

ACTION: Notice of Consent Motion to Terminate the Panel Review of the final affirmative countervailing duty determination made by the International Trade Administration, respecting Carbon and Certain Alloy Steel Wire Rod from Canada (Secretariat File No. USA-CDA-2002-1904-08).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Notice of Consent Motion to Terminate the Panel Review by the complainants, the panel review is terminated as of February 25, 2004. A panel has been appointed to this panel review and has consented to this motion. Pursuant to Rule 71(2) of the *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Review*, this panel review is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

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). The panel review in this matter was requested and terminated pursuant to these Rules.

Dated: February 24, 2004.

Caratina L. Alston,
United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency.

[Docket No.: 000724217-4069-09]

Solicitation of Applications for the Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Minority Business Development Agency publishes this notice to clarify that the closing date for competitive applications for the Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) Program is March 12, 2004, as published in the original **Federal Register** Notice on February 11, 2004.

DATES: The closing date for applications for each MBDC project is March 12, 2004.

MBDA anticipates that awards for the MBDC program will be made with a start date of April 1, 2004. Completed applications for the MBDC program must be (1) mailed (USPS postmark) to the address below; or (2) received by MBDA no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. Applications postmarked later than the closing date or received after the closing date and time will not be considered.

ADDRESSES: Applicants must submit one signed original plus two (2) copies of the application. Completed application packages must be submitted to: Office of Business Development, Minority Business Development Center Program Office, Office of Executive Secretariat, HCHB, Room 5063, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

If the application is hand-delivered by the applicant or his/her representative, one signed original plus two (2) copies of the application must be delivered to Room 1874, which is located at Entrance #10, 15th Street, NW., between Pennsylvania and Constitution Avenues.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For further information, contact the MBDA National Enterprise Center (NEC) for the geographic service area in which the project will be located or visit MBDA's Minority Business Internet Portal (MBDA Portal) at <http://www.mbda.gov>.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On February 19, 2004, MBDA published a **Federal Register** Notice revising the funding level for the MBDC program (69 FR 7725). Due to an inadvertent error,

the February 19, 2004 notice incorrectly states the closing date for applications for the Minority Business Development Center (MBDC) program. MBDA publishes this notice to clarify that the closing date for competitive applications for the MBDC program is March 12, 2004, as published in the original **Federal Register** Notice on February 11, 2004 (69 FR 6642).

Dated: February 24, 2004.

Glenn Clark,
Budget Officer, Minority Business Development Agency.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No.: 04129029-4029-01]

Voluntary Product Standard (PS) 20-99, American Softwood Lumber Standard

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Request for Comments.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is requesting comments on Voluntary Product Standard (PS) 20-99, American Softwood Lumber Standard. This standard serves the procurement and regulatory needs of numerous Federal, State, and local government agencies by providing for uniform, industry-wide grade-marking and inspection requirements for softwood lumber. The implementation of the standard also allows for uniform labeling and auditing of treated-wood panels and, through a Memorandum of Understanding with the U.S. Department of Agriculture, labeling and auditing of wood packaging materials for international trade. As part of a five year review process, NIST is seeking public comment and invites interested parties to review the standard and submit comments.

DATES: Written comments regarding PS 20-99 should be submitted to the Standards Coordination and Conformity Group, Standards Services Division, NIST, no later than May 17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: An electronic copy (in PDF) of the standard, PS 20-99, can be obtained at the following Web site <http://ts.nist.gov/docvps>. Printed copies may be obtained from the address below. Written comments on the standard should be submitted to Ms. JoAnne Overman, Standards Coordination and Conformity Group,