

270 days from the date of initiation. See section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act.

On August 17, 2006, the Pension Protection Act of 2006 ("H.R. 4") was signed into law. Section 1632 of H.R. 4 temporarily suspends the authority of the Department to instruct CBP to collect a bond or other security in lieu of a cash deposit in new shipper reviews. Therefore, the posting of a bond under section 751(a)(B)(iii) of the Act in lieu of a cash deposit is not available in this case. Importers of shrimp from Vietnam manufactured and/or exported by BIM Seafood must continue to post cash deposits of estimated antidumping duties on each entry of subject merchandise at the current Vietnam-wide rate of 25.76 percent.

Interested parties requiring access to proprietary information in this NSR should submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306. This initiation and notice are published in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214 and 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: March 26, 2008.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### **Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Amended Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation**

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

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** April 4, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Kristen Johnson, AD/CVD Operations, Office 3, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4793.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On February 19, 2008, the Department of Commerce (Department) initiated the countervailing duty investigation of

circular welded austenitic stainless pressure pipe from the People's Republic of China. See *Circular Welded Austenitic Stainless Pressure Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 73 FR 9994 (February 25, 2008). Currently, the preliminary determination is due no later than April 24, 2008.

The version of the notice of postponement of the preliminary determination released on Thursday, March 27, 2008, stated that the deadline for completion of the final determination is June 30, 2008. The notice should have stated that the deadline for completion of the preliminary determination is June 30, 2008. This amended notice corrects that error. This error was discovered prior to publication of the notice in the **Federal Register**, consequently, this amendment is being published in its place.

#### **Postponement of Due Date for Preliminary Determination**

Section 703(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to issue the preliminary determination in a countervailing duty investigation within 65 days after the date on which the Department initiated the investigation. However, if the Department concludes that the parties concerned in the investigation are cooperating and determines that the investigation is extraordinarily complicated, section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act allows the Department to postpone making the preliminary determination until no later than 130 days after the date on which the administering authority initiated the investigation.

The Department is currently investigating alleged subsidy programs involving loans, grants, income tax incentives, and the provision of goods or services for less than adequate remuneration. Due to the number and complexity of the alleged countervailable subsidy practices being investigated, it is not practicable to complete the preliminary determination of this investigation within the original time limit (*i.e.*, by April 24, 2008). Therefore, in accordance with section 703(c)(1)(B) of the Act, we are fully extending the due date for the preliminary determination to no later than 130 days after the day on which the investigation was initiated. However, as that date falls on a Saturday, the deadline for completion of the preliminary determination is now June 30, 2008, the next business day.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 703(c)(2) of the Act.

Dated: April 1, 2008.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### **Manufacturing Extension Partnership Advisory Board**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Advisory Board, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) will meet Sunday, April 27, 2008, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. This meeting is being held in conjunction with MEP's National Conference in Orlando, FL. The MEP Advisory Board is composed of 10 members appointed by the Director of NIST who were selected for their expertise in the area of industrial extension and their work on behalf of smaller manufacturers. The Board was established to fill a need for outside input on MEP. MEP is a unique program consisting of centers across the United States and Puerto Rico, with partnerships at the state, federal, and local levels. The Board works closely with MEP to provide input and advice on MEP's programs, plans, and policies. For this meeting, discussions will focus on MEP's current key initiatives and gaining insight into the future direction of manufacturing as part of MEP's strategic planning activities. The agenda may change to accommodate Board business.

**DATES:** The meeting will convene April 27, 2008 at 1 p.m. and will adjourn at 5 p.m. on April 27, 2008.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at Orlando World Center Marriott Resort & Convention Center, 8701 World Center Drive, Orlando, Florida 32821. Anyone wishing to attend this meeting should submit name, e-mail address and phone number to Susan Hayduk ([susan.hayduk@nist.gov](mailto:susan.hayduk@nist.gov) or 301-975-5615) no later than April 17, 2008.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Karen Lellock, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, National Institute of Standards and Technology,