

Scope of Order

The merchandise covered by these orders is polyvinyl alcohol. Polyvinyl alcohol is a dry, white to cream-colored, water-soluble synthetic polymer. This product consists of polyvinyl alcohols hydrolyzed in excess of 85 percent, whether or not mixed or diluted with defoamer or boric acid. Excluded from this investigation are polyvinyl alcohols covalently bonded with acetoacetyl, carboxylic acid, or sulfonic acid uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration equal to or greater than two mole percent, and polyvinyl alcohols covalently bonded with silane uniformly present on all polymer chains in a concentration equal to or greater than one-tenth of one mole percent. Polyvinyl alcohol in fiber form is not included in the scope of these orders.

The merchandise under these orders is currently classifiable under subheading 3905.30.00 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under these orders is dispositive.

Antidumping Duty Order

In accordance with section 735(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), the Department of Commerce (the Department) made its final determination that polyvinyl alcohol from Japan, the People's Republic of China (PRC), and Taiwan is being sold at less than fair value (61 FR 14057-14063, March 29, 1996). On May 6, 1996, the International Trade Commission (ITC) notified the Department of its final determination, pursuant to section 735(b)(1)(A)(ii) of the Act, that an industry in the United States is threatened with material injury by reason of imports of the subject merchandise from Japan, the PRC, and Taiwan. The ITC did not determine, pursuant to section 735(b)(4)(B) of the Act, that, but for the suspension of liquidation of entries of the subject merchandise, the domestic industry would have been materially injured.

When the ITC finds threat of material injury, and makes a negative "but for" finding, the "Special Rule" provision of section 736(b)(2) applies. Therefore, only unliquidated entries of polyvinyl alcohol from Japan, the PRC, and Taiwan, except for imports from the PRC manufactured and sold to the United States by Sinopec Sichuan Vinylon Works, entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption *on or after* the date on which the ITC published its notice of final

determination of threat of material injury in the Federal Register are liable for the assessment of antidumping duties.

Accordingly, the Department will direct the Customs Service to terminate the suspension of liquidation for entries of polyvinyl alcohol imported from Japan, the PRC, and Taiwan, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption *before the date* on which the ITC published its notice of final determination of threat of material injury in the Federal Register, and to release any bond or other security, and refund any cash deposit, posted to secure the payment of estimated antidumping duties with respect to these entries.

In accordance with section 736(a)(1) of the Act, the Department will direct Customs officers to assess, upon further advice by the administering authority, antidumping duties equal to the amount by which the foreign market exceeds the United States price for all relevant entries of polyvinyl alcohol from Japan, the PRC, and Taiwan, except for imports from the PRC manufactured and sold to the United States by Sinopec Sichuan Vinylon Works. Customs officers must require, at the same time as importers would normally deposit estimated duties on this merchandise, a cash deposit equal to the estimated weighted-average antidumping duty margins as noted below. The "All Others" rate listed for each country applies to all exporters of polyvinyl alcohol not specifically listed below.

The ad valorem weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

Manufacturer/producer/exporter	Weighted-average margin percentage
Japan:	
Kuraray Co. Ltd.	77.49
Nippon Synthetic Chemical	77.49
Industry Co. Ltd.	77.49
Shin-Etsu Chemical Co.	77.49
Unitika Ltd.	77.49
All Others	77.49
PRC:	
Guangxi GITIC Import/Export	116.75
Sinopec Sichuan Vinylon Works (also known as Sichuan Vinylon Works)	1 000.00
PRC-Wide rate	116.75
Taiwan:	
Chang Chun Petrochemical	19.21
All Others	19.21

¹ Excluded.

Allegations of ministerial errors were made with respect to the Department's final determinations for polyvinyl alcohol from the PRC and Taiwan. Upon

review, the Department determined that certain corrections to these determinations were appropriate. However, these corrections did not alter the margin percentages; therefore, no amendments to the final determinations were necessary.

This notice constitutes the antidumping duty orders with respect to polyvinyl alcohol from Japan, the PRC, and Taiwan. The Department of Commerce is excluding from the application of the order products from the PRC that are manufactured *and* sold to the United States by Sinopec Sichuan Vinylon Works. However, the ad valorem weighted-average dumping margin applicable to polyvinyl alcohol manufactured by any other PRC manufacturer and exported by Sinopec Sichuan Vinylon Works is 116.75 percent (the PRC-wide rate).

Interested parties may contact the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the Main Commerce Building, for copies of an updated list of antidumping duty orders currently in effect.

These orders are published in accordance with section 736(a) of the Act.

Dated: May 9, 1996.

Paul L. Joffe,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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Pure and Alloy Magnesium from Canada; Extension of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for countervailing duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for preliminary and final results of the third administrative review of the countervailing duty order on pure and alloy magnesium from Canada. This extension is made pursuant to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (hereinafter, "the Act").

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 14, 1996

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Thirumalai or Kristie Strecker, Office of Countervailing Investigations, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and

Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, D.C., 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4087 or 3174 respectively.

POSTPONEMENT: Under the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit of 365 days. The Department finds that it is not practicable to complete the third administrative review of pure and alloy magnesium from Canada within this time limit.

In accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department will extend the time for completion of the preliminary results of this review from a 245-day period to no later than a 365-day period and for completion of the final results of this review from a 120-day period to no later than a 180-day period.

Dated: May 6, 1996.

Barbara R. Stafford,

Deputy Assistant Secretary for Investigations.
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National Institute of Standards and Technology

National Institute of Standards and Technology Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Program Evaluation Survey

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before July 15, 1996.

ADDRESSEES: Direct written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Acting Departmental Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington DC 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Elizabeth Bury, Manufacturing Extensions Partnership, Building 301, Room C-100, National Institute of Standards and Technology,

Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, 301-975-3944 phone, and 301-926-3787 fax.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

This is a new submission by the U.S. Department of Commerce's National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST). Previously, the information collection was administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Census Bureau. This collection activity is being conducted in partnership with the Census Bureau.

The Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) is a growing nationwide system of services and support for smaller manufacturers giving them unprecedented access to new technologies, resources, and expertise. Sponsored by NIST, the MEP is comprised of a network of locally based Manufacturing Extension Centers.

Obtaining specific information from clients about the impact of MEP services is essential for NIST MEP officials to evaluate program strengths and weaknesses and plan improvements in program effectiveness and efficiency. This information is not available from existing programs or other sources.

II. Method of Collection

The survey will be administered using Computer Assisted Telephone Interviewing (CATI) technology.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0607-0016 currently approved for Census.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission for a new submission from NIST. This is a currently approved collection at Census.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 8,460.

Estimated Time Per Response: 12.5 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 1,800.

Estimated Total Annual Cost: The estimate of the total cost for this survey for fiscal year 1997 and future years is \$228,500. The total cost is being paid by NIST. The annual costs include administration of the survey, and updating of the CATI system, and development of tabulations and analyses of the data from the survey results.

IV. Requests for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance

of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and/or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: May 8, 1996.

Linda Engelmeier,

Acting Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Caribbean Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Caribbean Fishery Management Council's Administrative Committee will hold a meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on May 29, 1996, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Travelodge Hotel, in San Juan, PR.

Council Address: Caribbean Fishery Management Council, 8 Muñoz Rivera Avenue, Suite 1108, San Juan, PR 00918-2577.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caribbean Fishery Management Council; telephone: (809) 766-5926.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Administrative Committee will hold this meeting to discuss adjustments to the FY 96 budget and other administrative matters.

The meeting is open to the public, and will be conducted in English.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. For more information or requests for sign