

Co. L.L.C.); CM Positech (Columbus McKinnon, for the activities of its CM Positech Division); D.A. Griffin (Griffin Automation); Litton (Western Atlas); Hobart Brothers Company (Hobart Laser Products); Republic Lagun Machine Tool Co. (Republic Lagun CNC Corp.); Wadell Machine & Tool Co. (Rendas Tool & Die, Inc., for the activities of its Wadell Division); and Wallace Coast Machinery Corp. (Jesse Engineering Co., for the activities of its Wallace Coast Machinery Division).

A copy of the amended Certificate will be kept in the International Trade Administration's Freedom of Information Records Inspection Facility, Room 4001, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

Effective Date: July 16, 1996.

Dated: October 22, 1996.

W. Dawn Busby,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Binational Panel Decision.

SUMMARY: On September 27, 1996 the Binational Panel issued its decision in the review of the final antidumping duty administrative review made by the Secretaria de Comercio y Fomento Industrial de Mexico (SECOFI) respecting Flat Coated Sheet Products from the United States, Secretariat File No. MEX-94-1904-01. The Binational Panel unanimously affirmed in part and remanded in part the final determination. A copy of the complete Panel decision in Spanish or English is available from the NAFTA Secretariat.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James R. Holbein, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent

binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the Federal Register on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686). The Binational Panel review in this matter was conducted in accordance with these Rules.

Background

On September 1, 1994 Inland Steel Company and USX Corporation filed a First Request for Panel Review with the Mexican Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the final antidumping determination that was published in the *Diario Oficial* on August 2, 1994. Complaints were filed by Inland, USX, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, LTV Steel Company, New Process Steel Corporation and Industrias Monterrey, S.A. de C.V. (IMSA). Briefs were filed by all participants and oral argument was held in accordance with the Rules.

Panel Decision

In its September 27 decision, the Binational Panel unanimously affirmed in part and remanded in part the final determination. In its Order the panel affirmed all aspects of the final determination except for several specific instructions to SECOFI to take further actions. The Panel Order then enumerated specific actions involving competence and formality requirements, dumping issues, and injury issues. The Panel directed SECOFI, on remand, to comply with the specific instructions within 120 days of the date of this Order (by not later than January 27, 1997.)

Dated: October 14, 1996.

James R. Holbein,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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National Institute of Standards and Technology

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Voluntary Product Standard, Amendment and Editorial Correction to PS 20-94

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

ACTION: Notice; announcement of an amendment and an editorial correction to Voluntary Product Standard PS 20-94 American Softwood Lumber Standard.

SUMMARY: On July 18, 1996, NIST requested the American Lumber Standard Committee (ALSC) to amend PS 20-94 to clarify NIST's role in the nomination of members to the ALSC Board of Review. The Committee unanimously approved the amendment, which became effective August 24, 1996. Also, on July 18, 1996, NIST notified the ALSC that it was making an editorial correction for the purpose of clarification to § 5.1 of PS 20-94 and that the correction would become effective immediately.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Barbara M. Meigs, (301) 975-4025.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Voluntary Product Standard PS 20-94 American Softwood Lumber Standard was developed under procedures published by the Department of Commerce in Part 10, Title 15, of the Code of Federal Regulations. The ALSC acts as the Standing Committee for PS 20-94.

This announcement is to provide public notice of the recent amendment and editorial correction to PS 20-94. These changes shall be listed as addenda to the standard until the standard is reprinted.

The amendment affects three sections of PS 20-94. The sections have been modified to read as follows:

§ 10.4 Composition, election, terms, compensation, and removal—The Board shall be composed of three members, none of whom shall be members of the ALSC or affiliated with a grading agency or any member of a grading agency.

§ 10.4.1 The chairman of the ALSC shall appoint a spokesperson for each of the three membership groups within the ALSC that shall nominate members of the Board. The spokesperson shall determine and report the decision of the group to the Chairman along with a summary of the qualifications of each nominee and a statement of any interests, financial or otherwise, which the nominee has in the lumber industry. Except as provided in 10.4.1.4, Board members shall be nominated as follows:

§ 10.4.1.5 The names of the nominees shall be submitted to the Department of

Commerce prior to election and shall be accompanied by the summary of the qualifications of each nominee and an attestation that the requirements of 10.4 and 10.4.1 have been met.

The editorial correction, which was made by NIST pursuant to its authority under § 10.12 of Department procedures, affects § 5.1 and was made to improve the clarity of this section and to read as follows:

§ 5.1 Rough size—The minimum rough thickness of dry or unseasoned lumber 1 or more inches in nominal thickness shall be not less than 1/8 inch (3 mm) thicker than the corresponding minimum dressed thickness, except that up to 20 percent of a shipment shall be not less than 3/32 inch (2 mm) thicker than the corresponding minimum dressed thickness. The minimum rough widths shall not be less than 1/8 inch (3 mm) wider than the corresponding minimum dressed width.

Authority: 15 USC 272 and 15 CFR Part 10.

Dated: October 22, 1996.

Samuel Kramer,

Associate Director.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Adjustment of Import Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool, Man-Made Fiber, Silk Blend and Other Vegetable Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the People's Republic of China

October 22, 1996.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs increasing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 22, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jennifer Aldrich, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port or call (202) 927-6703. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482-3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854).

The current limits for certain categories are being increased for carryover.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see Federal Register notice 60 FR 65299, published on December 19, 1995). Also see 60 FR 65292, published on December 19, 1995.

The letter to the Commissioner of Customs and the actions taken pursuant to it are not designed to implement all of the provisions of the bilateral agreement, but are designed to assist only in the implementation of certain of its provisions.

D. Michael Hutchinson,

Acting Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 22, 1996.

Commissioner of Customs,

Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: This directive amends, but does not cancel, the directive issued to you on December 13, 1995, by the Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements. That directive concerns imports of certain cotton, wool, man-made fiber, silk blend and other vegetable fiber textile products, produced or manufactured in the People's Republic of China and exported during the twelve-month period which began on January 1, 1996 and extends through December 31, 1996.

Effective on October 22, 1996, you are directed to increase the limits for the following categories, as provided for under the terms of the bilateral agreement between the Governments of the United States and the People's Republic of China:

Category	Adjusted twelve-month limit ¹
Group I 200, 218, 219, 226, 237, 239, 300/301, 313-315, 317/326, 331, 333-336, 338/339, 340-342, 345, 347/348, 350-352, 359-C ² , 359-V ³ , 360-363, 369-D ⁴ , 369-H ⁵ , 369-L ⁶ , 410, 433- 436, 438, 440, 442-444, 445/446, 445, 448, 604, 611, 613-615, 617, 631, 633- 636, 638/639, 640-643, 644/844, 645/646, 647-652, 659-C ⁷ , 659-H ⁸ , 659-S ⁹ , 666, 669-P ¹⁰ , 670- L ¹¹ , 831, 833, 835, 836, 840, 842 and 845-847, as a group.	1,460,250,403 square meters equivalent.
Sublevels in Group I 219	2,300,289 square me- ters.
226	10,956,994 square meters.
300/301	3,774,986 kilograms.
313	44,102,137 square meters.
317/326	21,125,435 square meters of which not more than 4,041,711 square meters shall be in Category 326.
333	92,532 dozen.
335	401,285 dozen.
340	873,727 dozen of which not more than 436,864 dozen shall be in Category 340- Z ¹² .
345	137,238 dozen.
350	165,162 dozen.
351	527,672 dozen.
360	7,678,590 numbers of which not more than 5,139,642 numbers shall be in Category 360-P ¹³ .
361	4,268,808 numbers.
363	32,076,259 numbers.
369-D	4,794,564 kilograms.
369-H	4,738,905 kilograms.
369-L	3,266,571 kilograms.
410	2,095,834 square me- ters of which not more than 1,680,038 square meters shall be in Category 410- A ¹⁴ and not more than 1,680,038 square meters shall be in Category 410- B ¹⁵ .
433	24,420 dozen.
434	13,914 dozen.
435	25,557 dozen.
436	15,902 dozen.