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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).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the Canadian Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on May 12, 2000, requesting panel review of the final determination described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is September 11, 2000);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is September 25, 2000); and

(c) the panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: August 15, 2000.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Public Meeting on U.S. Technical Participation in 11th Quadrennial Conference of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML)

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Meeting Announcement.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) will hold a public meeting to discuss U.S. technical participation in the 11th Quadrennial Conference of the International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML). The pre-conference public meeting is open to all interested parties.

The principal focus will be on 15 OIML Recommendations on legal measuring instruments that will be presented for ratification by the Conference. These Recommendations and OIML-member nations' technical comments on them will be reviewed with interested parties who will be given an opportunity to present their views on the Recommendations and other relevant issues of the Conference.

Participants with an expressed interest in particular topics may obtain copies of the OIML Conference technical agenda, including copies of the Recommendations to be ratified. Interested parties should schedule oral presentations for the pre-conference meeting, providing a written summary of comments, no later than 22 September 2000 with the NIST Technical Standards Activities Program. Written comments are welcome at any time.

DATES: Pre-conference meeting at the National Institute of Standards and Technology: 26 September 2000 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Eleventh OIML International Conference of Legal Metrology in London, England: 9-13 October 2000.

ADDRESSES: Pre-conference meeting: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST North), Conference Room 152, 80 West Diamond Avenue, Gaithersburg, MD; International Conference: Queen Elizabeth II Conference Centre, London, England.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Ralph Richter, Technical Standards Activities Program, Office of Standards Services, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 2099-2150; telephone: 301/975-4025; fax: 301/975-5414; e-mail:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The International Organization of Legal Metrology (OIML) is an intergovernmental treaty organization in which the United States and 56 other nations participate. Its principal purpose is to harmonize national laws and regulations pertaining to testing and verifying the performance of legal measuring instruments used for equity in commerce, for public and worker health and safety, and for monitoring and protecting the environment. The harmonized results promote the international trade of measuring instruments and products affected by measurement.

Fifteen Recommendations will be presented for ratification by the Conference in the following two categories: (1) Those already approved by the International Committee of Legal Metrology (CIML) between 1997 and 1997; and (2) those that are expected to be submitted directly to the Conference for approval. These Recommendations and the OIML-member nations holding the responsible secretariat for their development are as follows:

Category 1

- R49 Water meters intended for the metering of cold potable water (United Kingdom)
- R60 Metrological regulation for load cells (USA)
- R65 Force measuring system of uniaxial material testing machines (USA)
- R81 Dynamic measuring devices and systems for cryogenic liquids (USA)
- R85 Automatic level gauges for measuring the level of liquid in fixed storage tanks (Austria)
- R93 Focimeters (Hungary)
- R99 Instruments for measuring exhaust emissions (Netherlands)
- R125 Measuring systems for the mass of liquids in tanks (Australia)
- R126 Evidential breath analyzers (France)
- R127 Radiochromic film dosimetry system for ionizing radiation processing of materials and products (USA)
- R128 Ergometers for foot crank work (Germany)
- R129 Multi-dimensional measuring instruments (Australia)

Category 2

- Draft OIML Recommendation: Octave-band and one-third octave-band filters (Germany)
- Draft OIML Recommendation: Polymethylmethacrylate dosimetry system for ionizing radiation

processing of materials and products (USA)

—Draft OIML Recommendation: Alanine EPR dosimetry system for ionizing radiation processing of materials and products (USA)

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Karen Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081800E]

Fishing Capacity Reduction Program Advanced Referenda and Other Requirements

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before October 23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at lengelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Richard Roberts, OFA1x1, Station 8118, NOAA, 1305 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301-713-3525, ext. 115).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) conducts a program to reduce excess fishing capacity by paying fishermen to (1) surrender their fishing permits, or (2) to both surrender their permits and either scrap or restrict their vessel titles

to prevent fishing. The bulk of the information requirements associated with this program are approved under OMB Control Number 0648-0376. In May of 2000, however, NOAA obtained emergency clearance from OMB to conduct advanced referenda concerning buyback programs. Certain other existing requirements were clarified. NOAA is now requesting OMB for regular Paperwork Reduction Act approval for these requirements.

II. Method of Collection

Hard copies of material will usually be submitted.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0413.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business and other for-profit organizations, individuals and households.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 800.

Estimated Time Per Response: 4 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 3,200.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: August 17, 2000

Madeleine Clayton,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 081800C]

Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Prior Notice of Landing Report

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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Patsy A. Bearden, National Marine Fisheries Service, Alaska Region, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, Alaska 99802, Telephone number 907-586-7008.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Marine Fisheries Service is requesting comments on a revision to a collection of information that supports the Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Program for fixed-gear Pacific halibut and sablefish fisheries off Alaska. Vessel operators would be required to report IFQ regulatory area on the IFQ Prior Notice of Landing (PNOL) report in addition to the currently required information about the anticipated IFQ offload.

II. Method of Collection

An IFQ vessel operator provides the information by telephone to a NOAA Enforcement Officer or U.S. Coast Guard Officer prior to IFQ offloading.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0272.