

Division, at the address listed above. Comments may also be submitted by facsimile to (301)713-0376, or by email to NMFS.Pr1Comments@noaa.gov. Please include the File No. in the subject line of the email comment.

Those individuals requesting a public hearing should submit a written request to the Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division at the address listed above. The request should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on this application would be appropriate.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Amy Sloan or Kate Swails, (301)713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject permit is requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (MMPA; 16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking and importing of marine mammals (50 CFR part 216).

The proposed five-year permit comprises a continuation of psychological and physiological studies at Long Marine Laboratory with captive pinnipeds, including California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*); harbor seals (*Phoca vitulina*); and northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*), designed to evaluate their perceptual and cognitive capabilities. Measurements obtained using behavioral and physiological methods will be used to improve knowledge of pinniped sensory adaptations, examine cognitive mechanisms for acquiring and processing sensory information, and develop procedures for rapidly and humanely studying marine mammal hearing and the effects of anthropogenic noise. The captive animals are trained to voluntarily participate in behavioral stimulus detection and discrimination paradigms that may be conducted in air or under water. The applicant currently holds one California sea lion, one harbor seal, and one northern elephant seal, and requests permission to obtain additional animals for the research program over the duration of the permit, not to exceed a total of two of each species listed above. Additional animals would be obtained from captive and rehabilitation facilities, including permanently captive and non-releasable rehabilitated animals. If those sources are not available, releasable rehabilitated animals from West Coast rehabilitation facilities are requested.

In compliance with the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969 (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), an initial determination has been made that the activity proposed is categorically excluded from the requirement to

prepare an environmental assessment or environmental impact statement.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, NMFS is forwarding copies of the application to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

Dated: September 9, 2009.

P. Michael Payne,

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

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

The Manufacturing Council: Meeting of The Manufacturing Council

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of an open meeting.

SUMMARY: The Manufacturing Council will hold a meeting to deliberate a letter of recommendation regarding the U.S. manufacturing industry. The Board was re-chartered on April 10, 2008, to advise the Secretary of Commerce on matters relating to the U.S. manufacturing industry.

DATES: October 1, 2009.

Time: 2:30 p.m. (ET).

ADDRESSES: Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Room 4830, Washington, DC, 20230. Because of building security, all non-government attendees must pre-register. This program will be physically accessible to people with disabilities. Seating is limited and will be on a first come, first served basis. Requests for sign language interpretation, other auxiliary aids, or pre-registration, should be submitted no later than September 25, 2009, to J. Marc Chittum, The Manufacturing Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone 202-482-4501, Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. Marc Chittum, The Manufacturing Council, Room 4043, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: 202-482-4501, e-mail: Marc.Chittum@mail.doc.gov.

Dated: September 10, 2009.

J. Marc Chittum,

Executive Secretary, U.S. Travel and Tourism Advisory Board.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of NIST Partnership Opportunities for Technology Transfer

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Announcement of NIST Partnership Opportunities for Technology Transfer.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) is interested in working with regional, state and local economic development organizations, technology incubation centers, technology-oriented public-private business development initiatives and other organizations and partnerships to facilitate the transfer of technologies developed within the NIST Labs to the private sector through potential licensing and/or collaboration. A sampling of commercially viable technologies developed at the NIST Labs may be viewed at: <http://www.nist.gov/patents>. This is not an opportunity to apply for government funding and NIST will not make any funds available to any party pursuant to this announcement.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Office of Technology Partnerships, Attn: Clara Asmail, Building 222, Room A242, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Information is also available via telephone: 301-975-2239, fax 301-975-3482, or e-mail: clara.asmail@nist.gov. Please reference "Opportunities for Tech Transfer Partnerships" in any communications.

Dated: September 10, 2009.

Patrick Gallagher,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Economic Development Administration

Notice of Petitions by Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance

AGENCY: Economic Development Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

Pursuant to Section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341 *et seq.*), the Economic Development Administration (EDA) has received petitions for

certification of eligibility to apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance from the firms listed below. EDA has initiated separate investigations to determine

whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to the

total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

LIST OF PETITIONS RECEIVED BY EDA FOR CERTIFICATION OF ELIGIBILITY TO APPLY FOR TRADE ADJUSTMENT
[8/1/2009 through 8/31/2009]

Firm	Address	Date accepted for filing	Products
Decore-Ative Specialties, Inc	2772 South Peck Road Monrovia, CA 91016.	8/24/2009	Wood cabinet doors & drawers for use in custom home remodeling. They also manufacture a laminated thermo-Foil door product.
C & R Plating Corp	302 Factory St. Columbia City, IN 46725	8/10/2009	Plating of parts for industrial sectors.
Miniature Precision Components, Inc	100 Wisconsin St. Walworth, WI 53184-1901.	8/14/2009	Plastic components for automobiles and other industries.
JEN Manufacturing, Inc	3 Latti Farm Road Millbury, MA 01527 ...	8/6/2009	Polyurethane foam disposable paint brushes and roller refills.
Southern Mattress Co., Inc	P.O. Box 645 Rocky Mount, NC 27802 ..	8/12/2009	Mattresses and box springs.
St. Joseph Packaging, Inc	4514 Easton Road St. Joseph, MO 64503.	8/11/2009	Folding cartons and displays made of paper and paperbox material.
Genesee Packaging, Inc	2010 N Dort Highway Flint, MI 48506	8/10/2009	Rigid boxes and cartons of paper or paperboard.
R.H. LeMieur Corp.	638 Patriots Road Templeton, MA 01468	8/10/2009	Dining room furniture, bar stools, benches, desk chairs, rocking chairs, hutch- es, cabinets, hunt boards and buffets.
Cloverdale	3015 34th Street, NW Mandan, ND 58554.	8/6/2009	Sausages and other prepared meat products.
Alliance Laundry Systems, LLC	221 Shepard Street Ripon, WI 54971	8/12/2009	The company is a manufacturer of laundry machines for the commercial, industrial, and consumer industries.
Prospect Machine Products, Inc	139 Union City Road, PO Prospect, CT 06712.	8/10/2009	Drawn metal stampings.
Jagemann Stamping Company	5757 West Custer Street Manitowoc, WI 54220.	8/13/2009	Motor housings, clamps, and various other steel components.
Mold-A-Matic Corporation	147 River Street Oneonta, NY 13820-2239.	8/24/2009	Plastic injection molding products and pressure switches.
Freeway Corporation	9301 Allen Drive Cleveland, OH 44125 ..	8/13/2009	Washers, bearings, turned metal products, stampings and assemblies.
American Cord and Webbing Co., Inc	88 Century Drive Woonsocket, RI 02895	8/14/2009	Stamped metal closures, plastic closures, cord and twine.
Hoist Litruck Mfg., Inc	6499 W. 65th Street Bedford Park, IL 60638.	8/13/2009	Heavy-duty lift trucks.
Reed & Prince Manufacturing Corporation.	8 Mohawk Drive Leominster, MA 01453	8/11/2009	Fasteners.
Mass Integrated Systems Inc	18 Henry Graf Road, Unit 1 Newburyport, MA 01950.	8/11/2009	Value added LCD goods.
Cameron Glass, Inc	3550 W. Tacoma St. Broken Arrow, OK 74012.	8/10/2009	Tempered Glass.
Quality Control Corp	7315 West Wilson Avenue Harwood, IL 60706.	8/10/2009	Steering, braking, fuel system, pumps, actuators, air tools, directional control valves and surgical medical devices components. Manufacturing services include project management, management systems, material control, assembly and testing, and heat treating.
Glenn Ihde & Company	4500 W Eldorado Pkwy. McKinney, TX 75070.	8/10/2009	Structural steel engineering.
Standard Plating Inc	964 Main Street W. Springfield, MA 01089.	8/11/2009	Metal finishing services.
Julius Koch USA, Inc	387 Church Street New Bedford, MA 02745.	8/11/2009	Custom-dyed knit, woven tape and cord for decorator window and blind treatments and a complete line of cordage for vertical blinds and pleated shades.
Beacon Group, Inc	85 Granby Street Bloomfield, CT 06002	8/11/2009	Hubs, shafts, disks, seals, rings, housings, cases and gear boxes for the aerospace industry.
Gamblin Enterprises Inc, dba All American.	926 5th Ave. South Kent, WA 98032	8/11/2009	Zinc, rack and barrel plating.
Eastman Machine Company	779 Washington Street Buffalo, NY 14203-1308.	8/11/2009	Industrial cutting and spreading equipment for flexible materials.
Henry Molded Products, Inc	71 North 16th Street Lebanon, PA 17042.	8/24/2009	Molded pulp protective packaging materials.

Any party having a substantial interest in these proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A written request for a hearing must be submitted to the Office of Performance Evaluation, Room 7009, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230, no later than ten (10) calendar days following publication of this notice. Please follow the procedures set forth in Section 315.9 of EDA's final rule (71 FR 56704) for procedures for requesting a public hearing. The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

William P. Kittredge,

Program Officer for TAA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-570-944]

Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination, Preliminary Negative Critical Circumstances Determination

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce preliminarily determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of certain oil country tubular goods from the People's Republic of China. For information on the estimated subsidy rates, see the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice.

DATES: *Effective Date:* September 15, 2009.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

David Neubacher, Shane Subler, Magd Zalok, Maryanne Burke, and Henry Almond, 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) 482-5823, (202) 482-0189, (202) 482-4162, (202) 482-5604, and (202) 482-0049, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Case History

The following events have occurred since the publication of the Department

of Commerce's ("Department") notice of initiation in the **Federal Register**. See *Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 74 FR 20678 (May 5, 2009) ("*Initiation Notice*"), and the accompanying Initiation Checklist.

On May 13, 2009, Maverick Tube Corporation, United States Steel Corporation, TMK IPSCO, V&M Star LP, Wheatland Tube Corporation, Evraz Rocky Mountain Steel, and United Steel, Paper and Forestry, Rubber, Manufacturing, Energy, Allied Industrial and Service Workers International Union, AFL-CIO-CLC ("United Steelworkers") (collectively, the "petitioners") submitted new subsidy allegations requesting the Department to expand its countervailing duty ("CVD") investigation to include additional subsidy programs.¹ On June 4, 2009, the Department declined to investigate these allegations as the petitioners did not allege the elements necessary for the imposition of CVDs or failed to support these allegations with reasonably available evidence. See Memorandum to Susan Kuhbach, Director, AD/CVD Operations, Office 1, "Analysis of Petitioners' New Subsidy Allegations" (June 4, 2009).

On June 3, 2009, the Department selected four Chinese producers/exporters of certain oil country tubular goods ("OCTG") as mandatory respondents, Jiangsu Changbao Steel Tube Co., Ltd. ("Changbao"), Tianjin Pipe (Group) Co. ("TPCO"), Wuxi Seamless Oil Pipe Co., Ltd. ("Wuxi"), and Zhejiang Jianli Enterprise Co., Ltd. ("Jianli"). See Memorandum to John M. Andersen, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, "Respondent Selection Memo" (June 3, 2009). This memorandum is on file in the Department's Central Records Unit in Room 1117 of the main Department building ("CRU"). On the same date, we issued the CVD questionnaires to the Government of the People's Republic of China ("GOC"), Changbao, TPCO, Wuxi, and Jianli.

On June 10, 2009, the U.S. International Trade Commission ("ITC") issued its affirmative preliminary determination that there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured by reason of allegedly subsidized imports of certain oil country tubular goods from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). See *Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from China; Determinations*,

¹ See the petitioners' Submission of New Subsidy Allegations (May 13, 2009).

Investigation Nos. 701-TA-463 and 731-TA-1159, 74 FR 27559 (June 10, 2009).

On June 15, 2009, the Department postponed the deadline for the preliminary determination in this investigation until September 8, 2009. See *Certain Oil Country Tubular Goods from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination in the Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 74 FR 28220 (June 15, 2009).

We received responses to our questionnaire from the GOC, Changbao, TPCO, Wuxi, and Jianli on July 20, 2009. See the GOC's Original Questionnaire Response (July 20, 2009) ("GQR"), Changbao's Original Questionnaire Response (July 20, 2009) ("CQR"), TPCO's Original Questionnaire Response (July 20, 2009) ("TQR"), Wuxi's Original Questionnaire Response (July 20, 2009) ("WQR"), and Jianli's Original Questionnaire Response (July 20, 2009) ("JQR"). On August 26, 2009, TPCO provided a response on behalf of TPCO Charging Development Co., Ltd. ("TCQR"). On September 1, 2009, TPCO provided a response on behalf of Tianjin Pipe Investment Holding Co., Ltd. ("TPCO Holding QR").

We sent supplemental questionnaires to Changbao, TPCO, Wuxi, and Jianli on August 7, 2009 and to the GOC on July 27, 2009, August 11, 2009 and August 28, 2009. We received responses to these supplemental questionnaires as follows: Changbao's First Supplemental Response on August 21, 2009; Jianli's First Supplemental Response on August 21, 2009; TPCO's First Supplemental Response, part 1 on August 21, 2009, and part 2 on August 26, 2009; Wuxi's First Supplemental response ("W1SR") on August 24, 2009; the GOC's Cross-Owned Affiliates Supplemental on August 3, 2009; GOC's First Supplemental Response ("G1SR") on August 26, 2009; and GOC's Second Supplemental Response ("G2SR") on September 1, 2009.

On July 23, 2009, Maverick Tube Corporation requested that the Department extend the deadline for the submission of new subsidy allegations beyond the July 30, 2009 deadline established by the Department's regulations. On July 24, 2009, we declined to extend the deadline. On July 30, 2009, the petitioners submitted additional new subsidy allegations to the Department.² Jianli and the GOC

² The petitioners, collectively, alleged that the GOC confers a subsidy on OCTG through its export restrictions on steel rounds. Maverick Tube Corporation made allegations regarding subsidies to respondent Jianli. United States Steel Corporation made allegations regarding subsidies to respondents