

Manufacturer/exporter of line pipe	Assessment rate (percent)
Mannesmann .....	0.75
Manufacturer/exporter of line pipe and tube	Assessment rate (percent)
Erbosan .....	4.06

If the final results of these reviews remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service ("Customs") to assess countervailing duties as indicated above.

The Department also intends to instruct Customs to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties as indicated below of the f.o.b. invoice price on all shipments of each class or kind of merchandise from reviewed companies, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of these reviews.

Manufacturer/exporter of line pipe	Cash deposit rate (percent)
Mannesmann .....	0.75
Manufacturer/exporter of pipe and tube	Cash deposit rate (percent)
Erbosan .....	4.01

Because the URAA replaced the general rule in favor of a country-wide rate with a general rule in favor of individual rates for investigated and reviewed companies, the procedures for establishing countervailing duty rates, including those for non-reviewed companies, are now essentially the same as those in antidumping cases, except as provided for in section 777A(e)(2)(B) of the Act. The requested review will normally cover only those companies specifically named. See 19 CFR section 355.22(a). Pursuant to 19 CFR 355.22(g), for all companies for which a review was *not* requested, duties must be assessed at the cash deposit rate, and cash deposits must continue to be collected, at the rate previously ordered. As such, the countervailing duty cash deposit rate applicable to a company can no longer change, except pursuant to a request for a review of that company. See *Federal-Mogul Corporation and The Torrington Company v. United States*, 822 F.Supp. 782 (CIT 1993) and *Floral Trade Council v. United States*, 822 F.Supp. 766 (CIT

1993) (interpreting 19 CFR 353.22(e), the antidumping regulation on automatic assessment, which is identical to 19 CFR section 355.22(g)). Therefore, the cash deposit rates for all companies except those covered by these reviews will be unchanged by the results of these reviews.

We will instruct Customs to continue to collect cash deposits for non-reviewed companies under each order at the most recent company-specific or country-wide rate applicable to the company under that order. Accordingly, the cash deposit rates that will be applied to non-reviewed companies covered by these orders are those established in the most recently completed administrative proceeding. See *Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube Products from Turkey*; Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 53 FR 9791. These rates shall apply to all non-reviewed companies until a review of a company assigned these rates is requested. In addition, for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995, the assessment rates applicable to all non-reviewed companies covered by these orders are the cash deposit rates in effect at the time of entry.

#### Public Comments

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of the calculation methodology and interested parties may request a hearing not later than 10 days after the date of publication of this notice. Interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs on these preliminary results within 30 days of the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, may be submitted seven days after the time limit for filing the case brief. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Any hearing, if requested, will be held seven days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 355.38.

Representatives of parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs, under 19 CFR 355.38, are due. The Department will publish the final results of these administrative reviews, including the

results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief or at a hearing.

These administrative reviews and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)).

Dated: March 31, 1997.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 970326070-7070-01]

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### Notice of Termination of Validation Services for Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS)

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

**ACTION:** Notice; termination of validation services.

**SUMMARY:** The NIST is terminating validation services for: FIPS 127-2, Database Language SQL, and FIPS 128-2, Computer Graphics Metafile, Continuous Acquisition and Life-Cycle Support Profile (CGM (CALS)), and considering terminating validation services for FIPS 21-4, COBOL; FIPS 69-1, Fortran; FIPS 128-2, Computer Graphics Metafile, Air Transport Association Profile (CGM (ATA)); FIPS 151-2, POSIX; and FIPS 160, C. Comments are solicited.

NIST announced by Department Organization Order 30-2B the formation of the Information Technology Laboratory (ITL). Under the new ITL organization, NIST is refocusing its program for information technology, concentrating on the development of conformance tests for emerging information technologies rather than the operation of software testing services.

Therefore, the NIST is terminating validation services for FIPS 127-2, SQL, and FIPS 128-2, CGM (CALS), effective July 1, 1997. The NIST is considering terminating validation services for FIPS 21-4, COBOL; FIPS 69-1, Fortran; FIPS 128-2 CGM (ATA); FIPS 151-2, POSIX; and FIPS 160, C, effective September 30, 1997. Advance notice of this termination is given so that interested parties may establish testing services if they wish to do so. Federal, state, and local government agencies requiring validation of implementations for conformance to the above standards

may specify their own testing or adopt other techniques for evaluating conference to these specifications.

Information on the test methods and procedures for conformance testing are available in the Validated Products List (VPL) on the internet Universal Resource Locator (URL) address <ftp://speckle.ncsl.nist.gov/vpl/intro.htm>. NIST test suites and testing procedures are distributed freely via the World Wide Web (WWW) Universal Resource Locator (URL) <http://www.nist.gov/div897/ctg>.

**DATES:** The effective date for terminating validation services for FIPS 127-2, SQL, and FIPS 128-2, CGM (CAL), is July 1, 1997. Comments on terminating validation services for FIPS 21-4, COBOL; FIPS 69-1, Fortran; FIPS 128-2, CGM (ATA); FIPS 151-2, POSIX; and FIPS 160, C, must be received no later than May 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** Written comments concerning the termination should be sent to: Director, Information Technology Laboratory, Attn: Validation Services, Building 820, Room 562, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899. Electronic comments should be sent to: [fips.comments@nist.gov](mailto:fips.comments@nist.gov).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COMMENTS CONTACT:**

Ms. Lynne Rosenthal, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone (301) 975-3283, email [lsr@nist.gov](mailto:lsr@nist.gov).

**Authority:** Federal Information Processing Standards Publications (FIPS PUBS) are issued by the National Institute of Standards and Technology after approval by the Secretary of Commerce pursuant to Section 5131 of the Information Technology Management Reform Act of 1996, Public Law 104-106, and the Computer Security Act of 1987.

**Elaine Buntin-Mines,**  
Director, Program Office.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040197C]

#### Northern Right Whale Protection; Endangered and Threatened Marine Mammals

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

**ACTION:** Notice of petition and determination.

**SUMMARY:** On August 26, 1996, NMFS received a petition from Mr. Richard Max Strahan representing GreenWorld, Inc., requesting that NMFS and the U.S. Coast Guard undertake a variety of actions to protect and preserve marine wildlife and, in particular, the northern right whale (*Eubalaena glacialis*). The petition was amended on September 18, 1996.

NMFS has denied the petition from GreenWorld, Inc., because it does not contain substantial information indicating that the petitioned actions may be warranted.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Robert C. Ziobro, Protected Species Management Division, Office of Protected Resources, East-West Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910 (301-713-1401).

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On August 26, 1996, NMFS received a notice of intent to bring suit under the Endangered Species Act (ESA) on a petition for proposed regulations from Mr. Strahan. On September 18, 1996, Mr. Strahan amended his original petition to add another provision to his list of requested actions. The notice and petition was addressed both to officials at NMFS and the U.S. Coast Guard.

The following is a brief summary of some of the primary elements of the petition and the request for relief in Mr. Strahan's letters that appear to be directed to NMFS, or to NMFS and the U.S. Coast Guard: Issue a letter to coastal state government agencies informing them that they are in violation of the ESA and must apply to NMFS for a section 10 permit or face U.S. Coast Guard enforcement action; issue an emergency rule followed by a permanent rule banning fixed fishing gear in right whale critical habitat; promulgate and enforce a rule banning all gillnets and aquaculture projects; promulgate a rule allowing other types of fishing gear in right whale critical habitat areas only pursuant to a section 10 incidental take permit and a small take authorization pursuant to section 101 of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA); and comply with the mandatory and non-discretionary duties imposed under section 7(a) of the ESA and utilize all statutory and regulatory authorities to adopt and implement a conservation plan to enforce the take prohibitions of the ESA and MMPA to stop marine fisheries licensed and regulated by States from incidentally taking northern right whales and other Federally protected whales taken incidentally in State fishery activities

along the Atlantic and Pacific Coastlines of the U.S.

NMFS has evaluated the petition and request for relief and determined that they do not contain substantial information that the requested actions may be warranted. NMFS notes, however, that efforts are underway to reduce incidental takes in commercial fisheries, including State regulated fisheries, under section 118 of the MMPA. For example, a large whale take reduction team was formed and notice thereof published in the **Federal Register** on August 6, 1996 (61 FR 40819) to address incidental takings of certain large whale species that occur or may occur in several fisheries. NMFS filed a proposed Large Whale Take Reduction Plan at the Federal Register on April 1, 1997, and Mr. Strahan and others are invited to comment on that plan.

Dated: April 1, 1997.

**Charles Karnella,**

Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,  
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040297D]

#### Endangered Species; Permits

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of four applications for scientific research permits (P772#71, P639, P640, P641).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the Southwest Fisheries Science Center, Tiburon Laboratory, NMFS at Tiburon, CA (SWFSC); Point Reyes National Seashore and Golden Gate National Recreation Area, National Park Service at San Francisco, CA (PR/GG); the Marin Municipal Water District at Corte Madera, CA (MMWD); and the Sonoma County Water Agency at Santa Rosa, CA (SCWA) have applied in due form for permits authorizing takes of a threatened species for scientific research purposes.

**DATES:** Written comments or requests for a public hearing on any of these applications must be received on or before May 8, 1997.

**ADDRESSES:** The applications and related documents are available for