

Airport, in Swanton, Ohio, some 5 miles west of Toledo.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the general-purpose zone to include an additional site:

*Proposed Site 3* (10 acres)—at the First Choice Packaging warehouse facility (owned by Eveready Battery Company, Inc.), 1501 West State Street, Fremont. The facility will be operated by First Choice as a public warehouse facility with packaging services.

No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment on the application is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is October 18, 1999. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (November 1, 1999).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

Office of the Toledo-Lucas County, Port Authority, One Maritime Plaza, 7th Floor, Toledo, OH 43604-1866  
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, Room 3716, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230

Dated: August 10, 1999.

**Diane Finver,**

*Acting Executive Secretary.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-489-807]

#### **Certain Steel Concrete Reinforcing Bars from Turkey; Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

**SUMMARY:** In response to a timely withdrawal of a request for a review by Colakoglu Metalurji A.S. and because the Department of Commerce has

determined that there were no entries of the subject merchandise made by Icdas Celik Enerji Tersane ve Ulasim Sanayi, A.S. during the period of review, we are rescinding the 1998-1999

administrative review of certain steel concrete reinforcing bars from Turkey.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 18, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Shawn Thompson or Irina Itkin, AD/CVD Enforcement Group I, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1776 or (202) 482-0656, respectively.

#### **Applicable Statute and Regulations**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to 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 (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

#### **Background**

On April 30, 1999, Colakoglu Metalurji A.S. (Colakoglu) requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain steel concrete reinforcing bars (rebar) from Turkey for the period April 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999. Also on April 30, 1999, ICDAS Celik Enerji Tersane ve Ulasim Sanayi A.S. (ICDAS) requested that the Department conduct an administrative review for the period August 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999. No other interested party requested that the Department conduct an administrative review.

On May 28, 1999, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of initiation of administrative review with respect to Colakoglu and ICDAS. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Request for Revocation in Part*; 64 FR 28973 (May 28, 1999).

On June 18, 1999, ICDAS informed the Department that it made no sales of subject merchandise to the United States during the period of review (POR). On August 9, 1999, Colakoglu withdrew its request for an administrative review.

#### **Rescission of Review**

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), the Department will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if a party that requested a review withdraws the request within 90 days of

the date of publication of notice of initiation of the requested review. Given that the review has not progressed substantially and there would be no undue burden on the parties or the Department, the Department has determined that it is reasonable to accept Colakoglu's withdrawal of request for review.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.213(d)(3), the Department will rescind an administrative review, in whole or in part, if it determines that there have been no shipments of subject merchandise during the POR. The Department has determined that no subject merchandise produced or exported by ICDAS entered into the United States for consumption during the POR and, thus, there are no entries subject to the review. Because ICDAS had no U.S. entries for consumption of covered merchandise during the POR, there is no basis for continuing this administrative review.

Therefore, the Department is rescinding this review. This rescission of the administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751 of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(d).

Dated: August 11, 1999.

**Susan Kubbach,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-549-502]

#### **Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Antidumping Duty Administrative Review of Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Thailand**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 18, 1999.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the final results of the 1997-1998 antidumping duty administrative review for the antidumping order on certain welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Thailand, pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (hereinafter, "the Act").

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Totaro, AD/CVD Enforcement Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and

Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone (202) 482-1374.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit of 365 days. In the instant case, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit. See Memorandum from Richard O. Weible to Robert S. LaRussa (August 11, 1999).

Because it is not practicable to complete this review within the time limits mandated by the Act (245 days from the last day of the anniversary month for preliminary results, 120 additional days for final results), in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time limit for the final results until September 10, 1999.

Dated: August 11, 1999.

**Richard O. Weible,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Taking and Importing Marine Mammals; Taking Marine Mammals Incidental to Rocket Launches

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

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed modification to a letter of authorization; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** On August 3, 1999, the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing, U.S. Air Force, requested a modification to the Letter of Authorization (LOA) issued to it on April 2, 1999. The letter requests that a new rocket, the Minotaur, be added to the list of rockets authorized to take harbor seals and California sea lions incidental to rocket launches from Vandenberg Air Force Base (Vandenberg) in California. Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), NMFS is requesting comments on its proposal to amend the LOA issued to the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing to authorize this new rocket type. The U.S. Air Force has not requested, and NMFS

does not propose, to increase the number of annual launches from Vandenberg that are authorized to take marine mammals under the LOA.

**DATES:** Comments and information must be received no later than September 2, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments on the application should be addressed to Donna Wieting, Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225. A copy of the request for modification, the LOA and the supporting documentation are available for review during regular business hours in the following offices: Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, and the Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2055, or Christina Fahy, NMFS, (562) 980-4023.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs NMFS to allow, on request, the incidental, but not intentional, taking of small numbers of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and regulations are issued. Under the MMPA, the term "taking" means to harass, hunt, capture, or kill or to attempt to harass, hunt, capture or kill marine mammals.

Permission may be granted for periods up to 5 years if NMFS finds, after notification and opportunity for public comment, that the taking will have a negligible impact on the species or stock(s) of marine mammals and will not have an unmitigable adverse impact on the availability of the species or stock(s) for subsistence uses. In addition, NMFS must prescribe regulations that include permissible methods of taking and other means effecting the least practicable adverse impact on the species and its habitat and on the availability of the species for subsistence uses, paying particular attention to rookeries, mating grounds, and areas of similar significance. The regulations must include requirements pertaining to the monitoring and reporting of such taking. Regulations governing the taking of seals and sea lions incidental to missile and rocket launches, aircraft flight test operations, and helicopter operations at Vandenberg were published on March 1, 1999 (64 FR

9925), and remain in effect until December 31, 2003.

In accordance with the MMPA, as amended, and implementing regulations, a 1-year LOA to take small numbers of seals and sea lions was issued on April 2, 1999, to the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing (64 FR 17145, April 8, 1999). On August 3, 1999, the 30<sup>th</sup> Space Wing requested NMFS to amend the LOA to include a new rocket, the Minotaur, to the list of rockets authorized to take harbor seals and California sea lions incidental to activities at Vandenberg.

#### Discussion and Analysis

Spaceport Systems International (SSI) wants to begin launching the OSP Space Launch Vehicle, the Minotaur rocket, from the California Commercial Spaceport (CCS) on Vandenberg. The Minotaur contains 2 segments of Minuteman II solid-fuel motors and 2 Orion upperstage motors. According to SSI, the sound emitted during the launch should be no more than what a Minuteman II would emit.

Because this is a new launch vehicle, it was not included in the LOA issued to Vandenberg on April 2, 1999. Therefore, in order for NMFS to authorize the takings by harassment incidental to this new rocket, NMFS must be assured that the takings will not exceed the level of incidental harassment considered when it made its negligible impact finding on March 1, 1999 (64 FR 9925). First, Vandenberg is authorized to harass pinnipeds incidental to 10 missile launches from North Vandenberg and 20 rocket launches annually from South Vandenberg. This authorized level of launches for incidental takes of marine mammals will not be modified by NMFS to add this additional rocket to the LOA. Second, as mentioned previously, the Minotaur rocket consists of the first two segments of Minuteman II solid-fuel motors and two Orion upperstage motors. For incidental takes of pinnipeds on the Vandenberg coastline, only the first one or two motors are important for assessing impacts along the California coast. The Minotaur, like the Minuteman II missiles launched from North Vandenberg, use Thiokol first-stage rocket motor with 202,600 pounds (lbs) of thrust and a second-stage motor made by Aerojet with 60,000 lbs of thrust. As a result, launch noises would be similar to those expected at North Vandenberg during a Minuteman II launch.

Third, Vandenberg has requested a small take of harbor seals (and possibly a few California sea lions) by incidental harassment for this rocket launched