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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Arizona Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the Arizona Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on November 4, 1996, at the Hyatt Regency Phoenix, 122 North Second Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85004. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a forum on policies and practices of the Arizona State Department of Transportation.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Acting Chairperson Manuel Peña, 602-542-4171, or Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

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

Dated at Washington, DC, October 17, 1996.

Carol-Lee Hurley,
Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

[Docket No. 9608234-6292-02]

RIN 0690-AA25

Guidelines for Empowerment Contracting

AGENCY: Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; reopening of comment period.

SUMMARY: On September 13, 1996, the Department of Commerce issued proposed Guidelines for Empowerment Contracting and requested public comments to be submitted on or before October 15, 1996, (61 FR 48463). The Department is reopening the comment period and extending the deadline to receive comments to December 1, 1996. The guidelines set forth proposed policies and procedures intended to promote economy and efficiency in Federal procurement by granting qualified large businesses and qualified small businesses appropriate incentives to encourage business activity in areas of general economic distress. The guidelines are proposed in accordance with the President's Executive Order 13005 entitled, "Empowerment Contracting." The standards set forth in the proposed guidelines will serve as the basis for a proposed revision to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR). Information obtained from public comment on the guidelines will be used to help draft the proposed FAR revision.

DATES: Comments must be submitted on or before December 1, 1996.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to the Department of Commerce, Office of the Assistant General Counsel for Finance and Litigation, Room 5896, 14th and Constitution Street, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joe Levine, 202-482-1071.

Dated: October 22, 1996.
Lawrence Parks,
Director, Office of Regional Growth.
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International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Issuance of an Amended Export Trade Certificate of Review, Application No. 87-11A004.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has issued an amendment to the Export Trade Certificate of Review granted to AMT—The Association for Manufacturing Technology ("AMT") on May 19, 1987. Notice of issuance of the Certificate was published in the Federal Register on May 22, 1987 (52 FR 19371).

The AMT Certificate was previously amended on December 11, 1987 (52 FR 48454, December 22, 1987), January 3, 1989 (54 FR 837, January 10, 1989), April 20, 1989 (54 FR 19427, May 5, 1989), May 31, 1989 (54 FR 24931, June 12, 1989), May 29, 1990 (55 FR 23576, June 11, 1990), June 7, 1991 (56 FR 28140, June 19, 1991), November 27, 1991 (56 FR 63932, December 6, 1991), July 20, 1992 (57 FR 33319, July 28, 1992), May 10, 1994 (59 FR 25614, May 17, 1994), and December 1, 1995 (61 FR 13152, March 26, 1996).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Dawn Busby, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. Sections 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. The regulations implementing Title III are found at 15 CFR Ch. III Part 325 (1995).

The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs is issuing this notice pursuant to 15 CFR 325.6(b), which requires the Department of Commerce to publish a summary of a Certificate 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 ground that the determination is erroneous.

Description of Amended Certificate

AMT's Certificate has been amended to:

1. Add as "Members" the following companies: ATS Ohio, Westerville, Ohio; and Banner Welder, Germantown, Wisconsin.

2. Delete as "Members" the following companies: Bath Iron Works; Berger Lahr Motion Technology, Inc.; George Fischer, Ltd.; Huron Machine Products; K.T. Design & Prototype; Light Machine Corp.; and Surf/Tran Burlytic Systems Division.

3. Change the listing of the company name for the current "Members" cited in this paragraph to the new listing cited in parenthesis as follows: The Cincinnati Gilbert Machine Tool Co. (The Cincinnati Gilbert Machine Tool

Co. L.L.C.); CM Positech (Columbus McKinnon, for the activities of its CM Positech Division); D.A. Griffin (Griffin Automation); Litton (Western Atlas); Hobart Brothers Company (Hobart Laser Products); Republic Lagun Machine Tool Co. (Republic Lagun CNC Corp.); Wadell Machine & Tool Co. (Rendas Tool & Die, Inc., for the activities of its Wadell Division); and Wallace Coast Machinery Corp. (Jesse Engineering Co., for the activities of its Wallace Coast Machinery Division).

A copy of the amended Certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4001, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Effective Date: July 16, 1996.

Dated: October 22, 1996.

W. Dawn Busby,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Binational Panel Decision.

SUMMARY: On September 27, 1996 the Binational Panel issued its decision in the review of the final antidumping duty administrative review made by the Secretaria de Comercio y Fomento Industrial de Mexico (SECOFI) respecting Flat Coated Sheet Products from the United States, Secretariat File No. MEX-94-1904-01. The Binational Panel unanimously affirmed in part and remanded in part the final determination. A copy of the complete Panel decision in Spanish or English is available from the NAFTA Secretariat.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James R. Holbein, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 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 Binational Panel review in this matter was conducted in accordance with these Rules.

Background

On September 1, 1994 Inland Steel Company and USX Corporation filed a First Request for Panel Review with the Mexican Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the final antidumping determination that was published in the *Diario Oficial* on August 2, 1994. Complaints were filed by Inland, USX, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, LTV Steel Company, New Process Steel Corporation and Industrias Monterrey, S.A. de C.V. (IMSA). Briefs were filed by all participants and oral argument was held in accordance with the Rules.

Panel Decision

In its September 27 decision, the Binational Panel unanimously affirmed in part and remanded in part the final determination. In its Order the panel affirmed all aspects of the final determination except for several specific instructions to SECOFI to take further actions. The Panel Order then enumerated specific actions involving competence and formality requirements, dumping issues, and injury issues. The Panel directed SECOFI, on remand, to comply with the specific instructions within 120 days of the date of this Order (by not later than January 27, 1997.)

Dated: October 14, 1996.

James R. Holbein,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 960516133-6285-02]

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Voluntary Product Standard, Amendment and Editorial Correction to PS 20-94

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; announcement of an amendment and an editorial correction to Voluntary Product Standard PS 20-94 American Softwood Lumber Standard.

SUMMARY: On July 18, 1996, NIST requested the American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) to amend PS 20-94 to clarify NIST's role in the nomination of members to the ALSC Board of Review. The Committee unanimously approved the amendment, which became effective August 24, 1996. Also, on July 18, 1996, NIST notified the ALSC that it was making an editorial correction for the purpose of clarification to § 5.1 of PS 20-94 and that the correction would become effective immediately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara M. Meigs, (301) 975-4025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Voluntary Product Standard PS 20-94 American Softwood Lumber Standard was developed under procedures published by the Department of Commerce in Part 10, Title 15, of the Code of Federal Regulations. The ALSC acts as the Standing Committee for PS 20-94.

This announcement is to provide public notice of the recent amendment and editorial correction to PS 20-94. These changes shall be listed as addenda to the standard until the standard is reprinted.

The amendment affects three sections of PS 20-94. The sections have been modified to read as follows:

§ 10.4 Composition, election, terms, compensation, and removal—The Board shall be composed of three members, none of whom shall be members of the ALSC or affiliated with a grading agency or any member of a grading agency.

§ 10.4.1 The chairman of the ALSC shall appoint a spokesperson for each of the three membership groups within the ALSC that shall nominate members of the Board. The spokesperson shall determine and report the decision of the group to the Chairman along with a summary of the qualifications of each nominee and a statement of any interests, financial or otherwise, which the nominee has in the lumber industry. Except as provided in 10.4.1.4, Board members shall be nominated as follows:

§ 10.4.1.5 The names of the nominees shall be submitted to the Department of