

information and argument to the contrary.

The Department agrees with the domestic industry, in part, concerning the choice of the "all others" rate. We have no basis for applying the Department's early all others rate policy to the Treasury investigation. In fact, the Department itself abandoned the practice of applying the highest rate for responding firms as the all others rate. Currently, the all others rate is the weighted-average of the individual dumping margins calculated for those exporters and producers that are individually investigated. Therefore, we agree with the domestic industry that the weighted-average dumping margin for all sales of the subject merchandise, as calculated by Treasury and published by the Commission in its final injury determination for this proceeding, is an appropriate measure of the first "all others" rate. Thus, the Department will report to the Commission the company-specific and all others rates from the original investigation as contained in the Final Results of Review section of this notice.

**Final Results of Review**

As a result of this review, the Department finds that revocation of the antidumping finding would likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the margins listed below:

Manufacturer/exporter	Margin (percent)
Kawasaki Steel Techno-Wire Co, Ltd. (formerly Kawatetsu Wire Products Co., Ltd.)	Investigation
Shinko Wire Co., Ltd .....	Discontinued
Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd. (and exported by Sumitomo Corp.).	13.3 Revoked
Suzuki Metal Industry Co., Ltd.	6.9
Tokyo Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	4.5
All Others .....	9.76

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 of the Department's regulations. Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

This five-year ("sunset") review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 30, 1998.

**Richard W. Moreland,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[A-583-008]

**Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube From Taiwan; Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time limit.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on circular welded carbon steel pipe and tube from Taiwan. The review covers two manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise and the period May 1, 1997 through April 30, 1998.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 6, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Martin Odenyo or John Kugelmann, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-5254 or 482-0649, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On June 29, 1998, the Department initiated this administrative review of the antidumping duty order on circular welded carbon steel pipe and tube from Taiwan (62 FR 40258). The current deadline for the preliminary results is January 30, 1999. We determined that it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time frame. (See Memorandum to Robert S. LaRussa dated December 30, 1998.)

Accordingly, the deadline for issuing the preliminary results of this review is now May 28, 1999. The deadline for issuing the final results of this review will be no later than 120 days from the publication of the preliminary results.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(3)(A)).

Dated: December 30, 1998.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**International Trade Administration**

[C-533-816]

**Alignment of Final Countervailing Duty Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination: Elastic Rubber Tape from India**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** January 6, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Vincent Kane or Suresh Maniam, Office I, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC. 20230; telephone (202) 482-2815 or 482-0176, respectively.

**Applicable Statute:**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act effective January 1, 1995 (the Act).

**Supplementary Information:**

On November 30, 1998, we completed the preliminary negative countervailing duty determination pertaining to elastic rubber tape from India. On December 4, 1998, the petitioners submitted a letter requesting alignment of the final determination in this investigation with the final determination in the companion antidumping duty investigation. Therefore, in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act, we are aligning the final determination in this investigation with the final antidumping duty determination in the antidumping investigation of elastic rubber tape from India. See *Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation: Elastic Rubber Tape from India*, 63 FR 49549 (September 16, 1998). The final antidumping duty determination is currently due on April 12, 1999.

This notice is published in accordance with section 705(a)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 30, 1998.

**Richard W. Moreland,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of First Request for Panel Review.

**SUMMARY:** On December 23, 1998, Allied Tube and Conduit Company, the Sawhill Tubular Division of Armco, Inc., and Wheatland Tube Company filed a First Request for Panel Review with the United States Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the Final Scope Ruling on the antidumping order respecting Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe and Tube from Mexico; Galvak, S.A. de C.V. This determination was made by the International Trade Administration and served on the Embassy of Mexico in Washington, D.C. on November 30, 1998. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned File Number USA-MEX-98-1904-05 to this request.

**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 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).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on December 23, 1998, requesting panel review of the final scope ruling described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the First Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint in January 22, 1999);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may anticipate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is February 8, 1999); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations for error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: December 28, 1998.

**James R. Holbein,**

*United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 123098E]

#### Notice of Intent to Prepare an Environmental Impact Statement on Habitat Conservation Plans for the Operation of Three Hydroelectric Projects on the Mid-Columbia River in Washington

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

**ACTION:** Notice of intent to conduct public scoping meetings and prepare an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS).

**SUMMARY:** This notice advises the public that NMFS intends to gather

information necessary to prepare an EIS related to a request by two Washington State public utility districts for incidental take permits (Permits) to take endangered and threatened species under section 10(a)(1)(B) of the Endangered Species Act (Act). The applicants are the Public Utility District No. 1 of Chelan County, Washington and the Public Utility District No. 1 of Douglas County, Washington (Districts). Applications are related to the operation of three hydroelectric projects on the mid-Columbia River in the state of Washington. The Districts are requesting Permits for two listed species, Upper Columbia spring chinook salmon (*Oncorhynchus tshawytscha*) and Upper Columbia steelhead (*O. mykiss*). The Districts also plan to seek coverage for other species not currently listed in the mid-Columbia region. These species are summer and fall chinook salmon (*O. tshawytscha*) and sockeye (*O. nerka*) salmon. Based on the requirements of the Act, the Districts have prepared Habitat Conservation Plans (HCPs) that include measures to minimize and mitigate any taking of species that may occur incidental to the operation of the hydroelectric projects.

In June 1998, NMFS, the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, the Districts, the Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakima Indian Nation, the Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Colville Reservation, the Confederated Tribes of the Umatilla Reservation and American Rivers, Inc. signed a declaration acknowledging the work to date on the HCP and their commitment to complete the regulatory actions necessary to issuing a permit.

**DATES:** Written comments from all interested parties must be received on or before February 5, 1999. Public scoping meetings will be held in Wenatchee and Brewster, WA. The Wenatchee meeting is scheduled for 7 p.m., January 20, 1999, at the Chelan Public Utility District Auditorium, 327 N. Wenatchee Ave. The Brewster meeting will be held at 7 p.m. on January 21, 1999, at the Senior Center, 109 South Bridge St.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and requests for information should be sent to Jane Banyard, NMFS, 510 Desmond Drive SE, Suite 103, Lacey, WA, 98503; telephone (360) 534-9338; facsimile (360) 753-9517. Comments and materials received will be available for public inspection, by appointment, during normal business hours at the same address. Questions regarding the HCPs should be directed to Steve Landino, NMFS, 510 Desmond Drive SE, Suite 103, Lacey, WA, 98503;