

published in the International Financial Statistics by the International Monetary Fund, in calculating home market credit.

#### Currency Conversion

We made currency conversions based on the official monthly exchange rates in effect on the dates of the U.S. sales as published by the International Monetary Fund.

#### Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of our review, we preliminarily determine that the following margin exists for the period September 1, 1992 through August 31, 1993:

Manufacturer/exporter	Review period	Margin (Percent)
Andina .....	9/01/92-8/31/93 .....	8.52
Silarsa .....	9/01/92-8/31/93 .....	24.62

Interested parties may request a disclosure within five days of publication of this notice and may request a hearing within 10 days of the date of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the date of publication, or the first workday thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs within 30 days of the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 37 days after the date of publication. The Department will publish a notice of the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such case briefs.

The Department shall determine, and the U.S. Customs Service shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Individual differences between USP and FMV may vary from the percentages stated above. The Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to the U.S. Customs Service.

Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of silicon metal from Argentina entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this AR, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rates for Silarsa and Andina will be the rates established in the final results of this review, except if the rate is less than 0.5 percent and, therefore, *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 353.6, the cash deposit will be zero; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the

most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous conducted by the Department, the cash deposit rate will be the "all others" rate, as set forth below.

On March 25, 1993, the U.S. Court of International Trade (CIT), in *Floral Trade Council v. United States*, 822 F.Supp. 766 (CIT 1993), and *Federal-Mogul Corporation v. United States*, 822 F.Supp. 782 (CIT 1993), decided that once an "all others" rate is established for a company, it can only be changed through an administrative review. The Department has determined that in order to implement this decision, it is appropriate to reinstate the original "all others" rate from the LTFV investigation (or that rate as amended for correction of clerical errors or as a result of litigation) in proceedings governed by antidumping duty orders. In proceedings governed by antidumping findings, unless we are able to ascertain the "all others" rate from the original investigation, the Department has determined that it is appropriate to adopt the "new shipper" rate established in the first final results of administrative review published by the Department (or that rate as amended for correction of clerical errors or as a result of litigation) as the "all others" rate for the purposes of establishing cash deposits in all current and future administrative reviews. Because this proceeding is governed by an antidumping duty order, the "all others" rate for the purposes of this review will be 17.87 percent, the "all others" rate established in the LTFV investigation.

These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 353.26 to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent of double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1)

of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 353.22.

Dated: July 18, 1996.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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#### Announcement of Best Global Practices Award

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** This Notice announces the implementation of the Best Global Practices Award by the International Trade Administration (ITA) of the Department of Commerce to recognize the programs and practices of U.S. companies that have exhibited extraordinary leadership and accomplishment in corporate citizenship in overseas activities. This notice sets forth the criteria for the award, who may apply, how companies may apply, the procedures by which the Secretary of Commerce will decide on who will receive the award, and the expected timetable.

**DATES:** The closing date for applications is October 11, 1996. The Department of Commerce expects to announce the winner or winners of the award in the fall of 1996.

**ADDRESSES:** Request for Applications: Application forms will be available from ITA starting on the day this notice is published. To obtain a copy of the application form please telephone (202) 482-4501, or facsimile (202) 482-1999 (these are not toll free numbers); or send a written request with two self-addressed mailing labels to the Office of Export Promotion Coordination, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 2003, Washington, D.C. 20230. You may call 1-800-USA-TRADE and follow the voice prompt to have the application faxed directly to you. You also may go to the International Trade Administration Internet Home Page <http://www.ita.doc.gov/itahome.html>, click on Best Global Practices and download the application form. You can use any of these methods to access sample codes of conduct donated by international companies and organizations interested in furthering good corporate citizenship worldwide.

Only one copy of the application form will be provided to each organization requesting it, but it may be reproduced by the requester. An original and two copies of the application and supplemental material are to be sent to the Office of Export Promotion Coordination, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 2003, Washington, D.C. 20230.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** David C. Bowie, Deputy Director, Office of Export Promotion Coordination, tel. (202) 482-4501. This is not a toll-free number.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On May 26, 1995, President Clinton announced the adoption of Model Principles for U.S. firms in their overseas operations, as follows:

#### Model Business Principles

Recognizing the positive role of U.S. business in upholding and promoting adherence to universal standards of human rights, the Administration encourages all businesses to adopt and implement voluntary codes of conduct for doing business around the world that cover at least the following areas:

1. Provision of a safe and healthful workplace.
2. Fair employment practices, including avoidance of child and forced labor and avoidance of discrimination based on race, gender, national origin or religious beliefs; and respect for the right of association and the right to organize and bargain collectively.
3. Responsible environmental protection and environmental practices.
4. Compliance with U.S. and local laws promoting good business practices, including laws prohibiting illicit payments and ensuring fair competition.
5. Maintenance, through leadership at all levels, of a corporate culture that respects free expression consistent with legitimate business concerns, and does not condone political coercion in the workplace; that encourages good corporate citizenship and makes a positive contribution to the communities in which the company operates; and where ethical conduct is recognized, valued and exemplified by all employees.

In adopting voluntary codes of conduct that reflect these principles, U.S. companies should serve as models, encouraging similar behavior by their partners, suppliers, and subcontractors.

Adoption of codes of conduct reflecting these principles is voluntary. Companies are encouraged to develop their own codes of conduct appropriate to their particular circumstances. Many companies already apply standards or codes that incorporate these principles. Companies should find appropriate means to inform their shareholders and the public of actions undertaken in connection with these principles. Nothing in the principles is intended to require a company to act in

violation of host country or U.S. law. This statement of principles is not intended for legislation."

The Best Global Practices award will be presented to a company that has established programs that show leadership and accomplishment in meeting the goals of one or more of these five Model Principles during the company's last three years of operations.

Who may apply: Any U.S. company may apply for the award. For purposes of this award, a U.S. company is defined as one that is incorporated in the United States. A U.S. company may apply on its own behalf, and outside organizations and individuals may apply on behalf of an eligible company (with that company's consent).

Selection of award winners: The Secretary of Commerce will select a winner or winners with the advice of an interagency group consisting of representatives from the Departments of Justice, State, Labor, and the Environmental Protection Agency. The Secretary may also seek the advice of private sector experts in the fields covered by the Model Business Principles.

How to Apply: Completed applications should be sent to the Office of Export Promotion Coordination, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Room 2003, Washington, D.C. 20230, postmarked not later than October 11, 1996.

Each item set forth in the application form should be addressed. Failure to submit all applicable information may delay processing of the application. Supplemental materials (annual reports, documentary material, etc.) are encouraged. Inquiries regarding the application process should also be forwarded to this office. Applicants will be notified by mail of the receipt of their applications and also any deficiencies in the application. When the award process is complete, all applicants will be notified by mail.

Information collection: The information is being collected in order to allow the Department of Commerce to judge applicants for the Best Global Practices Award. The information submitted by applicants will be used by the Department and the panel of judges drawn from government agencies to select the applicant whose conduct best exemplifies the Best Global Practices. The information called for in the application is voluntary, but must be submitted in order to be considered for the Best Global Practices Award. Applicants are advised not to include business confidential information

because confidentiality cannot be guaranteed.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act unless that collection of information displays a currently valid OMB Control Number.

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Dated: July 19, 1996.

David C. Bowie,  
*Deputy Director, Office of Export Promotion and Coordination.*

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## National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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### Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals; Offshore Seismic Activities in the Beaufort Sea

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

**ACTION:** Notice of issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that an Incidental Harassment Authorization to take small numbers of bowhead whales and other marine mammals by harassment incidental to conducting seismic surveys in the Northstar Unit and nearby waters, in the Beaufort Sea in state and federal waters has been issued to BP Exploration (Alaska) 900 East Benson Boulevard, Anchorage, AK 99519 (BPXA).

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** This authorization is effective from July 18, 1996, until November 1, 1996, unless extended.

**ADDRESSES:** The application, authorization, revised monitoring plan, and environmental assessment (EA) are available by writing to the Chief, Marine Mammal Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3225, by telephoning one of the contacts listed below or by leaving a voice mail request at (301) 713-4070.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kenneth R. Hollingshead, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-