

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

The Department received requests to conduct an administrative review of the antidumping order on fresh garlic from the PRC. On August 16, 1995, the Department published a notice of initiation of this administrative review covering the period July 11, 1994, through October 31, 1995. The Department adjusted the time limits by 28 days due to the government shutdowns, which lasted from November 14, 1995, to November 20, 1995, and from December 15, 1995, to January 6, 1996. See Memorandum to the file from Susan G. Esserman, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, January 11, 1996. As adjusted, the current time limits are August 23, 1996, for the preliminary results and December 23, 1996, for the final results.

It is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act. Therefore, in accordance with that section, the Department is extending the time limits for the preliminary results to December 23, 1996. See memorandum to Susan Kuhbach entitled "*Extension of time limit for 1994-95 antidumping duty administrative review of fresh garlic from the People's Republic of China.*" The final results will be due 120 days from the publication of the preliminary results.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in accordance with 19 CFR 353.34 (b).

These extensions are in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: August 12, 1996.

Susan Kuhbach,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary Import Administration.

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**Stainless Steel Bar From India;
Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary
Results of Antidumping Duty
Administrative Review**

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the preliminary results in the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India, covering the period August 4, 1994, through January 31,

1996, since it is not practicable to complete the review within the time limits mandated by the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, section 751(a)(3)(A).

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 20, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jennifer Yeske or Vince Kane, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-0189 or 482-2815, respectively.

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations, as amended by the interim regulations published in the Federal Register on May 11, 1995 (60 FR 25130).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On February 29, 1996, the Department received a request to conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India. On March 19, 1996, the Department published in the Federal Register a notice of initiation of an administrative review of Isibars, an exporter of stainless steel bar to the United States, covering the period August 4, 1994, through January 31, 1996 (61 FR 11184). In our notice of initiation, we stated that we intended to issue the final results of this review no later than February 28, 1997.

Postponement of Preliminary Results of Review

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of 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. However, if it is not practicable to issue the preliminary results in 245 days, section 751(a)(3)(A) allows the Department to extend this time period to 365 days.

Because this review was recently transferred between offices, and it is the first review of this antidumping duty order under the new law, we determine that it is not practicable to issue the preliminary results within 245 days. Accordingly, the deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this review is now no later than February 28, 1997.

The deadline for issuing the final results of this review will be 120 days from the publication of the preliminary results.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: August 14, 1996.

Susan H. Kuhbach,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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**U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory
Committee; Closed Meeting**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Closed meeting of U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Automotive Parts Advisory Committee (the "Committee") advises U.S. Government officials on matters relating to the implementation of the Fair Trade in Auto Parts Act of 1988. The Committee: (1) Reports annually to the Secretary of Commerce on barriers to sales of U.S.-made auto parts and accessories in Japanese markets; (2) assists the Secretary in reporting to the Congress on the progress of sales of U.S.-made auto parts in Japanese markets, including the formation of long-term supplier relationships; (3) reviews and considers data collected on sales of U.S.-made auto parts to Japanese markets; (4) advises the Secretary during consultations with the Government of Japan on these issues; and (5) assists in establishing priorities for the Department's initiatives to increase U.S.-made auto parts sales to Japanese markets, and otherwise provide assistance and direction to the Secretary in carrying out these initiatives. At the meeting, committee members will discuss specific trade and sales expansion programs related to U.S.-Japan automotive parts policy.

DATE AND LOCATION: The meeting will be held on September 6, 1996 from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. at the U.S. Department of Commerce in Washington, DC.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Robert Reck, Office of Automotive Affairs, Trade Development, Room 4036, Washington, DC. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-1418.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel formally determined on August 5, 1996, pursuant to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any

subcommittee thereof, dealing with privileged or confidential commercial information may be exempt from the provisions of the Act relating to open meeting and public participation therein because these items are concerned with matters that are within the purview of 5 U.S.C. 552b (c)(4) and (9)(B). A copy of the Notice of Determination is available for public inspection and copying in the Department of Commerce Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, Main Commerce.

Dated: August 13, 1996.

Albert Warner,

Acting Director, Office of Automotive Affairs.

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Minority Business Development Agency

Notice; Solicitation of Business Development Center Applications for Hampton Roads

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

SUMMARY: In accordance with Executive Order 11625 and 15 U.S.C. 1512, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications from organizations to operate the Hampton Roads Minority Business Development Center (MBDC).

The purpose of the MBDC Program is to provide business development assistance to persons who are members of groups determined by MBDA to be socially or economically disadvantaged, and to business concerns owned and controlled by such individuals. To this end, MBDA funds organizations to identify and coordinate public and private sector resources on behalf of minority individuals and firms; to offer a full range of client services to minority entrepreneurs; and to serve as a conduit of information and assistance regarding minority business. The award number of the MBDC will be 03-10-97003-01.

DATES: The closing date for applications is September 24, 1996. Applications must be received in the MBDA Headquarters' Executive Secretariat on or before September 24, 1996. A pre-application conference will be held. For the exact date, time, and location, contact the New York Regional Office, at (212) 264-3262. Proper identification is required for entrance into any Federal Building.

ADDRESSES: Completed application packages must be submitted to the U.S. Department of Commerce, Minority Business Development Agency, MBDA Executive Secretariat, 14th and

Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 5073, Washington, D.C. 20230, Telephone Number: (202) 482-3763.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AND AN APPLICATION PACKAGE, CONTACT: Heyward Davenport, Regional Director, at (212) 264-3262.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with the Interim Final Policy published in the Federal Register on May 31, 1996, the cost-share requirement for the MBDCs listed in this notice has been increased to 40%. The Department of Commerce will fund up to 60% of the total cost of operating an MBDC on an annual basis. The MBDC operator is required to contribute at least 40% of the total project cost (the "cost-share requirement").

Cost-sharing contributions may be in the form of cash, client fees, third party in-kind contributions, non-cash applicant contributions or combinations thereof. In addition to the traditional sources of an MBDC's cost-share contribution, the 40% may be contributed by local, state and private sector organizations. It is anticipated that some organizations may apply jointly for an award to operate the center. For administrative purposes, one organization must be designated as the recipient organization.

Contingent upon the availability of Federal funds, the cost of performance for the first budget period (13 months) from December 1, 1996 to December 31, 1997, is estimated at \$314,778. The total Federal amount is \$188,867 and is composed of \$184,260 plus the Audit Fee amount of \$4,607. The application must include a minimum cost share of 40%, \$125,911 in non-federal (cost-sharing) contributions for a total project cost of \$314,778.

The funding instrument for this project will be a cooperative agreement. If the recommended applicant is the current incumbent organization, the award will be for 12 months. For those applicants who are not incumbent organizations or who are incumbents that have experienced closure due to a break in service, a 30-day start-up period will be added to their first budget period, making it a 13-month award. Competition is open to individuals, non-profit and for-profit organizations, state and local governments, American Indian tribes and educational institutions.

Applications will be evaluated on the following criteria: the knowledge, background and/or capabilities of the firm and its staff in addressing the needs of the business community in general and, specifically, the special needs of minority businesses, individuals and

organizations (45 points), the resources available to the firm in providing business development services (10 points); the firm's approach (techniques and methodologies) to performing the work requirements included in the application (25 points); and the firm's estimated cost for providing such assistance (20 points). In accordance with Interim Final Policy published in the Federal Register on May 31, 1996, the scoring system will be revised to add ten (10) bonus points to the application of community-based organizations. Each qualifying application will receive the full ten points. Community-based applicant organizations are those organizations whose headquarters and/or principal place of business within the last five years have been located within the geographic service area designated in the solicitation for the award. Where an applicant organization has been in existence for fewer than five years or has been present in the geographic service area for fewer than five years, the individual years of experience of the applicant organization's principals may be applied toward the requirement of five years of organization experience. The individual years of experience must have been acquired in the geographic service area which is the subject of the solicitation. An application must receive at least 70% of the points assigned to each evaluation criteria category to be considered programmatically acceptable and responsive. Those applications determined to be acceptable and responsive will then be evaluated by the Director of MBDA. Final award selections shall be based on the number of points received, the demonstrated responsibility of the applicant, and the determination of those most likely to further the purpose of the MBDA program. Negative audit findings and recommendations and unsatisfactory performance under prior Federal awards may result in an application not being considered for award. The applicant with the highest point score will not necessarily receive the award. Periodic reviews culminating in year-to-date evaluations will be conducted to determine if funding for the project should continue. Continued funding will be at the total discretion of MBDA based on such factors as the MBDC's performance, the availability of funds and Agency priorities.

The MBDC shall be required to contribute at least 40% of the total project cost through non-federal contributions. To assist in this effort, the MBDC may charge client fees for