

Background

On July 25, 2001, the Department received a request from Uday Engineering Works ("Uday"), pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(b), to conduct a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India. At the Department's direction, Uday amended its request for a new shipper review on September 20, 2001. This order has an August semi-annual anniversary month.

Initiation of Review

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii), Uday certified in its July 25, 2001 request that it is not now and never has been affiliated with any exporter or producer who exported the subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation ("POI") (July 1, 1993 through December 31, 1993). In its September 20, 2001 filing, Uday certified, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(i), that it did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. On September 20, 2001, Uday also submitted documentation establishing: (i) The date on which its stainless steel bar was first shipped for export to the United States; (ii) the volume of that shipment; and (iii) the date of the first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States.

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214, we are initiating a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on stainless steel bar from India. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(h)(i), we intend to issue the preliminary results of this review not later than 180 days after the date on which the review is initiated. All provisions of 19 CFR 351.214 will apply to Uday throughout the duration of this new shipper review. The standard period of review ("POR") in a new shipper review based on the semiannual anniversary month is the six month period immediately preceding the semiannual anniversary month, *i.e.* for the instant review, February 1 through July 31, 2001.

Concurrent with publication of this notice, and in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(e), we will instruct the Customs Service to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for each entry of the merchandise exported by the company listed above, until the completion of the review.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in

accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306.

This initiation notice is in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214.

Dated: October 17, 2001.

Richard W. Moreland,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

National Voluntary Conformity Assessment Systems Evaluation

ACTION: Request for comment on proposed information collection.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Pub. L. 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted by December 24, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Jogindar S. Dhillon, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 2100, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-2100, telephone: (301) 975-5521.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The National Voluntary Conformity Assessment Systems Evaluation (NVCASE) Program is a voluntary program to evaluate organizations that carry out activities related to laboratory testing, product certification, and quality system registration. Interested organizations provide information to NIST to support their conformance with established criteria for any of these activities. The information provided is used to conduct an NVCASE evaluation. Based on NVCASE evaluations, NIST provides recognition to qualified U.S.

organizations. The ultimate goal is to help U.S. manufacturers satisfy applicable product requirements mandated by other countries through conformity assessment procedures conducted in this country prior to export.

NVCASE recognition (1) provides other governments with a basis for having confidence that qualifying U.S. conformity assessment bodies (CABs) are competent, and (2) facilitates the acceptance of U.S. products in foreign regulated markets based on U.S. conformity assessment results.

The NVCASE recognition program facilitates U.S. trade with Europe, Asia and the Americas under government-to-government agreements, and allows the unhindered flow of U.S. products to countries in those regions.

II. Method of Collection

Applicants submit written information to NIST.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0693-0019.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission for an extension of a currently approved collection.

Affected Public: Accreditation Bodies.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 100.

Estimated Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 100.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimate of the total annual cost to submit this information for fiscal year 2001 and future years is \$3500. The cost is borne by the entities submitting the information. The small increase in cost from the previous estimate is due to cost escalation and experience in working with these organizations.

IV. Requests for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and costs) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB

approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: October 16, 2001.

Karen H. Brown,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award will meet Tuesday, November 13, 2001, 9 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Wednesday, November 14, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Thursday, November 15, 2001, 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.; Friday, November 16, 2001, 8 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. The Judges Panel is composed of nine members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce. The purpose of this meeting is to review the site visit process, review the final judging process and meeting procedures, final judging of the 2001 applicants, learnings and improvements for 2002, and update on the 2002 program. The review process involves examination of records and discussions of applicant data, and will be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code.

DATES: The meeting will convene November 13, 2001 at 9 a.m. and adjourn at 3 p.m. on November 16, 2001. The entire meeting will be closed.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 222, Red Training Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975-2361.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 12, 2001, that the meeting of the Judges Panel will be closed pursuant

to Section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, as amended by Section 5(c) of the Government in the Sunshine Act Pub. L. 94-409. The meeting, which involves examination of records and discussion of Award applicant data, may be closed to the public in accordance with Section 552b(c)(4) of Title 5, United States Code, since the meeting is likely to disclose trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person and privileged or confidential.

Dated: October 16, 2001.

Karen H. Brown,
Acting Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 100201C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 1008-1637

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that John Wise, Ph.D., Yale University, School of Medicine, P.O. Box 208034, New Haven, CT, 06520-8034 has been issued a permit to take marine mammal species of the orders Cetacea and Pinnipedia for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment (See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Amy Sloan or Ruth Johnson, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August 16, 2001, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (66 FR 42997) that a request for a scientific research permit to import, export, or otherwise take marine mammals of the orders Cetacea and Pinnipedia had been submitted by the above-named individual. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts

222-226), and the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*).

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Documents may be reviewed in the following locations:

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376;

Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE, BIN C15700, Bldg. 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0700; phone (206)526-6150; fax (206)526-6426;

Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668; phone (907)586-7221; fax (907)586-7249;

Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213; phone (562)980-4001; fax (562)980-4018;

Protected Species Coordinator, Pacific Area Office, NMFS, 1601 Kapiolani Blvd., Rm. 1110, Honolulu, HI 96814-4700; phone (808)973-2935; fax (808)973-2941;

Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930-2298; phone (978)281-9200; fax (978)281-9371;

Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432; phone (727)570-5301; fax (727)570-5320.

Dated: October 15, 2001.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Wool Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in Romania

October 18, 2001.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs adjusting limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 23, 2001.