, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 4001, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

4. *Executive Order 12866*: It has been determined that this notice is not significant for purposes of E.O. 12866.

5. *Executive Order 13132*: It has been determined that this notice does not contain policies with Federalism implications as that term is defined in E.O. 13132.

6. *Administrative Procedure Act/Regulatory Flexibility Act*: Because prior notice and opportunity for public comment are not required by the Administrative Procedure Act for rules concerning public property, loans, grants, benefits and contracts (5 U.S.C.

553(a)(2)), a Regulatory Flexibility Analysis is not required and has not been prepared for this notice (5 U.S.C. 601 *et seq.*).

Dated: February 2, 2004.

**Tracy M. Rollins,**

*Director, SABIT Program.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 013004F]

#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Joint Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC) and the New England Fishery Management Council (NEFMC) Spiny Dogfish Committee will hold a public meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 18, 2004, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Comfort Inn Airport, 1940 Post Road, Warwick, RI; telephone: 401-732-0470.

*Council address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Room 2115, Dover, DE 19904.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Daniel T. Furlong, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331, ext. 19.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of this meeting is to identify issues to be included in the hearing draft of Amendment 1 to the Spiny Dogfish Fishery Management Plan.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

## Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joanna Davis at the Mid-Atlantic Council Office (*see ADDRESSES*) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: February 2, 2004.

**Peter H. Fricke,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 013004E]

#### Endangered Species; File No.1295

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of application for modification

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the NMFS Northeast Fisheries Science Center (Responsible Official- Dr. John Boreman), 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1097, has requested a modification to scientific research Permit No. 1295.

**DATES:** Written or telefaxed comments must be received on or before March 8, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** The modification request and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

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 Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371.

Written comments or requests for a public hearing on this request should be submitted to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this particular modification request would be appropriate.

Comments may also be submitted by facsimile at (301)713-0376, provided the facsimile is confirmed by hard copy