

Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).<sup>1</sup> As a result of its review, the Department determined that revocation of the AD orders would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping.<sup>2</sup> The Department, therefore, notified the ITC of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail should the AD orders be revoked. On August 8, 2016, the ITC published notice of its determination, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the AD orders on BWPF from Brazil, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and the PRC would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.<sup>3</sup>

### Scope of the Orders

The merchandise covered by the orders consists of certain carbon steel butt-weld type fittings, other than couplings, under 14 inches in diameter, whether finished or unfinished. These imports are currently classified under subheading 7307.93.30 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written product description remains dispositive.<sup>4</sup>

### Continuation of the Orders

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the ITC that revocation of the AD orders would likely lead to a continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(a), the

Department hereby orders the continuation of the AD orders on BWPF from Brazil, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and the PRC. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect AD cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of the continuation of the orders will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this notice of continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of the orders not later than 30 days prior to the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation.

This five-year sunset review and this notice are in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4).

Dated: August 15, 2016.

#### Paul Piquado,

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

#### Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT or Committee), National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet in an open session on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mountain Time and Wednesday, October 19, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Mountain Time. The VCAT is composed of fifteen members appointed by the NIST Director who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations.

**DATES:** The VCAT will meet on Tuesday, October 18, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Mountain Time and Wednesday, October 19, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in the Katharine Blodgett Gebbie Laboratory Conference Room, Room 81-1A106, at NIST, 325 Broadway Street,

Boulder, Colorado 80305. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

#### FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

**Authority:** 15 U.S.C. 278 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, 5 U.S.C. App.

The purpose of this meeting is for the VCAT to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on major NIST programs and a presentation reviewing safety trends at NIST. There will be presentations and discussion about the evolution of NIST's research and development agenda over the past eight years and how to prioritize NIST's research in the future, including a focused discussion on NIST's role in the Administration's National Strategic Computing Initiative. The agenda will also include discussions on the adequacy of NIST's research facilities and the importance of a collaborative research environment. The agenda may change to accommodate Committee business. The final agenda will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>.

Individuals and representatives of organizations who would like to offer comments and suggestions related to the Committee's affairs are invited to request a place on the agenda.

On Wednesday, October 19, approximately one-half hour in the morning will be reserved for public comments and speaking times will be assigned on a first-come, first-serve basis. The amount of time per speaker will be determined by the number of requests received, but is likely to be about 3 minutes each. The exact time for public comments will be included in the final agenda that will be posted on the NIST Web site at <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/agenda.cfm>. Questions from the public will not be considered during this period. Speakers who wish to expand upon their oral statements, those who had wished to speak but could not be accommodated on the agenda, and those who were unable to attend in person are invited to submit written statements to VCAT,

<sup>1</sup> See *Initiation of Five-Year ("Sunset") Reviews*, 81 FR 10578 (March 1, 2016).

<sup>2</sup> See *Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Brazil, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and the People's Republic of China: Final Results of the Expedited Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders*, 81 FR 44270 (July 7, 2016) (*Final Results*).

<sup>3</sup> See *Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand: Investigation Nos. 731-TA-308-310 and 520-521 (Fourth Review)*, USITC Publication 4628 (August 2016); see also *Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Brazil, China, Japan, Taiwan, and Thailand: Determination*, 81 FR 52460 (August 8, 2016).

<sup>4</sup> For a full description of the scope of the orders, see the *Final Results* and accompanying memorandum to Paul Piquado, Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance, from Christian Marsh, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Operations, "Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Expedited Sunset Reviews of the Antidumping Duty Orders on Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings from Brazil, Japan, Taiwan, Thailand, and the People's Republic of China," dated June 28, 2016. The scope language varies slightly amongst the countries due to the fact the investigations and subsequent orders for the PRC and Thailand occurred after the investigations for the other three countries. Additionally, the scope language for Taiwan includes a reference to a scope decision.

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All visitors to the NIST site are required to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Serena Martinez by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time, Tuesday, October 11, 2016. Non-U.S. citizens must submit additional information; please contact Mrs. Martinez. Mrs. Martinez's email address is [serena.martinez@nist.gov](mailto:serena.martinez@nist.gov) and her phone number is 301-975-2661. For participants attending in person, please note that federal agencies, including NIST, can only accept a state-issued driver's license or identification card for access to federal facilities if such license or identification card is issued by a state that is compliant with the REAL ID Act of 2005 (Pub. L. 109-13), or by a state that has an extension for REAL ID compliance. NIST currently accepts other forms of federal-issued identification in lieu of a state-issued driver's license. For detailed information please contact Mrs. Martinez at 301-975-2661 or visit: [http://nist.gov/public\\_affairs/visitor/](http://nist.gov/public_affairs/visitor/).

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**National Institute of Standards and Technology**

**Genome in a Bottle Consortium—Progress and Planning Workshop**

**AGENCY:** National Institute of Standards & Technology (NIST), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of public workshop.

**SUMMARY:** NIST announces the Genome in a Bottle (GIAB) Consortium meeting to be held on Thursday and Friday, September 15 and 16, 2016. The Genome in a Bottle Consortium is developing the reference materials, reference methods, and reference data needed to assess confidence in human whole genome variant calls. A principal motivation for this consortium is to enable performance assessment of sequencing and science-based regulatory oversight of clinical sequencing. The purpose of this meeting is to update participants about progress of the consortium work, continue to get broad input from individual stakeholders to update or refine the consortium work plan, continue to broadly solicit consortium membership

from interested stakeholders, and invite members to participate in work plan implementation. September 15 will be a new sample thinkshop to discuss new GIAB genomes in parallel with a data jamboree to develop high-confidence calls for difficult variants and difficult regions. September 16 will be the plenary session to present GIAB progress updates and emerging technical work.

**DATES:** The Genome in a Bottle Consortium meeting will be held on Thursday, September 15, 2016 from 9:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Eastern Time and Friday, September 16, 2016 from 8:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Attendees must register by 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Thursday, September 8, 2016.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held in Lecture Room A, Lecture Room B, and the Green Auditorium, Building 101, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Please note admittance instructions under the **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section of this notice.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For further information contact Justin Zook by email at [jzook@nist.gov](mailto:jzook@nist.gov) or by phone at (301) 975-4133 or Marc Salit by email at [salit@nist.gov](mailto:salit@nist.gov) or by phone at (650) 350-2338. To register, go to: <https://appam.certain.com/profile/form/index.cfm?PKformID=0x311041593>.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Clinical application of ultra-high throughput sequencing for hereditary genetic diseases and oncology is rapidly growing. At present, there are no widely accepted genomic standards or quantitative performance metrics for confidence in variant calling. These standards and quantitative performance metrics are needed to achieve the confidence in measurement results expected for sound, reproducible research and regulated applications in the clinic. On April 13, 2012, NIST convened the workshop "Genome in a Bottle" to initiate a consortium to develop the reference materials, reference methods, and reference data needed to assess confidence in human whole genome variant calls ([www.genomeinabottle.org](http://www.genomeinabottle.org)). On August 16-17, 2012, NIST hosted the first large public meeting of the Genome in a Bottle Consortium, with about 100 participants from government, academic institutions, and industry. This meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** (77 FR 43237) on July 24, 2012. A principal motivation for this consortium is to enable science-based regulatory oversight of clinical sequencing.

At the August 2012 meeting, the consortium established work plans for four technical working groups with the following responsibilities:

(1) Reference Material (RM) Selection and Design: select appropriate sources for whole genome RMs and identify or design synthetic DNA constructs that could be spiked-in to samples for measurement assurance.

(2) Measurements for Reference Material Characterization: design and carry out experiments to characterize the RMs using multiple sequencing methods, other methods, and validation of selected variants using orthogonal technologies.

(3) Bioinformatics, Data Integration, and Data Representation: develop methods to analyze and integrate the data for each RM, as well as select appropriate formats to represent the data.

(4) Performance Metrics and Figures of Merit: develop useful performance metrics and figures of merit that can be obtained through measurement of the RMs.

The products of these technical working groups will be a set of well-characterized whole genome and synthetic DNA RMs along with the methods (documentary standards) and reference data necessary for use of the RMs. These products will be designed to help enable translation of whole genome sequencing to regulated clinical applications. The pilot NIST whole genome RM 8398 was released in May 2015 and is available at <http://tinyurl.com/giabpilot>. The consortium is currently analyzing and integrating data from two trios that are candidate NIST RMs. The consortium meets in workshops two times per year, in January at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA, and in August at the National Institute of Standards and Technology in Gaithersburg, MD. At these workshops, including the last meetings at Stanford in January 2016 and at NIST in August 2015, participants in the consortium have discussed progress in developing well-characterized genomes for NIST Reference Materials and planned future experiments and analysis of these genomes (see <https://federalregister.gov/a/2012-18064>, <https://federalregister.gov/a/2013-18934>, <https://federalregister.gov/a/2014-18841>, <https://federalregister.gov/a/2015-01158>, and <https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2016/01/05/2015-33140/genome-in-a-bottle-consortium-progress-and-planning-workshop> for announcements of past workshops at NIST and Stanford). The January 2016 meeting was announced in the **Federal Register** (81 FR 226) on