

COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS**Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma State Advisory Committees**

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a conference call of the Iowa, Kansas, Missouri, Nebraska, and Oklahoma Advisory Committees will convene at 1:30 p.m. (c.s.t.) and adjourn at 3 p.m. on Thursday, April 1, 2004. The purpose of the conference call is to discuss the final plans for the "Midwest Civil Rights Listening Tour" to be held in May 2004.

This conference call is available to the public through the following call-in number: 1-800-473-6927, access code number 22484125. Any interested member of the public may call this number and listen to the meeting. Callers can expect to incur charges for calls not initiated using the supplied call-in number or made over wireless lines, and the Commission will not refund any incurred charges. Callers will incur no charge for calls using the call-in number over land-line connections. Persons with hearing impairments may also follow the proceedings by first calling the Federal Relay Service at 1-800-977-8339 and providing the Service with the conference call number and access code number.

To ensure that the Commission secures an appropriate number of lines for the public, persons are asked to register by contacting Jo Ann Daniels of the Central Regional Office at 913-551-1400 and TTY 913-551-1414, by 2 p.m. (c.s.t.) on Friday, March 26, 2004.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, March 10, 2004.

Ivy L. Davis,

Chief, Regional Program Coordination Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-570-501]

Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the Preliminary Results of New Shipper Reviews: Natural Bristle Paintbrushes and Brush Heads From the People's Republic of China

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the new shipper reviews on Shanghai R&R Imp./Exp. Co., Ltd. and Changshan Import/Export Co., Ltd. under the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paintbrushes and brush heads from the People's Republic of China until no later than July 26, 2004. The period of review for these new shipper reviews is February 1, 2003, through July 31, 2003. This extension is made pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 18, 2004.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Douglas Kirby or Scott Lindsay, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3782 or (202) 482-1386, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Statutory Time Limits**

Section 351.214(i)(1) of the regulations requires the Department to issue the preliminary results of a new shipper review within 180 days after the date on which the new shipper review was initiated, and the final results of review within 90 days after the date on which the preliminary results were issued. However, if the Department determines the issues are extraordinarily complicated, section 351.214(i)(2) of the regulations allows the Department to extend the deadline for the preliminary results to up to 300 days after the date on which the new shipper review was initiated.

Background

On August 14, 2003, the Department received timely requests from Shanghai R&R Imp./Exp. Co., Ltd. and Changshan Import/Export Co., Ltd., pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) and in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(c), for new shipper reviews under the antidumping duty

order on natural bristle paintbrushes and brush heads from the PRC. This order has a February anniversary month, and, therefore, an August semiannual anniversary month. On September 30, 2003, the Department initiated these two new shipper reviews. *See Natural Bristle Paintbrushes and Brush Heads from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Reviews*, 68 FR 57875 (October 7, 2003).

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of the preliminary results of a new shipper review if it determines that the case is extraordinarily complicated. The Department has determined that these cases are extraordinarily complicated, and the preliminary results of these new shipper reviews cannot be completed within the statutory time limit of 180 days. The Department finds that these new shipper reviews are extraordinarily complicated because there are a number of issues that must be addressed. For example, the Department is in the process of issuing supplemental questionnaires requesting additional information concerning affiliation and the *bona fides* of the sales. Given the issues in this case, the Department may find it necessary to request even more information in these new shipper reviews. Therefore, in accordance with section 351.214(i)(2) of the regulations, the Department is extending the time limit for the completion of preliminary results to three hundred days. The preliminary results will now be due no later than July 26, 2004.

This notice is published pursuant to sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: March 11, 2004.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Export Trade Certificate of Review**

ACTION: Notice of issuance of an amended Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 97-7A003.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce has issued an amendment to the Export Trade Certificate of Review

granted to the Association for the Administration of Rice Quotas, Inc. ("AARQ") on March 3, 2004. Notice of issuance of the original Certificate was published in the **Federal Register** on January 28, 1998 (63 FR 4220).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jeffrey C. Anspacher, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, by telephone at (202) 482-5131 (this is not a toll-free number), or by e-mail at oetca@ita.doc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR part 325 (2004).

The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA") is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Department of Commerce to publish a summary of the certification in the **Federal Register**. Under section 305(a) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.11(a), any person aggrieved by the Secretary's determination may, within 30 days of the date of this notice, bring an action in any appropriate district court of the United States to set aside the determination on the grounds that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Amended Certificate

Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 97-00003, was issued to AARQ on January 21, 1998 (63 FR 4220, January 28, 1998) and last amended November 19, 2002 (68 FR 8739, February 25, 2003).

AARQ's Export Trade Certificate of Review has been amended to:

1. Add each of the following companies as a new "Member" of the Certificate within the meaning of § 325.2(l) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(l)): Itochu International Inc., New York, New York (a subsidiary of Itochu Corporation, Tokyo, Japan); and Veetee Rice Inc., Springfield, Virginia (a subsidiary of Veetee Investments, Nassau, Bahamas).

2. Change the listing of the following Members: "California Commodity Traders, LLC, Robbins, California, and its affiliate American Commodity Company, LLC, Robbins, California" to read "American Commodity Company, LLC, Robbins, California"; "Cargill Americas, Inc., Wayzata, Minnesota" to read "Cargill Americas, Inc., Coral Gables, Florida"; "ConAgra Foods, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, and its subsidiary, Alliance Grain, Inc., Voorhees, New Jersey" to read "ConAgra Foods, Inc., Omaha, Nebraska, and its subsidiary,

Alliance Grain, Inc., Marlton, New Jersey"; "Gulf Pacific, Inc., and its subsidiaries, Gulf Pacific Rice Co., Inc., and Gulf Rice Milling, Inc., Houston, Texas" to read "Gulf Pacific Rice Co., Inc., Gulf Rice Milling, Inc., Houston, Texas, and Harvest Rice, Inc., McGehee, Arkansas (each a subsidiary of Gulf Pacific, Inc., Houston, Texas)"; "Rickmers Rice USA, Inc., St. Louis, Missouri" to read "Rickmers Rice USA, Inc., Knoxville, Tennessee"; "Sunshine Rice, Inc., Stockton, California (a subsidiary of Sunshine Business Enterprise, Inc.)" to read "KD International Trading, Inc., Stockton, California (a subsidiary of Sunshine Business Enterprises, Inc.)"; and "Uncle Ben's Inc., Greenville, Mississippi" to read "Masterfoods USA a Mars, Incorporated Company, Greenville, Mississippi."

The effective date of the amended certificate is December 4, 2003. A copy of the amended certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4102, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: March 11, 2004.

Jeffrey A. Anspacher,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D.031204E]

Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Oceanographic Surveys in the Southern Gulf of California

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

ACTION: Notice of receipt of application and proposed incidental take authorization; request for comments.

SUMMARY: NMFS has received an application from Scripps Institution of Oceanography (Scripps), a part of the University of California, for an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take small numbers of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting oceanographic surveys in the southern Gulf of California. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments

on its proposal to issue a one-year incidental harassment authorization (IHA) to Scripps.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than April 19, 2004.

ADDRESSES: Comments on the application should be addressed to P. Michael Payne, Chief, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225, or by telephoning the contact listed here. The mailbox address for providing e-mail comments is PR2.Scripps@noaa.gov. Include in the subject line of the e-mail comment the following document identifier: I.D. 031204E. A copy of the application containing a list of the references used in this document may be obtained by writing to this address, by telephoning the contact listed here or at: http://www.nmfs.noaa.gov/prot_res/PR2/Small_Take/smalltake_info.htm#applications

Comments cannot be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Kimberly Skrupky, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2322, ext 163.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Sections 101(a)(5)(A) and (D) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) direct the Secretary of Commerce to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and either regulations are issued or, if the taking is limited to harassment, a notice of a proposed authorization is provided to the public for review.

Permission may be granted if NMFS finds that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses and that the permissible methods of taking and requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such takings are set forth. NMFS has defined "negligible impact" in 50 CFR 216.103 as "...an impact resulting from the specified activity that cannot be reasonably expected to, and is not reasonably likely to, adversely affect the species or stock through effects on annual rates of recruitment or survival."