

Reduction, 74 FR 64666 (December 8, 2009), 1349 *Off. Gaz. Pat. Office* 362 (December 29, 2009) (Green Technology Notice). The Green Technology Notice indicated that an applicant may have an application advanced out of turn (accorded special status) for examination, if the application pertained to green technologies including greenhouse gas reduction (applications pertaining to environmental quality, energy conservation, development of renewable energy resources or greenhouse gas emission reduction) and met other requirements specified in the Green Technology Notice. The pilot program was designed to promote the development of green technologies. The USPTO received positive feedback and suggestions from the stakeholders regarding the pilot program.

The Green Technology Notice required *inter alia* that the application be classified in one of the U.S. classifications listed in the Green Technology Notice to be accorded special status under the Green Technology Pilot Program. Limiting the pilot program to only applications classified in these U.S. classifications assisted the USPTO to balance the workload and gauge resources needed for the program. The USPTO has determined that the classification requirement in the Green Technology Notice is unnecessary because the workload has been balanced with other mechanism, and this requirement was causing the denial of petitions for applications that are drawn to green technologies. Therefore, the USPTO is hereby eliminating the classification requirement for any petitions that are decided on or after the publication date of this notice. This will permit more applications to qualify for the pilot program, thereby allowing more inventions related to green technologies to be advanced out of turn for examination and reviewed earlier. Applicants whose petitions were dismissed or denied solely on the basis that their applications did not meet the classification requirement may file a renewed petition. If the renewed petition is filed within one month of the publication date of this notice, it will be given priority as of the date applicant filed the initial petition.

To participate in the pilot program, applicant must file a petition to make special under the Green Technology Pilot Program that satisfies all other requirements set forth in the Green Technology Notice. For example, to satisfy the eligibility requirements, the petition must contain the following statements. The petition must include a

statement providing the basis for the special status (*e.g.*, for an application pertaining to environmental quality, the petition must state that special status is sought because the invention materially enhances the quality of the environment by contributing to the restoration or maintenance of the basic life-sustaining natural elements). The petition must also include a statement explaining how the materiality standard is met, unless (1) the application clearly discloses that the claimed invention materially enhances the quality of the environment by contributing to the restoration or maintenance of one of the basic life-sustaining natural elements, or (2) the application disclosure is clear on its face that the claimed invention materially contributes to (a) development of renewable energy or energy conservation, or (b) greenhouse gas emission reduction.

Dated: May 12, 2010.

David J. Kappos,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Executive Green ICT & Energy Efficiency Trade Mission to Mexico City, Mexico

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Description

The United States Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration, and U.S. & Foreign Commercial Service are organizing an Executive Green ICT & Energy Efficiency Trade Mission to Mexico City from September 27-29, 2010. This Executive led mission will focus on assisting U.S. providers of "Green Information & Communication Technology (ICT)" solutions, as well as energy efficiency technologies to enter or increase their presence in various sectors of the Mexican market. This will include data centers, telecommunications, utilities, and construction. Green ICTs—or smart technologies—provide monitoring, supervision and automation capabilities to reach energy efficiency in the mentioned industries, such as smart grids and smart buildings. The mission

will support U.S. delegates to gain market insight, local private and public contacts, and identify potential business opportunities and partners. In addition to the welcome reception and Matchmaking Services, a 1-day Green ICT & Energy Efficiency conference will take place at the World Trade Center in Mexico City. Relevant issues on energy efficiency in data centers, smart grids, and green buildings will be discussed. Mission delegates will have an opportunity to exhibit outside of the conference hall during this event.

Furthermore, this mission will take place during the same days as The Green Expo at the World Trade Center in Mexico City. As a separate activity and independent of the mission, delegates will be granted a discount by EJ Krause, organizer of The Green Expo, to exhibit at the show in the USA Pavilion.

Commercial Setting

On August 10, 2009 during the North American Leaders Summit, Presidents Obama and Calderón committed their two countries to work together on environmental cooperation, sustainable development, and clean energy research, development, and deployment issues.

President Felipe Calderon in his 2007 National Strategy on Climate Change recognized the importance and need for environmentally friendly policies and solutions within Mexico and set a target of reducing 107 million tons of greenhouse gases (GHG) by 2014 in the energy sector alone. Mexico currently has several green friendly projects funded by the World Bank, including wind technologies, waste management, renewable energy development projects, modernization of the water and sanitation sectors, and a hybrid solar thermal power plant. With a demonstrated interest in expanding environmentally friendly projects and policies, Mexico provides a growing market for green technologies.

The Information and Communications Technology industry (ICT), which includes telecom service operators (fixed, wireless, cable, Internet, *etc.*) as well as IT service and management firms, integrators, software developers, and equipment manufacturers, have a fundamental role in reducing the negative environmental impact of emissions.

ICT has increased productivity and competitiveness, and supported economic growth around the world. Today, ICT is an important supporter of a sustainable environment by becoming an enabler of energy efficiencies in multiple industrial sectors, particularly

in power transmission and distribution, manufacturing, construction, and transportation emissions. Furthermore, the ICT sector has its own energy efficiency challenges to overcome, such as to reduce energy consumption in enterprise IT and Data Center operations.

Mission Goals

The goals of the Green ICT and Energy Efficiency Trade Mission to Mexico City are to (1) create business, networking, and exhibition opportunities for participating companies, and create awareness in Mexico of the U.S. green information technology and energy efficiency technologies available; (2) provide information and energy efficiency solutions for the Mexican Government, public utility company, construction sector, and IT companies and telecommunication operators by highlighting U.S. company solutions; (3) showcase ICT sustainable environment and energy efficiency solutions for different industry sectors to improve monitoring and supervision.

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| Monday, Sept. 27 | 6:30 p.m.–7 p.m. Trade Mission briefing in hotel. 7:30 p.m.–9:30 p.m. Networking Reception, Ambassador's Residence. |
| Tuesday, Sept. 28 | Mexico City. 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Green ICT and Energy Efficiency Conference, Room Olmeca 3, WTC Mexico City. |
| Wednesday, Sept. 29 | Mexico City. 8 a.m.–6 p.m. Gold Key Appointments, Mexico City. End Mission. |

Participation Requirements

All parties interested in participating in the Executive Green ICT and Energy Efficiency Trade Mission must complete and submit an application package for consideration by the Department of Commerce. All applicants will be evaluated on their ability to meet certain conditions and best satisfy the selection criteria as outlined below. A minimum of fifteen U.S. companies and maximum of twenty-five U.S. companies will be selected to participate in the mission from the applicant pool. The Executive Green ICT and Energy Efficiency Trade Mission will seek to recruit U.S. IT small and medium size companies that provide products, solutions, technologies, and "know-how" aimed at efficient energy use in the telecom, energy and construction sectors.

Fees and Expenses

After a company has been selected to participate in the mission, a payment to the Department of Commerce in the form of a participation fee is required. The participation fee will be \$2,900 for

Mission Scenario

The Green ICT and Energy Efficiency Trade Mission will promote and showcase mission delegates at different levels. They will be able to attend and exhibit in a specialized conference. Additionally, they will have the opportunity to formally exhibit in the USA Pavilion during The Green Expo. Finally, delegates will have various opportunities for high level matchmaking and networking with Mexican companies, government, organizations and specialists.

The mission will have the following components:

- *Networking and Welcome Reception.* September 27—7 p.m.–9:30 p.m. A networking reception will be held the evening before the Green ICT and Energy Efficiency Conference. Attendees will include mission members, U.S. Government officials, Government of Mexico officials, speakers and sponsors. The venue will be the Ambassador's Residence.
- *Green ICT and Energy Efficiency Conference.* September 28—8 a.m.–6 p.m. There will be 8 keynote speakers discussing key issues of Green ICT and Energy Efficiency solutions in three

large firms and \$2,450 for a small or medium-sized enterprise (SME).¹ The fee includes participation of two company representatives; the fee for each additional firm representative (large firm or SME) is \$500. Expenses for travel, transportation, lodging, most meals, and incidentals will be the responsibility of each mission participant.

Conditions for Participation

- An applicant must submit a completed and signed mission application and supplemental application materials, including adequate information on the company's products and/or services, primary market objectives, and goals for participation. If the Department of Commerce receives an incomplete application, the Department may reject the application, request additional

¹ An SME is defined as a firm with 500 or fewer employees or that otherwise qualifies as a small business under SBA regulations (see <http://www.sba.gov/services/contractingopportunities/sizestandardsttopics/index.html>).

sectors: Telecommunications, electric grid, and construction. The speakers will be any or a combination of the following: Industry, sponsors, USG, and GOM officials. The focus will be on U.S. products/solutions and their application to Mexico.

- *Exhibition.* September 28—8 a.m.–6 p.m. Mission members can exhibit products and services on tabletop displays outside of the conference hall.

- *Matchmaking.* September 29—8 a.m.–6 p.m. Pre-screened one-on-one appointments will be arranged in Mexico City.

- *The Green Expo Trade Show.* September 28–30. CS Mexico will host a USA Pavilion for companies providing environmental solutions, such as water, alternative energy, etc. EJ Krause will grant a discount to those mission members that would like to exhibit at the pavilion during their visit to Mexico City.

Proposed Mission Timetable

Mission participants will be encouraged to arrive no later than early afternoon Monday, September 27 in order to participate in the evening networking and welcome reception.

information, or take the lack of information into account when evaluating the applications.

- Each applicant must also certify that the products and services it seeks to export through the mission are either produced in the United States, or, if not, marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least 51 percent U.S. content of the value of the finished product or service.

Selection Criteria for Participation

Selection will be based on the following criteria:

- Suitability of a company's products or services to the mission's goals.
- Applicant's potential for business in Mexico, including likelihood of exports resulting from the trade mission.
- Consistency of the applicant's goals and objectives with the stated scope of the trade mission.

Referrals from political organizations and any documents containing references to partisan political activities (including political contributions) will be removed from an applicant's

submission and not considered during the selection process.

Timeframe for Recruitment and Applications

Mission recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade mission calendar (www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html) and other Internet Web sites, press releases to general and trade media, direct mail, notices by industry trade associations and other multiplier groups, and publicity at industry meetings, symposia, conferences, and trade shows. Recruitment for the mission will begin immediately and conclude no later than August 2, 2010. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes From Thailand: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

DATES: *Effective Date:* May 21, 2010.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jacqueline Arrowsmith, AD/CVD Operations, Office 6, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5255.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On April 13, 2010, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published

the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on circular welded carbon steel pipes and tubes from Thailand. *See Circular Welded Carbon Steel Pipes and Tubes from Thailand: Preliminary Results and Rescission, in Part, of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 75 FR 18788 (April 13, 2010) (*Preliminary Results*). This administrative review covers the period March 1, 2008 through February 28, 2009. This review covers one producer/exporter of the subject merchandise to the United States, Saha Thai Steel Pipe (Public) Company, Ltd.

Extension of Time Limit for Final Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(1), the Department shall issue final results in an administrative review of an antidumping duty order within 120 days after the date on which notice of the preliminary results is published in the **Federal Register**. However, if the Department determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the time limits, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2) allow the Department to extend the 120-day period up to a 180-day period.

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2), we determine that it is not practicable to complete the results of this review within the original time limit. The Department requested comments from interested parties on the effect, if any, of the application of the quarterly cost methodology on the Department's level of trade analysis. In particular, the Department requested that parties comment on whether the quarterly cost approach requires an evaluation on a quarterly basis of the pattern of price differences and how any such differences should be analyzed for purposes of determining whether a level of trade adjustment is warranted. Consequently, the Department needs additional time to consider comments that were filed by the parties and to develop an appropriate analytical approach.

In accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.213(h)(2), the Department has decided to extend the time limit for the final results from 120 days to 180 days, making the new due date for the final results, October 10, 2010. However, October 10, 2010 falls on a Sunday, and Monday, October 11, 2010 is a federal holiday. It is the Department's long-standing practice to issue a

determination the next business day when the statutory deadline falls on a weekend, federal holiday, or any other day when the Department is closed. *See Notice of Clarification: Application of "Next Business Day" Rule for Administrative Determination Deadlines Pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, As Amended*, 70 FR 24533 (May 10, 2005). Accordingly, the deadline for the completion of the final results is now October 12, 2010, the first business day following the 180-day period.

This notice is issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(3)(A) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: May 14, 2010.

John M. Andersen,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-570-946]

Pre-Stressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand from the People's Republic of China: Final Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) determines that countervailable subsidies are being provided to producers and exporters of pre-stressed concrete steel wire strand from the People's Republic of China (the PRC). For information on the estimated subsidy rates, see the "Suspension of Liquidation" section of this notice.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 21, 2010.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

This investigation covers 61 programs and the following producers/exporters: Fasten Group Import & Export Co., Ltd. (Fasten I&E), Fasten Group Corporation (Fasten Corp.), Jiangyin Fasten Steel (Fasten Steel), Jiangyin Hongyu Metal Products Co., Ltd. (Hongyu Metal), Jiangyin Walsin Steel Cable Co., Ltd. (Walsin) and Jiangyin Hongsheng Co., Ltd. (Hongsheng) (collectively, the