

Exporter/manufacture	Weighted-average margin percentage
Daido Steel Co. Ltd	31.38
Nippon Steel Corporation	24.41
Hitachi Metals Ltd	27.81
Sanyo Special Steel Co., Ltd	31.38
Sumitomo Electric Industries, Ltd	31.38
All Others	26.69

Pursuant to section 735(c)(5)(A) of the Act, the Department has excluded any zero and *de minimis* margins, and any margins determined entirely under section 776 of the Act, from the calculation of the "All Others Rate."

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 733(f) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our determination. If our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine before the later of 120 days after the date of this preliminary determination or 45 days after our final determination whether these imports are materially injuring, or threaten material injury to, the U.S. industry.

Public Comment

Case briefs or other written comments in at least ten copies must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration no later than May 22, 1998, and rebuttal briefs no later than May 29, 1998. A list of authorities used and an executive summary of issues must accompany any briefs submitted to the Department. Such summary should be limited to five pages total, including footnotes. In accordance with section 774 of the Act, we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on arguments raised in case or rebuttal briefs. Tentatively, the hearing will be held on June 2, 1998, time and place to be determined, at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C. 20230. Parties should confirm by telephone the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled time.

Interested parties who wish to request a hearing, or to participate if one is requested, must submit a written request to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, within ten days of the publication of this notice. Requests should contain: (1) The party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and (3) a list of the issues to be discussed. Oral presentations will be limited to issues raised in the briefs. If this investigation proceeds normally, we will make our

final determination by no later than 135 days after the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**.

This determination is published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: February 25, 1998.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Business Development Trade Mission to the People's Republic of China

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Under Secretary for International Trade will lead a Business Development trade mission to The People's Republic of China and the special administrative region of Hong Kong to promote expanded trade opportunities and advocate for U.S. business interests in priority sectors throughout China. These sectors include: infrastructure in the transportation and engineering, design and construction fields; construction machinery; air traffic control equipment; information technologies, machine tools; insurance and project finance. The mission, which will occur April 13-22, 1998, will be supported by the U.S. Embassy in Beijing.

DATES: Interested U.S. firms should apply to participate in the mission as soon as possible. All application requirements must be completed by March 21, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information should be made to Damon C. Greer, (202) 482-5023 at the Commerce Department's Office of Energy, Infrastructure and Machinery.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The criteria for selection of mission participants are:

- Relevance of a company's business line to mission goals
- Timeliness of completed application by company (including participation fee)
- Potential of business in China for the company

Any partisan political activities (including political contributions) of an applicant are entirely irrelevant to the selection process.

China represents one of the most dynamic markets in the world and after Japan has the potential of being the largest single market in Asia for U.S. exports. The United States has made progress toward opening China's market to U.S. goods and services. At the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland, Vice Premier Li Lanqing recently announced China's plans to invest more than \$750 billion in infrastructure over the next three years. This development represents a tremendous potential for U.S. capital goods manufacturers and infrastructure development firms. The Under Secretary will meet with senior decision makers in the Chinese government to advocate on behalf of U.S. companies, address market access issues, and work to strengthen Commerce's public/private partnership in China. Business participants will meet with potential clients and business partners, industry groups, and relevant Chinese government agencies. Additionally, meetings will be held with regional and local authorities to discuss opportunities for the sectors represented on the mission.

Dated: February 27, 1998.

Damon C. Greer,

Acting Director, Office of Energy, Infrastructure and Machinery.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Northeast Region Logbook Family of Forms; 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 May 4, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms 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 Kelley McGrath, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978)281-9307.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Participants of certain Federally-regulated fisheries in the northeast must submit logbooks containing catch and effort information about their fishing trip.

II. Method of Collection

Logbook forms are provided.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0212.

Form Number: NOAA Forms 88-30 and 88-140.

Type of Review: Regular Submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 5,875.

Estimated Time Per Response: 5 minutes for vessel logbooks and 12.5 minutes for shellfish logbooks. These estimates do not include the time for entries that respondents would make to their own logbooks as normal business practice.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 6,387.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$28,536.

IV. Request 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 also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: February 27, 1998.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Management and Organization.

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COMMODITY FUTURES TRADING COMMISSION

Proposed Merger of the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange, Inc. and the New York Cotton Exchange

AGENCY: Commodity Futures Trading Commission.

ACTION: Notice of proposed merger of the Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange, Inc. and the New York Cotton Exchange and of proposed rule amendments to implement the merger.

SUMMARY: The Coffee, Sugar & Cocoa Exchange, Inc. ("CSCE") and New York Cotton Exchange ("NYCE") (CSCE and NYCE are referred to collectively as the "Exchanges") have submitted proposed rule amendments, incident to a plan of merger, to the Commission pursuant to Section 5a(a)(12)(A) of the Commodity Exchange Act ("Act"). Acting pursuant to authority delegated by Commission Regulation 140.96, the Division of Trading and Markets ("Division") has determined to publish the proposal for public comment. The Division believes that publication of the proposal is in the public interest and will assist the Commission in considering the views of interested persons.

DATES: Comments on the proposed merger must be received by April 6, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thomas Smith, Attorney, Division of Trading and Markets, Commodity Futures Trading Commission, Three Lafayette Centre, 1155 21st Street, NW, Washington, D.C. 20581. Telephone: (202) 418-5495; or *electronic mail*: tsmith@cftc.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Description of Merger Agreement

By letter dated February 5, 1998, the Exchanges submitted to the Commission, pursuant to Section 5a(a)(12)(A) of the Act, proposed rule amendments to implement a plan of merger.¹ The proposed merger would be effected in two stages: the first stage ("Initial Merger") and the second stage ("Secondary Merger").

The Initial Merger, which the Exchanges plan to implement by June 30, 1998, would involve the Exchanges' reorganizing under the control of a common parent corporation, the Board of Trade of the City of New York, Inc.

¹ The proposed merger and rule amendments were unanimously adopted, respectively, by the CSCE Board of Managers and the NYCE Board of Managers at separate meetings held on December 4, 1997. The Exchanges' respective memberships approved the merger on December 22, 1997.

("NYBT").² Following the Initial Merger, CSCE and NYCE would continue to exist as separate corporate entities, and all contract designations and self-regulatory functions would remain intact at the respective exchange. The members of CSCE and NYCE would retain their respective trading rights in CSCE and NYCE as provided by the Exchanges' rules until the time of the Secondary Merger. The Secondary Merger would not occur until notes being issued in the Initial Merger, as described below, were paid in full. At the time of the Secondary Merger, CSCE and NYCE would merge with NYBT, and CSCE and NYCE would no longer exist as separate corporate entities.

II. Terms of the Merger Proposal

Pursuant to the Initial Merger, full members of the Exchanges would relinquish their "member" rights as that term is defined in the NPCL (i.e., voting, participation in governance or distribution rights), and NYBT would become the sole member of CSCE and NYCE. In return, full CSCE members would receive: (1) a Class A Full Membership in NYBT; (2) a cash payment of \$14,300; (3) a fully transferable, non-interest bearing note for \$85,700 issued by NYBT and payable in six annual installments of \$14,283.33; and (4) a non-voting membership (to be denoted a "Class B Membership") in CFFE Regulatory Services, LLC ("CFFE Regulatory").³

Full NYCE members would receive: (1) a Class B Full Membership in NYBT; (2) a cash payment of \$3,600; (3) a fully-transferable, non-interest bearing note for \$21,400 issued by NYBT and payable in six annual installments of

² The NYBT is a corporation organized under the New York Not-for-Profit Corporation Law ("NPCL") and was formed to act as a holding company for the Exchanges.

³ CFFE Regulatory will be the sole member of Cantor Financial Futures Exchange, Inc. ("CFFE")—an exchange that recently submitted to the Commission an application for designation as a contract market in US Treasury bond, ten-year note, five-year note and two-year note futures contracts. See 63 FR 5505 (February 3, 1998). CFFE was formed pursuant to an agreement between NYCE and a subsidiary of Cantor Fitzgerald, LP, an interdealer broker in the US Treasury securities market, whereby Cantor Fitzgerald would provide the use of its electronic trading system for the trading of the various proposed US Treasury futures contracts.

Pursuant to the Initial Merger, each NYBT Full Member would receive, in exchange for \$100, a Class B Membership in CFFE Regulatory. In aggregate, the CFFE Regulatory Class B Memberships, which would be distributed solely to Full Members of NYBT, would represent 90 percent of the economic interest of CFFE Regulatory. The remaining 10 percent of the economic interest in CFFE Regulatory would be held by NYCE in the form of a Class A Membership. NYCE will be the sole voting member of CFFE Regulatory.