

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee; Meeting of the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee**

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

ACTION: Notice of Federal Advisory Committee meeting.

SUMMARY: This notice sets forth the schedule and proposed agenda for a meeting of the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee (CINTAC).

DATES: The meeting is scheduled for Thursday, March 15, 2018, from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time (EDT).

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the U.S. Department of Commerce, Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 12015–12017, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jonathan Chesebro, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, International Trade Administration, Mail Stop 28018, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230 (Phone: 202–482–1297; Fax: 202–482–5665; email: jonathan.chesebro@trade.gov).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background: The CINTAC was established under the discretionary authority of the Secretary of Commerce and in accordance with the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. App.), in response to an identified need for consensus advice from U.S. industry to the Secretary of Commerce regarding the development and administration of programs to expand United States exports of civil nuclear goods and services in accordance with applicable U.S. laws and regulations, including advice on how U.S. civil nuclear goods and services export policies, programs, and activities will affect the U.S. civil nuclear industry's competitiveness and ability to participate in the international market.

Topics to be considered: The agenda for the Thursday, March 15, 2018 CINTAC meeting is as follows:

Public Session 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

1. International Trade Administration's Civil Nuclear Trade Initiative Update
2. Civil Nuclear Trade Promotion Activities Discussion
3. Public comment period

The meeting will be open to the public and will be accessible to people with disabilities. Members of the public

wishing to attend the meeting must notify Mr. Jonathan Chesebro at the contact information above by 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, March 9, 2018 in order to pre-register. Please specify any requests for reasonable accommodation at least five business days in advance of the meeting. Last minute requests will be accepted, but may not be possible to fill.

A limited amount of time will be available for pertinent brief oral comments from members of the public attending the meeting. To accommodate as many speakers as possible, the time for public comments will be limited to two (2) minutes per person, with a total public comment period of 60 minutes. Individuals wishing to reserve speaking time during the meeting must contact Mr. Chesebro and submit a brief statement of the general nature of the comments and the name and address of the proposed participant by 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, March 9, 2018. If the number of registrants requesting to make statements is greater than can be reasonably accommodated during the meeting, ITA may conduct a lottery to determine the speakers.

Any member of the public may submit pertinent written comments concerning the CINTAC's affairs at any time before and after the meeting. Comments may be submitted to the Civil Nuclear Trade Advisory Committee, Office of Energy & Environmental Industries, U.S. Department of Commerce, Mail Stop 28018, 1401 Constitution Ave. NW, Washington, DC 20230. For consideration during the meeting, and to ensure transmission to the Committee prior to the meeting, comments must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. EDT on Friday, March 9, 2018. Comments received after that date will be distributed to the members but may not be considered at the meeting.

Copies of CINTAC meeting minutes will be available within 90 days of the meeting.

Dated: February 14, 2018.

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Deputy Director, Office of Energy and Environmental Industries.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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Cast Iron Soil Pipe From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Countervailing Duty Investigation

AGENCY: Enforcement and Compliance, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

DATES: Applicable February 15, 2018.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Matthew Renkey at (202) 482–2312, AD/CVD Operations, Enforcement & Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**The Petition**

On January 26, 2018, the Department of Commerce (Commerce) received a countervailing duty (CVD) petition concerning imports of cast iron soil pipe (soil pipe) from the People's Republic of China (China), filed in proper form, on behalf of the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute (the petitioner).¹ The petitioner is a trade association, whose members are all domestic producers of soil pipe.² The CVD petition³ was accompanied by an antidumping duty (AD) petition for soil pipe from China.⁴

On January 30 and 31, 2018, Commerce requested additional information and clarification of certain areas of the Petition.⁵ The petitioner filed responses to these requests on February 1 and 2, 2018.⁶

In accordance with section 702(b)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended

¹ See Letter to the Secretary of Commerce from the petitioner re: Cast Iron Pipe from the People's Republic of China—Petition for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties, dated January 26, 2018 (Petition).

² See Volume I of the Petition, at 2. The individual members of the Cast Iron Soil Pipe Institute are AB&I Foundry, Charlotte Pipe & Foundry, and Tyler Pipe.

³ See Volume III of the Petition.

⁴ See Volume II of the Petition.

⁵ See Letters from Commerce, “Petition for the Imposition of Countervailing Duties on Imports of Cast Iron Soil Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Supplemental Questions,” dated January 30, 2018, and “Petitions for the Imposition of Antidumping and Countervailing Duties on Imports of Cast Iron Soil Pipe from the People's Republic of China: General Issues Supplemental Questions,” dated January 31, 2018.

⁶ See Letters from the petitioner “Cast Iron Soil Pipe from the People's Republic of China: Response to Supplemental Questions—General Issues,” dated February 2, 2018 (General Issues Supplement), and “Cast Iron Pipe from the People's Republic of China—Petitioner's Response to Supplemental Questionnaire Concerning Volume III,” February 1, 2018 (CVD Supplement).