

Notice of Preliminary Results of the Administrative and New Shipper Review, 63 FR 48184. For further discussion of the surrogate values used in this review, see *Memorandum From Chris Brady to the File Regarding Surrogate Values Used for the Preliminary Results of the New Shipper Review of Potassium Permanganate from the People's Republic of China*, dated December 26, 2001, which is in the CRU public file.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of our review, we preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average percentage dumping margin exists for the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000:

Exporter/Manufacturer

Margin (percent)

Groupstars Chemical Co., Ltd.³: 262.90.

The Department will disclose the calculations it performed in this review to the parties in this proceeding within five days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication of this notice in accordance with section 351.310(c) of the Department's regulations. Any hearing would normally be held 37 days after the publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230. Individuals who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Requests for a public hearing should contain: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and, (3) to the extent practicable, an identification of the arguments to be raised at the hearing. Unless otherwise notified by the Department, interested parties may submit case briefs within 21 days of the date of publication of this notice in accordance with 351.309(c)(ii) of the Department's regulations. As part

of the case brief, parties are encouraged to provide a summary of the arguments not to exceed five pages and a table of statutes, regulations, and cases cited. Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, must be filed within five days after the case brief is filed. Further, we would appreciate it if parties submitting written comments would provide the Department with an additional copy of the public version of any such comments on diskette. If a hearing is held, an interested party may make an affirmative presentation only on arguments included in that party's case brief and may make a rebuttal presentation only on arguments included in that party's rebuttal brief. Parties should confirm by telephone the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled time.

Assessment

The Department will issue the final results of this new shipper review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in the briefs, within 90 days from the date of this preliminary result, unless the time limit is extended. Upon completion of this new shipper review, the Department shall determine, and the U.S. Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to the U.S. Customs Service upon completion of this review. For assessment purposes, we calculated importer-specific assessment rates for potassium permanganate from the PRC. We divided the total dumping margin (calculated as the difference between NV and CEP) for the importer by the entered value of the reviewed sale. Where the importer-specific assessment rate is above de minimis, we will direct U.S. Customs to assess the resulting ad valorem rate against the entered value of the entry of the subject merchandise by that importer during the POR.

Cash Deposit

Furthermore, the following deposit rates will be effective upon publication of the final results of this review for all shipments of potassium permanganate from the PRC entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for the reviewed firm will be the rate established in the final results of this review; (2) for previously-reviewed PRC and non-PRC exporters with separate rates, the cash deposit rate will be the company-specific rate established for the most recent period; (3) for all other PRC

exporters, the rate will be the current PRC-wide rate, 128.94 percent; and (4) for all other non-PRC exporters of subject merchandise from the PRC, the cash deposit rate will be the rate applicable to the PRC supplier of that exporter.

Notification

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under Sec. 351.402(f) of the Department's regulations to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This new shipper review and this notice are published in accordance with sections 751(a)(2)(B) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 26, 2001.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary, for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

United States-Egypt Presidents' Council: Membership

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Amendment to Notice of Membership Opportunity: Extension to deadline for applications.

SUMMARY: The International Trade Administration of the U.S. Department of Commerce established and monitors the activities of the U.S.-Egypt Presidents' Council. The purpose of the Council is to provide a forum through which American and Egyptian private sector representatives can provide advice and counsel to both governments. The **Federal Register** published a notice of membership opportunities for American business representatives on the U.S. side of the Council on November 19, 2001. The deadline was December 28, 2001. This notice hereby extends the deadline by which applications must be received.

DATES: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received no later than: Friday, January 25, 2002.

³ Although the new shipper review was initiated on Groupstars Chemical Co., Ltd. ("Shandong") (66 FR 13895, March 8, 2001), it was later clarified by respondent's counsel that the correct name should be Groupstars Chemical Co., Ltd.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to Maram R. Talaat, Egypt Desk Officer, Office of the Middle East, U.S. Department of Commerce by fax on 202-482-0878 and by mail to Room H-2029B, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION, CONTACT: Maram R. Talaat, Office of the Middle East, Room H-2029B, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230, phone: 202-482-3752.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This amends the notice of membership opportunities on the U.S.-Egypt Presidents' Council published in the **Federal Register** on November 19, 2001 (66 FR 57937-57938).

Dated: December 27, 2001.

Cherie A. Loustaunau,
Director, Office of the Middle East.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 121401A]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of applications for two research permits (1355, 1356).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has received an application for a scientific research permit from Mr. Eugene Greer, of Columbia Environmental Research Center (CERC) and NMFS has received an application for a scientific research permit from Mr. Michael J. Bresette, of Inwater Research Group Inc.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on February 4, 2002.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail

or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for review in the indicated office, by appointment:

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, F/PR1, 1315 East West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone: 301-713-2289, fax: 301-713-0376).

Documents may also be reviewed by appointment in the Office of Protected Resources, F/PR1, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226 (phone: 301-713-2289).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lillian Becker, Silver Spring, MD (phone: 301-713-2319, fax: 301-713-0376, e-mail: Lillian.Becker@noaa.gov)

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority

Issuance of permits and permit modifications, as required by the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (16 U.S.C. 1531-1543) (ESA), is based on a finding that such permits/modifications: (1) are applied for in good faith; (2) would not operate to the disadvantage of the listed species which are the subject of the permits; and (3) are consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA. Scientific research and/or enhancement permits are issued under section 10(a)(1)(A) of the ESA. Authority to take listed species is subject to conditions set forth in the permits. Permits and modifications are issued in accordance with and are subject to the ESA and NMFS regulations governing listed fish and wildlife permits (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Those individuals requesting a hearing on an application listed in this notice should set out the specific reasons why a hearing on that application would be appropriate (see **ADDRESSES**). The holding of such hearing is at the discretion of the Assistant Administrator for Fisheries, NOAA. All statements and opinions contained in the permit action summaries are those of the applicant and do not necessarily reflect the views of NMFS.

Species Covered in This Notice

The following species are covered in this notice:

Sea turtles

Threatened and endangered green turtle (*Chelonia mydas*)

Endangered hawksbill turtle (*Eretmochelys imbricata*)

Endangered Kemp's ridley turtle (*Lepidochelys kempii*)

Threatened loggerhead turtle (*Caretta caretta*)

Fish

Endangered shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*)

New Applications Received

Application 1355

The applicant proposes to test the effects of the ambient levels of discharged waste found in the waters of North Carolina on the growth and survival of shortnose sturgeon fry. Preliminary results of acute toxicity tests indicate these species are among the more sensitive fish relative to contaminant effects, indicating the importance of testing the hypothesis that water quality may be a limiting factor to the species recovery. Up to 3,000 fry will be placed into water shipped in from the rivers of North Carolina and observed for growth and survival.

Application 1356

The applicant proposes to investigate the demographic composition and genetic origin of sea turtles within the Key West National Wildlife Refuge. This will be done by the capturing of up to 100 green, 100 loggerhead, 50 Kemp's ridley, and 50 hawksbill turtles with nets and by hand. The turtles will be weighed, measured, blood sampled, PIT and flipper tagged, have stomach lavage and released back into the area where they were captured.

Dated: December 21, 2001.

Ann Terbush,

Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

ACTION: Notice.

The Department of Defense has submitted to OMB for clearance, the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

DATES: Consideration will be given to all comments received by February 4, 2002.

Title, Form, and OMB Number: United States Air Force Academy Application; USAFA Form 149; OMB Number 0701-0087.

Type of Request: Extension.

Number of Respondents: 9,850.