

organizations, such as national laboratories and nonprofit research institutions, to support, promote, and accelerate innovation in the United States through high-risk, high-reward research in areas of critical national need. High-risk, high-reward research is research that:

a. has the potential for yielding transformational results with far-ranging or wide-ranging implications;

b. addresses areas of critical national need that support, promote, and accelerate innovation in the United States and is within NIST's areas of technical competence; and is too novel or spans too diverse a range of disciplines to fare well in the traditional peer-review process.

Affected Public: U.S. businesses and institutions of higher education or other organizations, such as national laboratories and nonprofit research institutions.

Frequency: Annually.

Respondent's Obligation: Required to obtain or retain a benefit.

OMB Desk Officer: Jasmeet Seehra, (202) 395-3123.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, (202) 482-0266, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by June 20, 2008, to Jasmeet Seehra, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-5806 or via the Internet at Jasmeet_K_Seehra@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: May 22, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce will submit to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. chapter 35).

Agency: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

Title: Coral Reef Valuation Study.

OMB Approval Number: None.

Form Number(s): None.

Type of Request: Regular submission.

Burden Hours: 990.

Number of Respondents: 1,980.

Average Hours Per Response: 30 minutes.

Needs and Uses: This is a national survey using two independently recruited Internet panels: the American National Election Study (ANES) Internet Panel and Stanford's Major Research Instrumentation Panel (MRI) Internet Panel. The survey is designed to yield information that can be used to estimate total economic values for protection and restoration of Hawaii's coral reef ecosystems. The survey addresses the public's preferences and economic values for the use of no-take areas as a management tool and the public's preferences and economic values for restoring damaged coral reefs.

NOAA is a member of the U.S. Coral Reef Task Force (CRTF), which was established in June 1998 through Executive Order (EO) 13089. As a member of the CRTF, and in support of the U.S. Coral Reef Initiative, NOAA has significant responsibilities for managing U.S. coral reef habitats and undertaking scientific studies to better manage the nation's coral reef resources. In March 2000, the task force approved the first-ever National Action Plan to Conserve Coral Reefs pursuant to the Coral Reef Conservation Act (16 U.S.C. 6401-6409). The Action Plan identifies 13 major goals, including five that the proposed research addresses: (1) Conduct strategic research, (2) understand the social and economic factors of coral reef ecosystems, (3) improve the use of marine protected areas (MPAs), (4) restore damaged reefs, and (5) improve outreach and education about coral reef ecosystems. In support of NOAA's fulfillment of these goals, this study is designed to develop a survey instrument to elicit economic values for Hawaiian coral reef ecosystems at the national level. The overall objective of this project is to develop economically valid and reliable national estimates of individuals' values for alternative Hawaiian coral reef protection and improvement options.

Affected Public: Individuals or households.

Frequency: One-time only.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, FAX number (202) 395-7285, or David_Rostker@omb.eop.gov.

Dated: May 22, 2008.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

A-570-928, A-791-821, A-552-803

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations of Antidumping Duty Investigations; Uncovered Innerspring Units from the People's Republic of China, South Africa, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 28, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Erin Begnal at (202) 482-1442 or Scot Fullerton at (202) 482-1386 (People's Republic of China), Office 9; Dmitry Vladimirov at (202) 482-0665 or Minoo Hatten at (202) 482-1690 (South Africa), Office 5; Eugene Degnan at (202) 482-0414 or Robert Bolling at (202) 482-3434 (Socialist Republic of Vietnam), Office 8, AD/CVD Operations, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

On January 28, 2008, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** the initiation of the antidumping investigations on uncovered innerspring units from the People's Republic of China (PRC), South Africa, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam (Vietnam). See *Uncovered Innerspring Units from the People's Republic of China, South Africa, and the Socialist Republic of Vietnam: Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigations*, 73 FR 4817 (January 28, 2008) (Initiation Notice).

The notice of initiation stated that the Department would issue its preliminary

determinations for these investigations no later than 140 days after the date of issuance of the initiation, in accordance with section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

On May 20, 2008, the petitioner, Leggett & Platt Inc., made a request pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(b)(2) and (e) for a 50-day postponement of the preliminary determinations.¹ The petitioner requested postponement of the preliminary determinations in order to allow the Department additional time to do a thorough investigation of the respondents in these investigations.

For the reason identified by the petitioner and because there are no compelling reasons to deny the request, the Department is postponing the deadline for the preliminary determinations under section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act by 50 days to July 30, 2008. The deadline for the final determinations will continue to be 75 days after the date of the preliminary determinations, unless extended.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f)(1).

Dated: May 21, 2008.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration (A-427-827)

Sodium Metal from France: Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Postponement of Final Determination

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

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Commerce (the Department) preliminarily determines that sodium metal from France (sodium metal) is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at less than fair value (LTFV), as provided in section 733(b) of

the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). The estimated margin of sales at LTFV is listed in the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice. Interested parties are invited to comment on this preliminary determination. Pursuant to requests from interested parties, we are postponing for 60 days the final determination and extending the provisional measures from a four-month period to not more than six months. Accordingly, we will make our final determination not later than 135 days after publication of the preliminary determination.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 28, 2008.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Dennis McClure or Joy Zhang, 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) 482-5973 or (202) 482-1168, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On October 23, 2007, E.I. DuPont de Nemours & Co. Inc. (the petitioner) filed a petition on sodium metal from France. In a supplement to the petition, the petitioner provided information demonstrating reasonable grounds to believe or suspect that sales of sodium metal in the home market were made at prices below the fully absorbed cost of production (COP), within the meaning of section 773(b) of the Act, and requested that the Department conduct a sales-below-cost investigation. See November 8, 2007, supplement to the petition at page 10. We found that the petitioner provided a reasonable basis to believe or suspect that the French producer was selling sodium metal in France at prices below the COP. See section 773(b)(2)(A)(i) of the Act.

On November 13, 2007, the Department initiated the antidumping duty investigation of sodium metal from France. See *Sodium Metal from France: Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Duty Investigation*, 72 FR 65295 (November 20, 2007) (*Initiation Notice*). The Department also initiated a country-wide sales-below-cost investigation and requested that respondent, MSSA S.A.S, respond to section D of the Department's antidumping questionnaire. See *Initiation Notice*; see also the Department's questionnaire issued to MSSA S.A.S. on January 4, 2008.

The Department requested comments on model-matching criteria in its letter to interested parties, dated November

16, 2007. On December 6, 2007, the petitioner submitted comments on the model-matching criteria. On December 13, 2007, MSSA S.A.S., MSSA Company, and Columbia Sales International (collectively, MSSA) submitted comments on the proposed model-matching criteria. On December 14 and 17, 2007, the petitioner submitted additional comments on the proposed model-matching criteria. On December 19, 2007, MSSA responded to the petitioner's comments concerning model-matching criteria. For an explanation of the model-matching criteria used, see *Model Match* section, below.

On December 6, 2007, the United States International Trade Commission (ITC) preliminarily determined that there is a reasonable indication that the industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of imports of sodium metal from France that are alleged to be sold in the United States at LTFV. See *Sodium Metal From France*, Investigation No. 731-TA-1135 (*Preliminary*), 73 FR 15777 (March 25, 2008). The ITC notified the Department of these findings.

On December 14, 2007, MSSA wrote to inform the Department that its home market may not be viable because most of its sales in most markets are governed by long-term contracts. In addition, MSSA also explained that the Department may need to expand the period of investigation (POI) to capture sales from one of its larger contracts in the United States. On December 19, 2007, the petitioner submitted a letter arguing against extending the POI. On December 20, 2007, MSSA submitted a response to the petitioner's comments on extending the POI. See *Date of Sale/Market Viability* section, below.

On February 8, 2008, the Department received the Section A questionnaire response from MSSA. On February 20, 2008, the Department received a letter from MSSA explaining that it had made a small percentage of sales to affiliated parties in the United States for further manufacturing and downstream sales and asked that it be excused from reporting these sales. On February 25, 2008, the Department received the Sections B and C response from MSSA.¹ On March 6, 2008, MSSA responded to the Department's Section A supplemental questionnaire.

On March 7, 2008, the petitioner filed a sales-below-cost allegation based on sales to Germany. On March 18, 2008, the Department postponed the

¹ Although the petitioner did not file its request 25 days or more before the scheduled date of the preliminary determination, the Department has determined to accept the request pursuant to its authority under 19 CFR 351.302(b). We find that good cause exists to extend the deadline in order to allow the Department additional time to analyze the questionnaire responses in the investigation of uncovered innerspring units from the PRC. Further, for purposes of administrative efficiency, the Department concludes that the Vietnam, South Africa and PRC cases should remain on a consistent timeline.

¹ For Section B, MSSA originally reported third-country sales to Germany using invoice date as the date of sale.