

determine that importer knew or should have known that the exporter was selling the subject merchandise at less than its fair value and that there was likely to be material injury by reason of such sales.

### Conclusion

Given the analysis discussed above, we preliminarily determine critical circumstances do not exist for imports of MCS from Japan. We will make a final determination concerning critical circumstances for MCS from Japan when we make our final dumping determination in this investigation, on April 10, 2006 (unless extended).

### International Trade Commission Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we will notify the International Trade Commission of our determination.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 733(f) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: February 21, 2006.

**David M. Spooner,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-879]

### Notice of Extension of Time Limit for the Antidumping Administrative Review of Polyvinyl Alcohol From the People's Republic of China

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** February 27, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Lilit Astvatsatryan, AD/CVD Operations, Office 8, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6412.

### Background

On November 7, 2005, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polyvinyl alcohol ("PVA") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"), covering the period August 11, 2003, through September 30, 2004. See *Polyvinyl*

*Alcohol from the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 70 FR 67434 (November 7, 2005) ("Preliminary Results"). In the *Preliminary Results* we stated that we would make our final determination for the antidumping duty review no later than 120 days after the date of publication of the preliminary results (i.e., March 7, 2006).

### Extension of Time Limit of Preliminary Results

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), requires the Department to issue the final results in an administrative review within 120 days of publication date of the preliminary results. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within this time period, the Department may extend the time limit for the final results to 180 days. Completion of the final results within the 120-day period is not practicable because this review involves certain complex issues, including the revision of an allocation methodology of co-products, application of by-products and self-produced inputs, and valuation of certain factors.

Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time period for issuing the final results of review by 30 days until April 6, 2006.

Dated: February 21, 2006.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Notice of Decision to Expand Scope of the Environmental Impact Statement Analyzing the Makah Tribe's Proposed Gray Whale Hunting and Reopening of Comment Period

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

**ACTION:** Notice; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** NMFS announces our decision to expand the scope of the Makah Whale Hunt Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) to include analysis of the proposed action on the affected environment under both the Marine Mammal Protection Act

(MMPA) and the Whaling Convention Act (WCA). Our previous notices of intent to prepare an EIS for the Makah Whale Hunt under the MMPA were published on August 25, 2005 and October 4, 2005. We are reopening the comment period for 30 days.

**DATES:** Written or electronic comments from all interested parties are encouraged and must be received no later than 5 p.m. Pacific Standard Time March 29, 2006.

**ADDRESSES:** All comments concerning the preparation of the EIS and NEPA process should be addressed to: Cassandra Brown, NMFS Northwest Region, Building 1, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., Seattle, WA 98115. Comments may also be submitted via fax (206) 526-6426 Attn: Makah Whale Hunt EIS, or by electronic mail to [MakahEIS.nwr@noaa.gov](mailto:MakahEIS.nwr@noaa.gov) with a subject line containing the document identifier: "Makah Whale Hunt EIS."

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Cassandra Brown, NMFS Northwest Region, (206) 526-4348.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Background

On August 25, 2005 (70 FR 49911) and October 4, 2005 (70 FR 57860), NMFS announced our intent to prepare an EIS pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. *et seq.*) and conduct public scoping meetings related to the Makah Indian Tribe's request that NMFS allow for limited treaty right hunting of eastern North Pacific gray whales by waiving the MMPA's (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) moratorium on take of marine mammals under section 101(a)(3)(A) (16 U.S.C. 1371(a)(3)(A)), and issuing regulations and any necessary permit(s). We opened a 60-day public comment period from August 25, 2005 to October 24, 2005, and held public scoping meetings at four locations in October 2005, including Neah Bay, Port Angeles, and Seattle, WA, and the Washington, DC area (Silver Spring, MD). We sought public input on the scope of the required NEPA analysis at that time, in addition to seeking comment for a range of reasonable alternatives and impacts to resources. Due in part to our examination of public comments related to the International Whaling Commission (IWC) and WCA (16 U.S.C. 916 *et seq.*) quota granting and issuance processes, we are expanding the scope of this EIS to include analysis of the WCA quota issuance. The MMPA waiver determination and the WCA quota issuance are best treated as connected actions (50 CFR 1508.25(a)(1)) for NEPA review because