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FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background and Purpose

The VMLRP helps qualified veterinarians offset a significant portion of the debt incurred in pursuit of their veterinary medicine degrees in return for their service in certain high-priority veterinary shortage situations. NIFA will enter into educational loan repayment agreements with veterinarians who agree to provide veterinary services in veterinarian shortage situations for a determined period of time. NIFA may repay up to \$25,000 of a veterinarian's student loan debt per year if the veterinarian commits to at least three years to provide veterinary services in a designated veterinary shortage area. Loan repayment benefits are limited to payments of the principal and interest on government and commercial loans received for the attendance at an accredited college of veterinary medicine that result in a degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or the equivalent.

In December 2003, the National Veterinary Medical Service Act (NVMSA) was passed into law adding section 1415A to the National Agricultural Research, Extension, and Teaching Policy Act of 1977 (NARETPA). This law established a new Veterinary Medicine Loan Repayment Program (7 U.S.C. 3151a) authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture (secretary) to carry out a program of entering into agreements with veterinarians under which they agree to provide veterinary

services in veterinarian shortage situations.

On October 1, 2009, CSREES became the NIFA as mandated by the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, section 7511(f). Accordingly, the authority to administer the VMLRP transferred from CSREES to NIFA.

In FY 2010, VMLRP announced its first funding opportunity and received 257 applications from which NIFA issued 53 VMLRP awards totaling \$5,185,970. In FY 2011, VMLRP opened its second funding opportunity and received 159 applications from which NIFA issued 75 VMLRP awards totaling \$7,250,970. In FY 2012, VMLRP opened its third annual application cycle and received 139 applications from which 47 VMLRP award offers totaling \$4,644,000 have been made. Each award offer is contingent upon submission of a signed contract, thereby executing the service agreement between the veterinarian and NIFA. Funding for future years is based on annual appropriations and balances, if any, remaining from prior years.

Section 7105 of the FCEA amended section 1415A to revise the determination of veterinarian shortage situations to consider (1) geographical areas that the Secretary determines have a shortage of veterinarians; and (2) areas of veterinary practice that the Secretary determines have a shortage of veterinarians, such as food animal medicine, public health, epidemiology, and food safety. This section also added that priority should be given to agreements with veterinarians for the practice of food animal medicine in veterinarian shortage situations.

NARETPA section 1415A requires the Secretary, when determining the amount of repayment for a year of service by a veterinarian, to consider the ability of USDA to maximize the number of agreements from the amounts appropriated and to provide an incentive to serve in veterinary service shortage areas with the greatest need. This section also provides that loan repayments may consist of payments of the principal and interest on government and commercial loans received by the individual for the attendance of the individual at an accredited college of veterinary medicine resulting in a degree of Doctor of Veterinary Medicine or the equivalent. This program is not authorized to provide repayments for any government or commercial loans incurred during the pursuit of another degree, such as an associate or bachelor degree. Loans eligible for repayment include educational loans made for one or more of the following: Loans for

tuition expenses; other reasonable educational expenses, including fees, books, and laboratory expenses, incurred by the individual; and reasonable living expenses as determined by the Secretary. In addition, the Secretary is directed to make such additional payments to participants as the Secretary determines appropriate for the purpose of providing reimbursements to participants for individual tax liability resulting from participation in this program. The Secretary delegated the authority to carry out this program to NIFA.

NIFA is inviting stakeholder comments to use in improving the administration of the VMLRP. Written comments and suggestions on issues may be submitted to the NIFA Docket Clerk at the address above.

Done in Washington, DC, this 26th day of October 2012.

Sonny Ramaswamy,

Director, National Institute of Food and Agriculture.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of the Census

[Docket Number 121010535-2575-01]

Annual Wholesale Trade Survey

AGENCY: Bureau of the Census, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of determination.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce's Bureau of the Census (Census Bureau) publishes this notice to announce that the Director of the Census Bureau has determined the need to conduct the 2012 Annual Wholesale Trade Survey (AWTS). The AWTS covers employer firms with establishments located in the United States and classified in the Wholesale Trade sector as defined by the 2007 North American Industry Classification System (NAICS). Through this survey, the Census Bureau will collect data covering annual sales, e-commerce sales, sales taxes, purchases, total and detailed operating expenses, year-end inventories held both inside and outside the United States, commissions, total operating revenue, and gross selling value, for three components of wholesale activity: wholesale distributors; manufacturers' sales branches and offices; and agents, brokers, and electronic markets. These data are collected to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of

policy by various government agencies. Results will be available for use for a variety of public and business needs such as economic and market analysis, company performance, and forecasting future demand. The Census Bureau conducts the AWTS to provide continuing and timely national statistical data on wholesale trade. The 2012 AWTS is a separate collection from and is not part of the 2012 Economic Census.

ADDRESSES: The Census Bureau will provide report forms to businesses included in the survey. Additional copies are available upon written request to the Director, U.S. Census Bureau, Washington, DC 20233-0101.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Randy Moore, Service Sector Statistics Division, at (301) 763-7231 or by email at randy.a.moore@census.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Sections 182, 224, and 225 of Title 13 of the United States Code (U.S.C.) authorize the Census Bureau to take surveys that are necessary to produce current data on the subjects covered by the major censuses. As part of this authorization, the Census Bureau conducts the AWTS to provide continuing and timely national statistical data on wholesale trade activity for the period between economic censuses and, for this year, during the economic census. The AWTS covers employer firms with establishments located in the United States and classified in the Wholesale Trade sector as defined by the 2007 NAICS. The 2012 AWTS will collect data for three components of wholesale activity: Wholesale distributors; manufacturers' sales branches and offices; and agents, brokers, and electronic markets. For wholesale distributors, the Census Bureau will collect data covering sales, sales taxes, e-commerce sales, year-end inventories held inside and outside the United States, purchases, total and detailed operating expenses. For manufacturers' sales branches and offices, the Census Bureau will collect data covering annual sales, sales taxes, e-commerce sales, year-end inventories held inside and outside the United States and total operating expenses. For agents, brokers, and electronic markets, the Census Bureau will collect data covering commissions, total operating revenue, gross selling value, and total operating expenses. The Census Bureau has determined that the conduct of this survey is necessary as these data are not available publicly on a timely basis from non-governmental or other government sources.

For the 2012 AWTS, we will request data for wholesale distributors on detailed operating expenses that were previously requested under a separate supplemental mailing (conducted every 5 years). The last supplemental mailing was conducted for the 2007 AWTS under OMB No. 0607-0942. While the wholesale portion of that program will be collapsed into the AWTS, we will continue to only ask the detailed expense questions to wholesale distributors every 5 years. Also for the 2012 AWTS, we will request data on sales taxes, which is asked as a part of the AWTS every 5 to 6 years. The last time we requested sales tax data was for the 2006 AWTS.

Firms were selected for the AWTS using a stratified random sample based on industry groupings and annual sales size. We will provide report forms to the firms covered by this survey in February 2013, and will require their responses within 50 days after receipt. Firms' responses to the AWTS are required by law (Title 13, U.S.C., Sections 182, 224, and 225).

The sample of firms selected will provide, with measurable reliability, statistics on annual sales, e-commerce sales, sales taxes, purchases, total and detailed operating expenses, year-end inventories held both inside and outside the United States, commissions, total operating revenue, and gross selling value, for 2012.

The data collected in this survey will be similar to that collected in the past and within the general scope and nature of those inquiries covered in the economic census. These data are collected to provide a sound statistical basis for the formation of policy by various government agencies. Results will be available for use for a variety of public and business needs such as economic and market analysis, company performance, and forecasting future demand.

Notwithstanding any other provision of law, no person is required to respond to, nor shall a person be subject to a penalty for failure to comply with, a collection of information subject to the requirements of the Paperwork Reduction Act (PRA) unless that collection of information displays a current valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. In accordance with the PRA, 44 U.S.C. 3501-3521, OMB approved the AWTS under OMB control number 0607-0195.

Based upon the foregoing, I have directed that the annual survey be conducted for the purpose of collecting these data.

Dated: November 2, 2012.

Thomas L. Mesenbourg, Jr.,

Acting Director, Bureau of the Census.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-932]

Certain Steel Threaded Rod From the People's Republic of China: Final Results and Final Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; 2010-2011

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

SUMMARY: On May 8, 2012, the Department of Commerce ("Department") published in the *Federal Register* the *Preliminary Results* of the second administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain steel threaded rod from the People's Republic of China ("PRC") for the period of review ("POR") April 1, 2010, through March 31, 2011.¹ Based upon our analysis of the comments and information received, we continue to find that RMB Fasteners Ltd., and IFI & Morgan Ltd. (collectively "RMB/IFI Group") has sold subject merchandise at less than normal value.

DATES: *Effective Date:* November 9, 2012.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jerry Huang, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: 202-482-4047.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On May 8, 2012, the Department published the *Preliminary Results*. In the *Preliminary Results*, the Department indicated its intent to rescind the review with respect to Gem-Year Industrial Co., Ltd. ("Gem-Year") and Haiyan Julong Standard Part Co., Ltd. ("Haiyan Julong") for lack of shipments.²

On June 8, 2012, the RMB/IFI Group submitted factor usage information that the Department requested for two control numbers that were not produced during the POR. On June 19, 2012, the

¹ See *Certain Steel Threaded Rod From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of the Administrative Review, Intent To Rescind, and Rescission*, in Part, 77 FR 27022 (May 8, 2012) ("Preliminary Results").

² See *Preliminary Results*, 77 FR at 27024.