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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Natural Resources Conservation Service

#### Notice of Proposed Change to Section IV of the Field Office Technical Guide (FOTG) of the Natural Resources Conservation Service in Tennessee

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Availability of proposed changes in Section IV of the FOTG of the NRCS in Tennessee for review and comment.

**SUMMARY:** It is the intention of NRCS in Tennessee to issue a revised conservation practice standard, Filter Strip (Code 393), in Section IV of the FOTG.

**DATES:** Comments will be received on or before June 21, 2000.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Inquire in writing to James W. Ford, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), 675 U.S. Courthouse, 801 Broadway, Nashville, Tennessee 37203. Copies of the practice standards will be made available upon written request.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 343 of the Federal Agriculture Improvement and Reform Act of 1996 states that revisions made after enactment of the law to NRCS state technical guides used to perform highly erodible land and wetland provisions of the law shall be made available for public review and comment. For the next 30 days, the NRCS in Tennessee will receive comments relative to the proposed changes. Following that period, a determination will be made by the NRCS in Tennessee regarding disposition of those comments and a final determination of change will be made.

Dated: May 10, 2000.

**James W. Ford,**

*State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, Nashville, Tennessee.*

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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 May 12, 2000, Nycomed Amersham Canada Limited filed a First Request for Panel Review with the Canadian Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. A second request was filed by Bracco Diagnostics Inc. and Bracco Diagnostics Canada Inc. Panel review was requested of the final determination made by the Canada Customs and Revenue Agency, respecting Certain Contrast Media Used for Radiographic Imaging, Originating in or Exported from the United States of America (Including Puerto Rico). This determination was published in the *Canada Gazette*, Part I, (Vol. 134, No. 16) on April 15, 2000. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number CDA-USA-00-1904-01 to this request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic 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 Canadian Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on May 12, 2000, requesting panel review of the final determination 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 is June 12, 2000);

(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 participate 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 June 26, 2000); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of 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.

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**Caratina L. Alston,**

*United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.*

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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 May 4, 2000, Agromex Fertilizantes, S.A. de C.V. filed a First Request for Panel Review with the Mexican Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the final antidumping investigation determination made by the Secretaria de Comercio y Fomento Industrial, respecting Urea, Originating in the United States of America and the Russian Federation. This determination was published in the *Diario Oficial*, on

April 17, 2000. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number MEX-USA-00-1904-01 to this request.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482-5438.

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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 Mexican Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on May 4, 2000, requesting panel review of the final determination 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 is June 5, 2000);

(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 participate 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 June 19, 2000); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of 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: May 15, 2000.

**Caratina L. Alston,**

*United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meetings.

**SUMMARY:** The North Pacific Fishery Management Council (Council) and its advisory committees will hold public meetings.

**DATES:** The Council and its advisory committees will meet in Portland, OR the week of June 5, 2000. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** for specific dates and times.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Doubletree Hotel-Portland Downtown, 310 SW. Lincoln, Portland, OR.

*Council address:* North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Council staff, telephone: 907-271-2809.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The Advisory Panel will begin at 8:00 a.m., Monday, June 5, and continue through Thursday, June 8. The Scientific Committee will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, June 5, and continue through Wednesday, June 7.

The Council will begin their plenary session at 8:00 a.m. on Wednesday, June 7, continuing through Monday, June 12. All meetings are open to the public except Executive Sessions which may be held during the week to discuss litigation and/or personnel matters.

*Council:* The agenda for the Council's plenary session will include the following issues. The Council may take appropriate action on any of the issues identified.

#### 1. Reports

- (a) Executive Director's Report.
- (b) State Fisheries Report by Alaska Dept. of Fish and Game.
- (c) NMFS Management Report.
- (d) Enforcement and Surveillance reports by NMFS and the Coast Guard.

#### 2. Observer Program:

(a) Final action on regulatory amendments.

(b) Observer Committee Report.

3. American Fisheries Act:

(a) Final action on inshore cooperative structure.

(b) Initial review of groundfish processor sideboards and excessive share caps.

(c) Review crab processing capacity and activities during 2000 opilio season.

(d) Review methods for allocating pollock to inshore cooperatives, calculations of Pacific cod sideboards, and crab sideboard exemptions.

(e) Status report on development of Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement for the American Fisheries Act.

4. Steller Sea Lion Protection:

(a) Status report on Reasonable and Prudent Alternatives for Pacific cod.

(b) Report on Russian sea lion research and management.

5. Staff Tasking:

(a) Review current tasking and proposals received; direction to staff on new amendments/analyses.

(b) Determine next steps for rationalization of Gulf of Alaska Pacific cod.

(c) Provide staff direction on development of Gulf of Alaska cooperatives.

(d) Provide staff direction for next steps in essential fish habitat stakeholder process; determine need for revisions to crab fishery management plan and halibut regulations to protect corals and sponges.

6. Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization Issues:

Review current legislative proposals and recommendations from Council Chairmen's meeting.

7. Groundfish Management:

(a) Status report on development of groundfish Supplemental Environmental Impact Statement.

(b) Initial review of amendment to revise process for setting annual fishery specifications.

8. Crab Management:

(a) Final action on rebuilding plans for St. Matthew blue and Opilio crabs.

(b) Updates on crab cooperatives and permit buyback program.

(c) Crab Interim Action Committee report on appeals.

Advisory Meetings

*Advisory Panel:* With the exception of the reports listed under Item 1, the agenda for the Advisory Panel will mirror that of the Council listed above.

*Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC):* The Scientific and Statistical Committee will address the following items on the Council agenda: