

and other individuals who have asked to be included. The update is also available on the FSIS Web page. Through the Listserv and Web page, FSIS is able to provide information to a much broader and more diverse audience. In addition, FSIS offers an e-mail subscription service which provides automatic and customized access to selected food safety news and information. This service is available at http://www.fsis.usda.gov/news_and_events/email_subscription/. Options range from recalls to export information to regulations, directives and notices. Customers can add or delete subscriptions themselves, and they have the option to password protect their accounts.

Done at Washington, DC, on July 23, 2008.

Paulo Almeida,

Acting U.S. Manager for Codex Alimentarius.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

INTERNATIONAL TRADE ADMINISTRATION

(A-570-848)

Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 29, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dmitry Vladimirov or Minoo Hatten, AD/CVD Operations, Office 5, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0665 or (202) 482-1690, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 31, 2007, the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on freshwater crawfish tail meat from the People's Republic of China (PRC). *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 72 FR 61621 (October 31, 2007). On June 6, 2008, we extended the time period for issuing the preliminary results of the review by 60 days until July 31, 2008.

See Freshwater Crawfish Tail Meat from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, 73 FR 32289 (June 6, 2008). The period of review is September 1, 2006, through August 31, 2007. The preliminary results of the administrative review are currently due no later than July 31, 2008.

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. If it is not practicable to complete the review within these time periods, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days after the last day of the anniversary month.

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of the review within the current time limit because we require additional time to analyze additional factors—of production data submitted by a respondent's affiliated producers in response to our decision to collapse them. Therefore, we are extending the time period for issuing the preliminary results of the review by 60 days until September 29, 2008. The deadline for the final results of the review continues to be 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results.

This extension notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(3)(A) and 777(i) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2).

Dated: July 22, 2008.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Postponement of Preliminary Determination of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 29, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Bobby Wong or Toni Dach AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0409 and (202) 482-1655, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Postponement of Preliminary Determination

On April 1, 2008, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** the initiation of the antidumping investigation on steel threaded rod from the People's Republic of China (PRC). *See Steel Threaded Rod from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation*, 73 FR 17318 (April 1, 2008) (*Initiation Notice*).

The notice of initiation stated that the Department would issue its preliminary determination for this investigation no later than 140 days after the date of issuance of the initiation, in accordance with section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

On July 15, 2008, the petitioner, Vulcan Threaded Products Inc., made a request pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(b)(2) and (e) for a 50-day postponement of the preliminary determination. The petitioner requested postponement of the preliminary determination in order to allow more time to analyze and comment on the respondents' questionnaire responses.

For the reasons identified by the petitioner and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, the Department is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determination under section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act by 50 days from the current deadline of August 12, 2008, to October 1, 2008. The deadline for the final determination will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determination, unless extended.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: July 23, 2008.

David M. Spooner,

Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No.: 070413089-8493-02]

Announcing Approval of Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) Publication 198-1, The Keyed- Hash Message Authentication Code (HMAC), a Revision of FIPS 198

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards
and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) announces approval of Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS) Publication 198-1, The Keyed-Hash Message Authentication Code (HMAC), a revision of FIPS 198. The FIPS specifies a mechanism for message authentication using cryptographic hash functions in federal information systems. The technical information about the security provided by the HMAC algorithm, and the length limit and security implications of truncated HMAC outputs have been removed from the revised standard. This information may need frequent updating, and its removal from the specification will enable NIST to employ a more effective process for keeping the information current. NIST will provide specific guidelines about the security provided by the HMAC and the use of truncation techniques for it in Special Publication (SP) 800-17, which can be updated in a timely manner as the technical conditions change.

DATES: The approval changes are effective as of July 29, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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quynh.dang@nist.gov, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mailstop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. FIPS 198-1 is available electronically from the NIST Web site at: <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsFIPS.html>. NIST Special Publications (SPs) are available electronically from the NIST Web site at: <http://csrc.nist.gov/publications/PubsFIPS.html>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On June 12, 2007, NIST published a notice in the **Federal Register** (72 FR 32281), announcing draft FIPS 198-1, and soliciting comments on draft standard from the public, research communities, manufacturers, voluntary standards organizations and federal, state and local government organizations. In addition, to being published in the **Federal Register**, the notice was posted on the NIST web pages. Information was provided about the submission of electronic comments and an electronic template for the submission of comments was made available.

NIST received comments, responses, and questions from three federal government organizations and two from the public. The comments received asked for clarification of the text of the standard or recommended editorial and formatting changes. None of the comments opposed the approval of the revised standard. All of the suggestions and recommendations were carefully reviewed, and changes were made to the standard where appropriate. The following is the summary of the specific comments and NIST's responses to them:

Comment: What are the changes between FIPS 198 and FIPS 198-1?

Response: The length specifications for the truncated HMAC outputs and their security implications are no longer discussed in this Standard; instead, they are included in SP 800-107. The discussion about the limitations of MAC algorithms has been moved to SP 800-107. Examples and OIDs have been removed from the standards and are now posted on a NIST Web site that is identified in the Standard. This list of changes has been provided in Appendix A.

Comment: "K" in the last sentence of Section 3 should be changed "K0" to be consistent with Section 4.

Response: NIST revised the text in Section 3 to improve the clarity of the meaning of the text.

Comment: The first paragraph of Section 5 talks about replacing one of the hashes with a different hash. The need for this paragraph is not clearly understood.

Response: NIST revised Section 5 to improve the clarity of the intended meaning of the text.

Comment: Why has truncation been removed from the algorithm specification?

Response: Truncation is still addressed in FIPS 198-1. However, the length of the truncated HMAC outputs and the security implications of truncation are not discussed in this Standard; instead, they are discussed in

SP 800-107. A pointer to SP 800-107 has been provided in FIPS 198-1.

Comment: Why is the security of the HMAC not mentioned in the FIPS 198-1?

Response: The discussion on the limitations of the MAC algorithms (*i.e.*, the security discussion) has been moved to SP 800-107. A pointer to SP 800-107 has been provided in FIPS 198-1.

Comment: A number of editorial and legal text changes were suggested.

Response: NIST made the suggested changes.

Comment: Change 0x00 to x'00' in Step 3 of Table 1 to make it consistent with the definition in Section 2.3.

Response: NIST made the suggested change.

Comment: Figure 1 does not accurately represent the steps in the HMAC algorithm.

Response: NIST reviewed Figure 1 and determined that it is accurate.

Security issues related to the HMAC algorithm, its applications and truncation limitations are addressed in draft NIST Special Publication 800-107, Recommendation for Using Approved Hash Algorithms. Draft NIST Special Publication 800-107 will become NIST Special Publication 800-107 in the near future.

Authority: In accordance with the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996 (Pub. L. 104-106) and the Federal Information Security Management Act (FISMA) of 2002 (Pub. L. 107-347), the Secretary of Commerce is authorized to approve Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS). NIST activities to develop computer security standards to protect Federal sensitive (unclassified) information systems are undertaken pursuant to specific responsibilities assigned to NIST by section 20 of the National Institute of Standards and Technology Act (5 U.S.C. 278g-3) as amended by section 303 of the Federal Information Security Management Act of 2002.

E.O. 12866: This notice has been determined not be significant for the purpose of E.O.12866.

Dated: July 21, 2008.

James M. Turner,

Deputy Director.

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