

fuel quality standards for hydrogen used to refuel highway vehicles.

*Item 270–5. Seed Count for Agricultural Seeds—*The L&R Committee will consider a proposed method of sale and related test procedures for the inspection of packaged agricultural seed (specifically corn seed, soybean seed, field bean seed, and wheat seed) by “count.” (This item also includes proposed changes to NIST Handbook 133.)

*Item 270–6. Polyethylene Products, Method of Sale Regulation Section 2.13.4, “Declaration of Weight.”—*The L&R Committee will consider a proposal to revise the density values used to calculate the net weights on some packages of polyethylene products to recognize that heavier density plastics are now being used in some sheeting and bags. (See also Item 270–7 Handbook 133, Chapter 4.7. Polyethylene Sheeting—Test Procedure—Footnote to Step 3.)

*Item 270–9. Packaged Printer Ink and Toner Cartridges—*The L&R Committee will consider a proposed method of sale that would clarify the labeling requirements for packaged inkjet and toner cartridges to ensure that consumers are informed about the net quantity of contents of these products so that value comparisons can be made.

*Item 270–11. Measurement of the Volume of Bagged Mulch—*The L&R Committee will consider a proposal to revise the procedures used to verify the net quantity of contents of packaged mulch. The revisions include a proposal to require open dating so that allowances for moisture loss and decomposition can be made.

Dated: December 17, 2009.

Patrick Gallagher,
Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648–XT36

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Hearings

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

ACTION: Notice; public hearings.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council (Council) will hold three public hearings to solicit

comment on Draft Amendment 4 and a Draft Environmental Assessment to the Atlantic Herring Fishery Management Plan (FMP).

DATES: The hearings will be held between January 6, 2010 and January 11, 2010. For specific dates and times, see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

ADDRESSES: The Draft Amendment 4 document can be downloaded from our website at www.nefmc.org or obtained by contacting the New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

Meeting addresses: The Council will take comments at the public hearings to be held in Gloucester, MA, Fairhaven, MA and Portland, ME. For specific locations, see SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Written public comments must be received on or before 5 p.m. EST, on Wednesday, January 13, 2010.

Comments may be sent to Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, 50 Water Street, Mill #2, Newburyport, MA 01950 or emailed to: comments@nefmc.org attention/subject line: (Herring Draft Amendment 4 Comments).

The agendas for the following three hearings are as follows: NEMFC staff will brief the public on the draft herring amendment and the contents of the draft environmental assessment prior to opening the hearing for public comments and the schedules are as follows:

Public Hearing Meetings: Locations and Schedules.

1. *Wednesday, January 6, 2010, from 5–7 p.m.;* Massachusetts Department of Marine Fisheries Annisquam River Station, 30 Emerson Avenue, Gloucester, MA 01950; telephone: (978) 282–0308.

2. *Thursday, January 7, 2010, from 5–7 p.m.;* Hampton Inn, Fairhaven, One Hampton Way, Fairhaven, MA 02719; telephone: (508) 990–8500

3. *Monday, January 11, 2010, from 5–7 p.m.;* Holiday Inn by the Bay, 88 Spring Street, Portland, ME 04101; telephone: (207) 775–2311.

Special Accommodations

These hearings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard

(see ADDRESSES), at least 5 working days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 16, 2009.

William D. Chappell,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

RIN: 0648–XT35

New England Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of a public meeting.

SUMMARY: The New England Fishery Management Council’s (Council) Herring Committee will meet to consider actions affecting New England fisheries in the exclusive economic zone (EEZ).

DATES: The meeting will be held on Monday, January 25, 2010, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Sheraton Harborside Hotel, 250 Market Street, Portsmouth, NH 03801; telephone: (603) 431–2300.

Council address: New England Fishery Management Council, 50 Water Street, Mill 2, Newburyport, MA 01950.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul J. Howard, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council; telephone: (978) 465–0492.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The items of discussion in the committee’s agenda are as follows:

1. Review the range of alternatives under consideration, related analyses, and public comments regarding Amendment 4 to the Herring FMP; management measures proposed in Amendment 4 will modify the Atlantic herring fishery specification process for consistency with the provisions in the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act to establish annual catch limits (ACLs) and accountability measures (AMs) in the herring fishery;

2. Develop Committee recommendations for Council consideration regarding the selection of final measures for Amendment 4;

3. Other business may also be discussed.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this group for discussion, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during this meeting. Action will be restricted to those issues specifically identified in this notice and any issues arising after publication of this notice that require emergency action under section 305(c) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, provided the public has been notified of the Council's intent to take final action to address the emergency.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Paul J. Howard (see **ADDRESSES**) at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

Authority: 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: December 16, 2009.

William D. Chappell,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Cased Pencils From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

DATES: *Effective Date:* December 22, 2009.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") has preliminarily determined that the respondents in this review, for the period December 1, 2007, through November 30, 2008, have made sales of subject merchandise at less than normal value. If these preliminary results are adopted in the final results of this review, we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection ("CBP") to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries.

The Department invites interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. The Department intends to issue the final results no later than 120 days from the publication date of this notice, pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Alexander Montoro or Joseph Shuler,

AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0238 and (202) 482-1293, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 28, 1994, the Department published in the **Federal Register** an antidumping duty order on certain cased pencils ("pencils") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). See *Antidumping Duty Order: Certain Cased Pencils from the People's Republic of China*, 59 FR 66909 (December 28, 1994). On December 1, 2008, the Department published a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of this order covering the period December 1, 2007, through November 30, 2008. See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review*, 73 FR 72764 (December 1, 2008). On December 9, 2008, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), Shandong Rongxin Import and Export Co., Ltd. ("Rongxin"), a foreign exporter/producer, requested that the Department review its sales of subject merchandise. On December 31, 2008, the following exporters/producers requested reviews of themselves, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b): China First Pencil Co., Ltd. ("China First"), Shanghai Three Star Stationery Industry Co., Ltd. ("Three Star"), and Orient International Holding Shanghai Foreign Trade Corporation ("SFTC"). On December 31, 2008, the petitioners¹ requested a review of the following companies: China First (including subsidiaries Shanghai First Writing Instrument Co., Ltd. ("Fusite"); Shanghai Great Wall Pencil Co., Ltd. ("Great Wall"); and China First Pencil Fang Zheng Co., Ltd. ("Fang Zheng")); Three Star; Guangdong Provincial Stationery & Sporting Goods Import & Export Corporation ("Guangdong Stationery"); Rongxin; Tianjin Custom Wood Processing Co., Ltd. ("Tianjin Wood"); Beijing Dixon Stationery Company Ltd. ("Dixon"); and Anhui Import & Export Co., Ltd. ("Anhui I&E").

On February 2, 2009, the Department published a notice of initiation for this administrative review covering the companies listed in the requests received from the interested parties

named above. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 74 FR 5821 (February 2, 2009). On July 14, 2009, we extended the time limit for the preliminary results in this review until December 15, 2009. See *Certain Cased Pencils From the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 74 FR 36164 (July 22, 2009).

Scope of the Order

Imports covered by the order are shipments of certain cased pencils of any shape or dimension (except as described below) which are writing and/or drawing instruments that feature cores of graphite or other materials, encased in wood and/or man-made materials, whether or not decorated and whether or not tipped (e.g., with erasers, etc.) in any fashion, and either sharpened or unsharpened. The pencils subject to the order are currently classifiable under subheading 9609.10.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). Specifically excluded from the scope of the order are mechanical pencils, cosmetic pencils, pens, non-cased crayons (wax), pastels, charcoals, chalks, and pencils produced under U.S. patent number 6,217,242, from paper infused with scents by the means covered in the above-referenced patent, thereby having odors distinct from those that may emanate from pencils lacking the scent infusion. Also excluded from the scope of the order are pencils with all of the following physical characteristics: (1) *Length*: 13.5 or more inches; (2) *sheath diameter*: not less than one-and-one quarter inches at any point (before sharpening); and (3) *core length*: not more than 15 percent of the length of the pencil.

In addition, pencils with all of the following physical characteristics are excluded from the scope of the order: novelty jumbo pencils that are octagonal in shape, approximately ten inches long, one inch in diameter before sharpening, and three-and-one eighth inches in circumference, composed of turned wood encasing one-and-one half inches of sharpened lead on one end and a rubber eraser on the other end.

Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope of the order is dispositive.

Respondent Selection

Section 777A(c)(1) of the Act directs the Department to calculate individual dumping margins for each known

¹ The petitioners include Sanford L.P., Musgrave Pencil Company, RoseMoon Inc., and General Pencil Company.