

751(a)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act).

### Scope of the Order

The merchandise subject to this order is hardwood and decorative plywood, and certain veneered panels.<sup>2</sup> For the purposes of this proceeding, hardwood and decorative plywood are described as a generally flat, multilayered plywood or other veneered panel, consisting of two or more layers of plies of wood veneers and a core, with the face and/or back veneer made of nonconiferous wood (hardwood) or bamboo. For a complete description of the scope of the order, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>3</sup>

### Methodology

For each of the subsidy programs we found to be countervailable, we determined that there is a subsidy, *i.e.*, a government-provided financial contribution that gives rise to a benefit to the recipient, and that the subsidy is specific.<sup>4</sup>

In making these findings, Commerce relied on facts available and, because we found that two companies selected as mandatory respondents for individual examination (Jiangsu High Hope Arser Co., Ltd. (High Hope) and Zhejiang Dehua TB Import & Export Co., Ltd (Zhejiang Dehua)), as well as the Government of China, did not act to the best of their abilities to respond to Commerce's requests for information, we drew an adverse inference, where appropriate, in selecting from among the facts otherwise available.

As no party submitted comments on the methodology used in calculating the adverse facts available subsidy rates assigned in the *Preliminary Results*, Commerce has made no adjustments to its determination that High Hope and Zhejiang Dehua did not cooperate to the best of their abilities to comply with Commerce's request for information. Accordingly, we continue to determine that it is appropriate to apply facts otherwise available with adverse inferences, in accordance with sections 776(a) and (b) of the Act. For details regarding the issues raised in this proceeding, including Commerce's

determination to apply adverse facts available to High Hope and Zhejiang Dehua, see the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>5</sup>

Additionally, due to the absence of reviewable entries, in our *Preliminary Determination*, we preliminarily rescinded this review with respect to the following companies: Happy Wood Industrial Group Co., Ltd; Jiangsu Sunwell Cabinetry Co., Ltd.; Linyi Bomei Furniture Co., Ltd.; Pingyi Jinniu Wood Co., Ltd.; Qingdao Top P&Q International Corp.; SAICG International Trading Co., Ltd.; Shandong Huaxin Jiasheng Wood Co., Ltd.; Shandong Jinhua International Trading Co., Ltd.; and Xuzhou Amish Import & Export Co., Ltd.<sup>6</sup> There is no additional record evidence that calls into question the preliminary decision to rescind this review for the above-referenced companies. Accordingly, we continue to find that it is appropriate to rescind this review with respect to each of these companies.

### Final Results

The final net countervailable subsidy rates are as follows:

Exporter/producer	Net subsidy rate <i>ad valorem</i> (percent)
Zhejiang Dehua TB Import & Export Co., Ltd .....	194.90
Jiangsu High Hope Arser Co., Ltd .....	194.90

### Disclosure

We described the subsidy rate calculations, which were based on adverse facts available, in the Preliminary Decision Memorandum.<sup>7</sup> As noted above, there are no changes to our calculations. Thus, no additional disclosure is necessary for this final determination.

### Assessment Rates

Consistent with section 751(a)(1) of the Act, and 19 CFR 351.212(b)(2), Commerce will determine, and U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) shall assess, countervailing duties on all appropriate entries. Commerce intends to issue appropriate assessment instructions to CBP 15 days after publication of the final results of this review.

### Cash Deposit Requirements

Pursuant to section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act, Commerce also intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties in the amount indicated above on shipments of subject merchandise from the above-named companies entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review. For all non-reviewed firms, we will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or all-others rate applicable to the company, as appropriate. These cash deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until further notice.

### Administrative Protective Order

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under the APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3), which continues to govern business proprietary information in this segment of the proceeding. Timely written notification of the return or destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a violation subject to sanction.

### Notification to Interested Parties

These final results are issued and published in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: February 10, 2020.

**Jeffrey I. Kessler,**

*Assistant Secretary for Enforcement and Compliance.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[RTID 0648-XR091]

#### Marine Mammals; File No. 23273

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; receipt of application.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Michelle Shero, Ph.D., Woods Hole Oceanographic Institution, 266 Woods

<sup>2</sup> See *Certain Hardwood Plywood Products from the People's Republic of China: Countervailing Duty Order*, 83 FR 513 (January 4, 2018).

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum, "Decision Memorandum for the Preliminary Results of the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: Certain Hardwood Plywood Products from the People's Republic of China; 2017-2018," dated October 3, 2019 (Preliminary Decision Memorandum).

<sup>4</sup> See sections 771(5)(B) and (D) of the Act regarding financial contribution, section 771(5)(E) of the Act regarding benefit, and section 771(5A) of the Act regarding specificity.

<sup>5</sup> See Preliminary Decision Memorandum.

<sup>6</sup> *Id.*

<sup>7</sup> See Preliminary Decision Memorandum at 13-17.

Hole Road, Woods Hole, MA 02543, has applied in due form for a permit to conduct research on Weddell seals (*Leptonychotes weddellii*).

**DATES:** Written, telefaxed, or email comments must be received on or before March 27, 2020.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review by selecting "Records Open for Public Comment" from the "Features" box on the Applications and Permits for Protected Species (APPS) home page, <https://apps.nmfs.noaa.gov>, and then selecting File No. 23273 from the list of available applications.

These documents are also available upon written request or by appointment in the Permits and Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301) 427-8401; fax (301) 713-0376.

Written comments on this application should be submitted to the Chief, Permits and Conservation 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](mailto: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 and Conservation 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:** Sara Young or Carrie Hubbard, (301) 427-8401.

**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 applicant requests a permit to take Weddell seals to assess the nature and underlying mechanisms that contribute to the significant heterogeneity observed in reproductive rates and animal fitness that exist within wild animal populations. This project will take a two-stage approach to understanding the causes of observed differences in reproductive output by comparing high- and low-quality females' energy dynamics, aerobic capacity and dive behavior, and fertility (genetics). To achieve project goals, a cohort of 26 female-pup pairs (13 high-quality, 13 low-quality) in Erebus Bay, Antarctica will undergo health assessments across the austral summer.

Dive recorders will also be deployed during this time, and instruments will be recovered after the winter (gestational) foraging period. An estimated 52 animals may be taken (although additional animals may be sampled if animals do not return to the expected location for recapture) by capture and restraint for drug administration, biological sampling, blood sampling, instrumentation, marking, measuring, ultrasound, and weighing. Up to 36,100 Weddell seals may also be taken by harassment through counting surveys, collection of molt, scat, spew, urine, and unmanned aircraft systems for photogrammetry. Samples collected during research and salvaged from carcasses may be imported or exported. Up to five mortalities of Weddell seal females and five Weddell seal pups are requested annually, not to exceed 15 mortalities across the duration of the permit. Up to 20 crabeater seals (*Lobodon carcinophagus*) may also be incidentally harassed during research activities.

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: February 21, 2020.

**Julia Marie Harrison,**

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

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council (MAFMC); Public Meeting

**AGENCY:** National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice; public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council's (Council) Tilefish Monitoring Committee will hold a meeting.

**DATES:** The meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 24, 2020, beginning at 9 a.m. and conclude by 1 p.m. For agenda details, see **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION**.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held via webinar with a telephone-only connection option.

*Council Address:* Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 800 N. State Street, Suite 201, Dover, DE 19901; telephone: (302) 674-2331 or on their website at [www.mafmc.org](http://www.mafmc.org).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Christopher M. Moore, Ph.D., Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, telephone: (302) 526-5255.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the meeting is for the Tilefish Monitoring Committee to recommend annual catch limits, trip limits, discards and other management measures for the blue-line and golden tilefish fisheries to the Scientific and Statistical Committee.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aid should be directed to M. Jan Saunders, (302) 526-5251, at least 5 days prior to the meeting date.

**Authority:** 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*

Dated: February 21, 2020.

**Tracey L. Thompson,**

*Acting Deputy Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

### Defense Acquisition Regulations System

[Docket Number DARS-2020-0010; OMB Control Number 0704-0477]

#### Information Collection Requirement; Defense Federal Acquisition Regulation Supplement (DFARS); Contractor Qualifications

**AGENCY:** Defense Acquisition Regulations System, Department of Defense (DoD).

**ACTION:** Notice and request for comments regarding a proposed revision of an approved information collection requirement.

**SUMMARY:** In compliance with section 3506(c)(2)(A) of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, DoD announces the proposed revision and extension of