

the statement. (Reviewers may wish to refer to the Council on Environmental Quality Regulations for implementing the procedural provisions of the National Environmental Policy Act at 40 CFR 1503.3 in addressing these points.)

Dated: February 19, 1997.

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Acting Forest Supervisor.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Proposed Changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices for Review and Comment

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), U.S. Department of Agriculture.

ACTION: Notice of availability of proposed changes in the NRCS National Handbook of Conservation Practices for review and comment.

SUMMARY: It is the intention of NRCS to issue a series of new or revised conservation practice standards in its National Handbook of Conservation Practices. These standards include Contour Buffer Strips (332), Filter Strips (393A), Tree/Shrub Pruning (660A), Riparian Forest Buffer (391A), and Manure Transfer (634). NRCS State Conservationist's who choose to adopt these practices for use within their state will incorporate them into Section IV of their Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG). Some of these practices may be used in conservation systems that treat highly erodible land or on land determined to be wetland.

DATES: Comments will be received on or before April 28, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Submit individual inquiries in writing to Gary Nordstrom, Director, Ecological Sciences Division (ECS), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), P.O. Box 2890, Room 6154-S, Washington, DC 20013-2890.

Single copies of these standards are available from NRCS-ECS in Washington, DC. Copies are also available electronically from the NRCS server at Fort Worth, Texas. The name of the server is ftp.ftw.nrcs.usda.gov. Practice standards appear as files in /pub/nhcp/pending. Practice code numbers are used as file names in this subdirectory. These standards are available as MS Word 6.0 files. They should be downloaded from the FTP server as binary files.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 requires the NRCS to make available for public review and comment proposed revisions to conservation practice standards used to carry out the highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law. For the next 60 days the NRCS will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period a determination will be made by the NRCS regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Gary R. Nordstrom,
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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 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 5:00 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 1997, at the U.S. District Court Building, 7th Floor Hearing Room, 230 North First Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona 85025. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a factfinding forum on employment.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Manuel Pena, 602-254-3407, 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, February 14, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,
Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the Texas 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 Texas Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 9:00 a.m. and adjourn at 6:00 p.m. on Saturday, April 5, 1997, at the Townes Hall Auditorium, the University of Texas School of Law, 727 E. 26th Street, Room 2-114, Austin, Texas 78705. The purpose of the meeting is to hold a public consultation on affirmative action and admissions practices and policies in Texas institutions of higher education, post *Hopwood v. Texas*.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Adolph Canales, 214-653-6779 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, February 14, 1997.

Carol-Lee Hurley,
Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Compact Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings and Glands From the People's Republic of China; Termination of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of termination of antidumping duty new shipper administrative review.

SUMMARY: On April 26, 1996, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the Federal Register (61 FR 18568) the notice of initiation of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Certain Compact Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings and Glands (CDIW) from the People's Republic of China (PRC). We are terminating this review based on 776(b) of the Tariff Act of 1930 as

amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (the Act) as a result of evidence on the record which indicates that the respondent in these proceedings failed to cooperate by omitting from submissions certified as being complete and accurate, information material to determining its eligibility for new shipper status.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 27, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul M. Stolz, Office of Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4474.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 1, 1996, Beijing M Star Pipe Corporation (BMSP), an interested party, requested a new shipper administrative review of the antidumping duty order on CDIW for the period August 1, 1995 through February 29, 1996, pursuant to 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act. Section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act defines new shippers as exporters and producers who demonstrate in their request for review that they: (1) did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI; and (2) are not affiliated with any exporter or producer who did export the subject merchandise to the United States during that period, including those not examined during the investigation.

In its request for review, BMSP certified the following as complete and accurate: (1) that BMSP, under its current or former name, did not export CDIW from the PRC to the United States during the original period of investigation (POI), February 1, 1992 through July 31, 1992; (2) that BMSP's only affiliation with another PRC company or enterprise is with Beijing Cheng Hong Foundry, which did not export CDIW during the POI; and (3) that BMSP had no affiliations with any person, corporation or enterprise which exported CDIW from the PRC during the POI. Based on these certifications, on April 26, 1996, the Department published in the Federal Register (61 FR 18568) the notice of initiation of that administrative review.

On December 3, 1996, counsel for the domestic industry placed evidence on the record indicating that BMSP is affiliated with persons and/or entities which shipped subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation (POI) and argued that, based on this evidence, BMSP is not

eligible for review as a new shipper. In particular, the domestic industry provided information showing that Beijing Metals and Minerals Import and Export Corporation, Beijing, China (BMMC) exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI and that certain senior company officials are presently employed by both BMSP and BMMC.

Respondent does not dispute these facts. In fact, respondent admits in its January 24, 1997 submission that shared management between BMSP and BMMC does exist. Significantly, in a footnote to its submission, BMSP states that "BMSP acknowledges that it previously misstated the lack of shared managers or officers with any other Chinese exporter." This statement is in direct contradiction to BMSP's certified questionnaire response of May 28, 1996 in which it states "[n]either does BMSP have any relationship with any other producers or exporters of the subject merchandise, including by way of sharing managers or officers." In short, BMSP has now apprised the Department of, and the record clearly shows, a material omission or inaccuracy in BMSP's earlier certified submissions.

At issue here is BMSP's eligibility for a new shipper review. This is a new procedure designed to allow new shippers an opportunity for a review ahead of the normal review cycle. The Department is cognizant of the potential for abuse of this procedure and seeks to ensure that it is only used where appropriate. Certifications are critical to the Department's ability to distinguish between legitimate and illegitimate new shipper requests. The Department must rely on the accuracy of the parties' representations in deciding to initiate this type of review. Moreover, the Department attaches great importance to receiving accurate and complete submissions and requires parties to certify these submissions to ensure accuracy and completeness.

The domestic industry argues that the Department should apply a margin to BMSP based on facts available because BMSP failed to disclose that BMSP and BMMC share common management. Section 776 of the Act authorizes the department to apply facts available, *inter alia*, when a respondent withholds information which significantly impedes a proceeding. In this case, BMSP provided certified submissions that were clearly inaccurate—it stated that BMSP had no relationship with any PRC entity which exported CDIW during the POI, including by way of sharing managers of officers, when in fact BMSP had knowledge that BMSP shares high-level managers with BMMC.

Plainly, BMSP's inaccurate representation and omission of highly material information regarding the issue of eligibility for the new shipper review calls into question the reliability of BMSP's total response in this proceeding and, in these circumstances, warrants the use of adverse facts available.

Section 776(b) provides that when a party to the proceeding has failed to cooperate by not acting to the best of its ability to comply with requests for information, the Department may use an inference that is adverse. Given the importance of receiving accurate and complete information in proceedings we conduct, we have determined to apply adverse facts available pursuant to 775(b) by finding BMSP ineligible for a new shipper review.

This notice is published in accordance with section 353.22(h)(9)(i) of the Department's regulations (19 CFR 353.22.(h)(9)(i)).

Dated: February 14, 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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Certain Compact Ductile Iron Waterworks Fittings and Glands (CDIW) From the People's Republic of China: Termination of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of termination of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On September 2, 1994, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the Federal Register (59 FR 45664) the notice of initiation of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain compact ductile iron waterworks fittings and gland (CDIW) from the People's Republic of China (PRC). We are terminating this review as a result of the withdrawal by Star Pipe Products, Inc. (Star Pipe) of its request for the review. The petitioner in this proceeding, the U.S. Waterworks Fittings Producers Council, had requested an administrative review of the same period of sales made by China National Metal Products Import & Export Corporation (CMP). However, on the basis of a court remand, CMP was subsequently, retroactively, excluded