

polyatomic species. Advice received from: National Institutes of Health, March 19, 1997.

Two domestic manufacturers of similar instruments, the National Institute of Standards and Technology and the National Institutes of Health advise in their memoranda that (1) the capabilities of each of the foreign instruments described above are pertinent to each applicant's intended purpose and (2) they know of no domestic instrument or apparatus of equivalent scientific value for the intended use of each instrument.

We know of no other instrument or apparatus being manufactured in the United States which is of equivalent scientific value to any of the foreign instruments.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

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

ACTION: Notice of first request for panel review.

SUMMARY: On May 8, 1997, Cemex, S.A. de C.V. filed a First Request for Panel Review with the U.S. 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 review made by the International Trade Administration in the administrative review respecting Gray Portland Cement and Clinker from Mexico. This determination was published in the **Federal Register** on April 10, 1997 (62 FR 17581). The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-97-1904-02 to this request.

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 panel review in this matter will be conducted in accordance with these Rules.

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on May 8, 1997, requesting panel review of the final antidumping duty administrative review described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) a Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is June 9, 1997);

(b) a Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is June 23, 1997); and

(c) the panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: May 13, 1997.

James R. Holbein,

U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

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

ACTION: Notice of first request for panel review.

SUMMARY: On May 6, 1997, Cemex, S.A. de C.V. filed a First Request for Panel Review with the U.S. 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 review made by the International Trade Administration in the administrative review respecting Gray Portland Cement and Clinker from Mexico. This determination was published in the **Federal Register** on April 9, 1997 (62 FR 17148). The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number USA-97-1904-01 to this request.

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.

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A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the U.S. Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on May 6, 1997,

requesting panel review of the final antidumping duty administrative review described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) a Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is June 5, 1997);

(b) a Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is June 20, 1997); and

(c) the panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: May 13, 1997.

James R. Holbein,

U.S. Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcement of an Opportunity to Join a Cooperative Research and Development Consortium for Machine Tool Performance Models and Machine Data Repository

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) invites interested parties to attend a meeting on May 29, 1997, to discuss setting up a cooperative research

consortium. The goal of the consortium is to develop machine tool performance models and a machine data repository.

The program will be within the scope and confines of The Federal Technology Transfer Act of 1986 (Pub. L. 99-502, 15 U.S.C. 3710a), which provides federal laboratories including NIST, with the authority to enter into cooperative research agreements with qualified parties. Under this law, NIST may contribute personnel, equipment, and facilities—but no funds—to the cooperative research program.

Members will be expected to make a contribution to the consortium's efforts in the form of personnel, data, and/or funds. This is not a grant program.

DATES: The meeting will take place on May 29, 1997. Interested parties should contact NIST to confirm their interest at the address, telephone number or FAX number shown below.

ADDRESSES: Sound Building, Room B102, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Donald S. Blomquist, Telephone: 301-975-6600; FAX: 301-869-3536.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: To reduce costs and respond rapidly to changing customer needs, large companies are relying increasingly on a network of suppliers and outsourcing a significant percentage of their manufacturing needs. This type of geographically and organizationally distributed manufacturing requires better communication and improved coordination and utilization of internal and external manufacturing resources by all the participants.

The goal of the consortium is to develop tools that enable design and manufacturing engineers to predict machine tool performance and to ensure that parts can be machined to specification with a minimum of prototyping. These tools include data structures and low order machine models that represent actual machine behavior; mathematical representation of actual part geometry, including dimension and form errors; virtual machining algorithms; virtual

inspection algorithms; standardized data formats; remotely accessible machine data repositories.

Dated: May 9, 1997.

Elaine Buntin-Mines,

Director, Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY

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Office of Fossil Energy; El Paso Gas Marketing Company, Northstar Energy Inc., Colony Natural Gas Corporation, Gas Ventures, Inc., KCS Energy Marketing, Inc., Global Energy Services, LLC, CMEX Energy, Inc., Colonial Energy, Inc., NESI Energy Marketing, L.L.C., Progas U.S.A., Inc., Rainy River Forest Products Inc., Engage Energy US, L.P., Alberta Resources Inc.; Orders Granting and Vacating Authorizations to Import and/or Export Natural Gas

AGENCY: Office of Fossil Energy, DOE.

ACTION: Notice of orders.

SUMMARY: The Office of Fossil Energy of the Department of Energy gives notice that it has issued Orders authorizing and/or vacating various imports and/or exports of natural gas. These Orders are summarized in the attached appendix.

These Orders are available for inspection and copying in the Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Avenue, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20585, (202) 586-9478. The Docket Room is open between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays.

Issued in Washington, D.C., on April 29, 1997.

Wayne E. Peters,

Manager, Natural Gas Regulation, Office of Natural Gas & Petroleum Import and Export Activities, Office of Fossil Energy.

APPENDIX.—BLANKET IMPORT/EXPORT AUTHORIZATIONS GRANTED [DOE/FE authority]

Order No.	Date issued	Importer/Exporter FE Docket No.	Two-Year Maximum		Comments
			Import volume	Export volume	
116-A	03/07/97	El Paso Gas Marketing Company 85-32-NG.	Vacated.
816-A	03/12/97	Northstar Energy Inc. 93-54-NG	Vacated.