

The Department has examined SEAH's request for a changed circumstances administrative review and has determined that the facts before the Department will require further investigation.

On May 13, 1997, SEAH also requested that the Department publish concurrently its notice of initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstances review. On May 23, 1997, petitioners submitted a letter objecting to the concurrent issuance of a notice of initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstances review. Petitioners' objection is based on the complexity of the facts, and the inability of counsel to obtain proprietary documents submitted by SEAH until after an initiation. For these reasons, and because we are considering whether to seek additional information and want petitioners to have an opportunity to comment, the Department has determined that it would not be appropriate to issue our preliminary results of a changed circumstances review at this time.

Scope of the Review

The merchandise subject to this antidumping duty order is welded austenitic stainless steel pipe (WSSP) that meets the standards and specifications set forth by the American Society for Testing and Materials (ASTM) for the welded form of chromium-nickel pipe designated ASTM A-312. The merchandise covered by the scope of this order also includes WSSP made according to the standards of other nations which are comparable to ASTM A-312.

WSSP is produced by forming stainless steel flat-rolled products into a tubular configuration and welding along the seam. WSSP is a commodity product generally used as a conduit to transmit liquids or gases. Major applications include, but are not limited to, digester lines, blow lines, pharmaceutical lines, petrochemical stock lines, brewery process and transport lines, general food processing lines, automotive paint lines and paper process machines. Imports of WSSP are currently classifiable under the following Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) subheadings: 7306.40.5005, 7306.40.5015, 7306.40.5040, 7306.40.5065 and 7306.40.5085. Although these subheadings include both pipes and tubes, the scope of this antidumping duty order is limited to welded austenitic stainless steel pipes. Although the HTS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description of the scope of this order is dispositive.

This changed circumstances administrative review covers SEAH and any parties affiliated with SEAH.

Initiation of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Order Administrative Review

Pursuant to section 751(b) of the Tariff Act, the Department will conduct a changed circumstances administrative review upon receipt of information concerning, or a request from an interested party of an antidumping duty order which shows, changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review of the order. See section 751(b)(1). In accordance with section 751(b) and 19 CFR 353.22(f)(1)(i), we are initiating a changed circumstances administrative review based upon the information contained in SEAH's March 27, 1997 request for this review.

The Department will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of preliminary results of changed circumstances antidumping duty administrative review, in accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(f)(1)(v), which will set forth the factual and legal conclusions upon which our preliminary results are based. Not later than 270 days after publication of this notice of initiation, the Department will issue its final results of review. All written comments must be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 353.31(e) and must be served on all interested parties on the Department's service list in accordance with 19 CFR 353.31(g).

This notice is in accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Tariff Act and section 353.22(f)(1)(i) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: June 2, 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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An Evaluation of Potential Shrimp Virus Impacts on Cultured Shrimp and on Wild Shrimp Populations in the Gulf of Mexico and Southeastern U.S. Atlantic Coastal Waters

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce, on behalf of the Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture.

ACTION: Advance notice of a proposed shrimp virus risk assessment and public meetings.

SUMMARY: The Joint Subcommittee on Aquaculture (JSA); Office of Science and Technology Policy, is releasing a report describing the potential impacts of shrimp viruses on cultured shrimp and on wild shrimp populations in the Gulf of Mexico and southeastern U.S. Atlantic coastal waters. Comments received in writing, or at public meetings, will be used to help develop plans for an ecological risk assessment on shrimp viruses.

DATES: Consideration will be given to only to those comments received on or before August 11, 1997. In addition, comments may be provided at any of three public meetings to be held. See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section for further details regarding these meetings.

ADDRESSES: Copies of a report prepared for the JSA entitled, "An Evaluation of Shrimp Virus Impacts on Cultured Shrimp and on Wild Shrimp Populations in the Gulf of Mexico and Southeastern U.S. Atlantic Coastal Waters" (the shrimp virus report) may be obtained by contacting NMFS Assistant Administrator's Office of Industry and Trade, at: 301-713-2379 or by accessing the NMFS Home Page, at: <http://kingfish.ssp.nmfs.gov/oit/oit.html>. To help ensure that written comments are considered, send an original and three copies to Mr. Jerome Erbacher, Office of Industry & Trade, Room 3675, SSMC3, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, or facsimile to (301) 713-2384. To attend any of the public meetings, contact the Eastern Research Group, Inc. (ERG), Conference Registration Line, (617) 674-7374.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: For technical information, contact Dr. Thomas McIlwain, Chairperson of the JSA Shrimp Virus Work Group, NMFS, 3209 Frederick Street, Pascagoula, MS 39567, (601) 762-4591 or Dr. Thomas C. Siewicki, 219 Ft. Johnson Road, Charleston SC 29412, (803) 762-8534.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Evidence suggests that exotic shrimp viruses may be inadvertently introduced into U.S. coastal regions. If established, these introduced viruses have the potential to infect both wild shrimp stocks and shrimp in aquaculture through a number of different pathways. Two potentially significant pathways involve the shrimp aquaculture and shrimp processing industries. Though considered less significant, examples of other potential pathways include bait shrimp, ship ballast water, research and

display, translocated animals (non-shrimp), and natural spread (e.g., migratory birds, large scale currents, flooding).

In 1995, Taura Syndrome Virus (TVS) was documented in shrimp culture ponds in Texas. After the Texas outbreak, ponds were restocked with shrimp seed native to the Gulf of Mexico. However, some of the shrimp in the second stocking were later found infected with other pathogenic viruses (e.g., White Spot Syndrome Virus (WSSV) and Yellow Head virus (YHV), only previously identified in shrimp imported from the far east. In 1996, a repeat outbreak of TSV was documented. In 1997, YHV and WSSV were identified (based on very limited data) in South Carolina. These outbreaks have raised concerns that viruses could be spread from aquaculture facilities to the wild shrimp stocks in U.S. coastal waters, with potentially serious implications.

To determine the likelihood and the potential impacts of exotic shrimp viruses on wild shrimp populations in the Gulf of Mexico and Southeastern U.S. Atlantic Coastal Waters and on cultured shrimp in aquaculture in these areas, the JSA has decided to conduct an ecological risk assessment. (The JSA consists of representatives from several Federal organizations, including the National Marine Fisheries Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, and the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency). In support of information exchange and education, and to determine any necessary course of action to avert the introduction of pathogenic viruses, the JSA tasked a Federal interagency work group (Shrimp Virus Work Group; SVWG) with identifying research on shrimp viruses, the mode of virus transmission, and the potential for the introduction of these viruses into the Gulf of Mexico and Southeastern U.S. Atlantic Coastal Waters. The SVWG helped to organize and participated in a shrimp virus workshop in New Orleans, LA, in June 1996. Recently, the SVWG prepared a shrimp virus report that summarizes readily-available risk-relevant information on shrimp viruses. This report has been approved by the JSA and is available to the public for comment.

Comments on the shrimp virus report received from the public (whether in writing or at the public meetings) will be used as input to a workshop that will help finalize plans for conducting a shrimp virus ecological risk assessment.

Meeting Locations and Times : July 15, in Charleston, South Carolina; July 21, in Mobile, Alabama; and July 23, in

Brownsville, Texas. There is no charge for attending the public meetings listed above; however, seats are limited, so it is advisable to register as soon as possible. Participants wishing to make comments or address issues can register with ERG prior to the workshop, or on site. Each participant will be assigned a time slot on a first-come, first-served basis. Individual comments should be limited to 3 to 5 minutes; additional or lengthy comments may be submitted in writing to the address provided above.

Dated: June 5, 1997.

Roland Schmitten,

*Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 060497A]

Gulf of Mexico 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 Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene a public meeting of the Stone Crab Advisory Panel (AP).

DATES: This meeting will be held on July 7, 1997, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

ADDRESSES: This meeting will be held at the Monroe County Regional Service Center, 2798 Overseas Highway, Marathon, FL; telephone: 305-743-6727.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Wayne Swingle, Executive Director, Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; telephone: 813-228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of the meeting will be to review effort and landing trends in the fishery and continue development of recommendations for a limited access system and the structure of such a system.

The AP is comprised of fishermen and other user groups who advise the Council on fishery issues.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by June 30, 1997.

Dated: June 5, 1997.

Bruce C. Morehead,

Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, 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; Public Meeting

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council will hold a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on June 25, 1997, the Council will meet from 10:00 a.m. until approximately 5:00 p.m. On June 26, 1997, the Council will meet from 8:00 a.m. until approximately noon.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Holiday Inn, 3845 Veterans Memorial Highway, Ronkonkoma, NY 11779; telephone: 516-585-9500.

Council address: Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, 300 S. New Street, Dover, DE 19904; telephone: 302-674-2331.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council; telephone: 302-674-2331.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The purpose of this meeting is to review proposed Federal regulations to implement the Magnuson-Stevens Act, discuss and possibly adopt for Secretarial approval the Monkfish Fishery Management Plan, and other fishery management matters.

The above agenda items may not be taken in the order in which they appear and are subject to change as necessary; other items may be added. This meeting may also be closed at any time to discuss employment or other internal administrative matters.