

6645-00-NIB-0107—12" Wall Clock—Putty Case—Federal Logo;
 NPA: The Chicago Lighthouse for People Who Are Blind or Visually Impaired, Chicago, Illinois
Contract Activity: Office Supplies & Paper Products Acquisition Center, New York, New York, Product/NSN: Wobble Wedges M.R. 1835
 NPA: West Texas Lighthouse for the Blind, San Angelo, Texas
Contract Activity: Defense Commissary Agency (DeCA), Ft. Lee, Virginia

Deletions

On September 19, 2003 the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notice (68 FR 54887) of proposed deletion to the Procurement List. After consideration of the relevant matter presented, the Committee has determined that the services listed below are no longer suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46-48c and 41 CFR 51-2.4.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action may result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities.
2. The action may result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.
3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the service deleted from the Procurement List.

End of Certification

Accordingly, the following service is deleted from the Procurement List:

Service
Service Type/Location: Grounds Maintenance, Vacant Family Housing Quarters, Fort Campbell, Kentucky
 NPA: Progressive Directions, Inc., Clarksville, Tennessee
Contract Activity: Department of the Army, Fort Campbell, Kentucky

Sheryl D. Kennerly,
 Director, Information Management.
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COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List; Proposed Addition

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase from People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Proposed Addition to Procurement List.

SUMMARY: The Committee is proposing to add to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Comments must be received on or before: December 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Jefferson Plaza 2, Suite 10800, 1421 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia, 22202-3259.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheryl D. Kennerly, (703) 603-7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice is published pursuant to 41 U.S.C. 47(a)(2) and 41 CFR 51-2.3. Its purpose is to provide interested persons an opportunity to submit comments of the proposed actions. If the Committee approves the proposed additions, the entities of the Federal Government identified in the notice for each product or service will be required to procure the service listed below from nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

Regulatory Flexibility Act Certification

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. If approved, the action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the service to the Government.
2. If approved, the action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.
3. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46-48c) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List. Comments on this certification are invited. Commenters should identify the statement(s) underlying the certification on which they are providing additional information.

End of Certification

The following service is proposed for addition to Procurement List for production by the nonprofit agencies listed:

Service
Service Type/Location: Virtual Call Center Services, Internal Revenue Service, Oxon Hill, Maryland.
 NPA: National Telecommuting Institute, Inc., Boston, Massachusetts.
Contract Activity: U.S. Treasury, IRS Headquarters, Oxon Hill, Maryland.

Sheryl D. Kennerly,
 Director, Information Management.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-489-813]

Notice of Request for Information and Extension of Time for Initiation: Antidumping Duty Petition on Certain Processed Hazelnuts from Turkey

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 14, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Ferrier at (202) 482-1394 or Ann Barnett-Dahl at (202) 482-3833, Fax: (202) 482-0613, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. In addition, inquiries regarding any information on this notice may be sent via email to the following address: Michael_Ferrier@ita.doc.gov or Ann_Barnett-Dahl@ita.doc.gov.

The Petition

On October 21, 2003, the Department of Commerce ("Department") received an antidumping duty petition ("Petition") filed in proper form by Westnut LLC, Northwest Hazelnut Company, Hazelnut Growers of Oregon, Willamette Filbert Growers, Evergreen Orchards, and Evonuk Orchards (collectively, "Petitioners"). The Petitioners are domestic producers of processed hazelnuts.

Scope of the Petition

The scope of this Petition covers certain processed hazelnuts, including kernels, and kernels that have been roasted, blanched, sliced, diced, chopped, or in the following other forms: paste, meal, flour, croquant, and

butter. Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTS") categories 0802.22 and 2008.19.20 should cover these imports. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive. In-shell hazelnuts are excluded from this scope.

Domestic Like Product

The Petitioners maintain that, pursuant to section 771(10) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the product that is, "like, or in the absence of like, most similar in characteristics and uses" with the article subject to the Petition for an antidumping duty investigation is processed hazelnuts.

Determination of Industry Support for the Petition

Section 732(b)(1) of the Act requires that a petition be filed on behalf of the domestic industry. Section 732(c)(4)(A) of the Act provides that the Department's industry support determination, which is to be made before the initiation of the investigation, be based on whether a minimum percentage of the relevant industry supports the petition. A petition meets this requirement if the domestic producers or workers who support the petition account for: (i) At least 25 percent of the total production of the domestic like product; and (ii) more than 50 percent of the production of the domestic like product produced by that portion of the industry expressing support for, or opposition to, the petition. Moreover, section 732(c)(4)(D) of the Act provides that, if the petition does not establish support of domestic producers or workers accounting for more than 50 percent of the total production of the domestic like product, the Department shall: (i) poll the industry or rely on other information in order to determine if there is support for the petition, as required by subparagraph (A), or (ii) determine industry support using a statistically valid sampling method to poll the industry.

Request for Information

Because the Department has been unable to locate a reliable source of information upon which to rely for purposes of determining industry support, we are now requesting additional information.

In accordance with section 732(c)(4)(D) of the Act and in order to determine whether the petition establishes support of domestic producers or workers accounting for more than 50 percent of the total

production of the domestic like product, we are hereby requesting that all domestic producers/manufacturers of processed hazelnuts submit responses to the Department on company letterhead. These questions are attached as an Appendix to this notice. The questions attached to this notice are also on file in B-099 of the Commerce Department's building at 14th St. and Constitution Ave., NW., Washington DC. In addition, a complete version of the questions and this notice can be accessed directly on the World Wide Web at <http://www.ia.ita.doc.gov>.

Filing Requirements

Given the very short period in which we must determine industry support, the number of potential responses, and the fact that industry support may not be re-examined after initiation, we are waiving the filing requirements set forth in 19 CFR 351.303 for certain parties submitting information on industry support. This waiver of the filing requirements will not apply to: (1) the submission of documents that are not in response to the information requested in this notice, or (2) parties that are familiar with the conduct of antidumping and countervailing proceedings through prior involvement in such proceedings (e.g., parties represented by law firms that are involved in other AD/CVD cases).

This limited waiver is applicable only until November 20, 2003, the deadline for submitting the information requested in this notice. This waiver is intended to expedite the receipt of information that is essential to our analysis of industry support by providing information on the production of the domestic like product by petitioning and non-petitioning companies. By avoiding delays in the receipt of such information, we will have more time to analyze whether the statutory requirements concerning industry support for the above-referenced petitions have been met.

All parties submitting any information must include the following statement in their response: "I, (name and title), currently employed by (person), certify that (1) I have read the attached submission, and (2) based on the information made available to me by (person), I have no reason to believe that this submission contains any material misrepresentation or omission of fact." In addition, note that all proprietary documents received by the Department in response to this notice will be served to those individuals with access to business proprietary information under the Administrative Protective Order ("APO"). All company names will be

treated as public information. All public documents may be made available to those parties on the public service list. The APO service lists and the public service lists are available on Import Administration's Web site: <http://www.ia.ita.doc.gov>.

Therefore, information submitted to the Department in response to this notice should be faxed to the following number: 202-482-0613. All information received by the Department will be treated as proprietary information as outlined under our regulations (19 CFR 351.304-306), unless otherwise noted in the response. Furthermore, all such information will be placed on the official record of the proceeding. Responses to this notice are due no later than November 20, 2003. Responses after this date may not be reviewed by the Department and therefore, not included in the analysis.

Extension of Time

Section 732(c)(1)(A)(ii) of the Act provides that within 20 days of the filing of an antidumping duty petition, the Department will determine, *inter alia*, whether the petition has been filed by or on behalf of the U.S. industry producing the domestic like product. Section 732(c)(1)(B) provides that the deadline for the initiation determination can be extended by 20 days in any case in which the Department must "poll or otherwise determine support for the petition by the industry. * * *

We will require additional information from the Petitioners and the domestic producers of processed hazelnuts in order to make our determination regarding industry support and/or time to analyze the Petitioners' responses to our requests for information. See *Memorandum to Barbara E. Tillman, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III from Richard O. Weible, Office Director, Group III, Office 8 regarding Antidumping Duty Petition on Certain Processed Hazelnuts from Turkey: Extension of Deadline for Determining Industry Support*, dated November 10, 2003. Therefore, it is necessary to extend the deadline for decision on initiation for a period not to exceed 40 days from the filing of the petition. As a result, the initiation determination is now due no later than December 1, 2003.

International Trade Commission Notification

Because the Department has extended the deadline for the initiation determination, the Department will contact the Commission and will make

this extension notice available to the Commission.

Dated: November 10, 2003.

Barbara E. Tillman,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

Appendix—Petition on Processed Hazelnuts from Turkey

All of the information you provide on this sheet will be entered on the record of this investigation as business proprietary information.

1. Please provide the following information about your company:

Company name _____

Name and title of the company president, director or manager _____

Your name and title _____

Business address _____

Phone number _____

Facsimile number _____

2. Please check all that apply to describe the business activities of your company:

Processing of hazelnut kernels ☐
 Importation of hazelnut kernels ☐
 Sales of hazelnut kernels ☐
 Other hazelnut kernel activities (please explain) ☐

3. If your company imported hazelnut kernels between October 2002 and September 2003 and sold the imported kernels as is without any further processing, please provide the quantity imported in the hazelnut kernel equivalent in pounds.

Yes: _____ (Skip to question #5)

Quantity: _____ Lbs.

No: _____ (Please answer question #4)

4. If your company processed hazelnuts during the period October 2002 to September 2003, please provide the quantity of hazelnuts processed from domestic and imported sources in the hazelnut kernel equivalent:

Type of product	Quantity in lbs. (Imports)	Quantity in lbs. (Domestic Sources)
Raw or natural ..		
Shelled		
Roasted		
Blanched		
Diced		
Sliced		
Meal		
Flour		
Butter		
Paste		
Croquant		
Other (please explain)		

Note: Make sure that you report only production quantity of the final marketed product. Please make sure that you do not double count the quantity of intermediate hazelnut products.

5. Is your company affiliated with a Turkish producer, manufacturer or exporter of hazelnuts?

Yes _____

No _____

6. Does your company (please check one):

A. Support this petition? _____

B. Oppose this petition? _____

C. Have no opinion? _____

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcing the First Symposium on Building Trust and Confidence in Voting Systems

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

ACTION: Notice of public symposium.

SUMMARY: The Help America Vote Act of 2002 ("HAVA") tasks the National Institute of Standards and Technology with assisting the Election Assistance Commission in the development of voluntary voting system guidelines. The First Symposium on Building Trust and Confidence in Systems offers the election community an opportunity to initiate collaboration prior to the implementation of HAVA. Four panel discussions will focus on the following key issues for improving voting systems: Specification, testability and qualification; security and openness; usability and accessibility; next steps/consensus issues. A draft agenda and invited panelists for the Symposium will be available at the NIST Web site at: <http://vote.nist.gov> by November 15, 2003.

DATES: The Symposium will be held on December 10 and 11, 2003, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The Symposium will be held in the Red Auditorium, Building 101 at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, Maryland.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information and electronic registration is available at the NIST Web site <http://vote.nist.gov> or by contacting Kimberly Snouffer on 301-975-2776. Because of NIST security regulations, advance registration is required. There will be no same day, on-site registration.

Dated: November 5, 2003.

Arden L. Bement, Jr.,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

National Fire Codes: Request for Proposals for Revision of Codes and Standards

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) proposes to revise some of its fire safety codes and standards, and requests proposals from the public to amend existing, or begin the process of developing new, NFPA fire safety codes and standards. The purpose of this request is to increase public participation in the system used by NFPA to develop its codes and standards. The publication of this notice of request for proposals by the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) on behalf of NFPA is being undertaken as a public service; NIST does not necessarily endorse, approve, or recommend any of the standards referenced in the notice.

DATES: Interested persons may submit proposals on or before the dates listed with the standards.

ADDRESSES: Casey C. Grant, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1 Batterymarch Park, Quincy, Massachusetts 02269-9101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Casey C. Grant, Secretary, Standards Council, at above address, (617) 770-3000.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) develops building, fire, and electrical safety codes and standards. Federal agencies frequently use these codes and standards as the basis for developing federal regulations concerning fire safety. Often, the Office of the Federal Register approves the incorporation by reference of these standards under 5 U.S.C. 552(a) and 1 CFR part 51.

Request for Proposals

Interested persons may submit proposals, supported by written data, views, or arguments to Casey C. Grant, Secretary, Standards Council, NFPA, 1