

will consider the goals of Census 2000 and user needs for information provided by that census. The Committee will provide an outside user perspective about how operational planning and implementation methods proposed for Census 2000 will realize those goals and satisfy those needs. The Committee shall consider all aspects of the conduct of the 2000 Census of Population and Housing and shall make recommendations for improving that census.

A brief period will be set aside at the close of the meeting for public comment. However, individuals with extensive statements for the record must submit them in writing to the Commerce Department official named above at least three working days prior to the meeting. Seating is available to the public on a first-come, first-served basis.

The meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Shelby Folger at 301-457-2308, TDD 301-457-2540.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

Robert J. Shapiro,

*Under Secretary for Economic Affairs,
Economics and Statistics Administration.*

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-122-829, A-533-814, A-588-844, A-580-830, A-469-808, A-583-829]

Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Antidumping Determinations: Stainless Steel Round Wire from Canada, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Spain, and Taiwan

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

EFFECTIVE DATE: September 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gabriel Adler or Thomas Schauer, Offices of AD/CVD Enforcement II and III, respectively, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1442 or (202) 482-4852, respectively.

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

On May 6, 1998, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated antidumping investigations of stainless

steel round wire from Canada, India, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Spain, and Taiwan. The notice stated we would issue our preliminary determinations no later than September 23, 1998. On August 24, 1998, pursuant to section 733(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), ACS Industries, Inc., Al Tech Specialty Steel Corp., Branford Wire & Manufacturing Company, Carpenter Technology Corp., Handy & Harman Specialty Wire Group, Industrial Alloys, Inc., Loos & Company, Inc., Sandvik Steel Company, Sumiden Wire Products Corporation, and Techalloy Company, Inc. (the petitioners) requested that the Department postpone for 50 days the issuance of the preliminary determinations in these investigations. Given that (1) the petitioners' request for postponement was timely and (2) the Department finds no compelling reason for the request to be denied, we are postponing the deadline for issuing these determinations until no later than November 12, 1998.

This extension is in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(b)(2).

Dated: August 27, 1998.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Application to Amend Certificate.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs ("OETCA"), International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application to amend an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the proposed amendment and requests comments relevant to whether the amended Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Morton Schnabel, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. A Certificate of Review protects the holder

and the members identified in the Certificate from state and federal government antitrust actions and from private, treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the **Federal Register** identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination whether an amended Certificate should be issued. If the comments include any privileged or confidential business information, it must be clearly marked and a nonconfidential version of the comments (identified as such) should be included. Any comments not marked privileged or confidential business information will be deemed to be nonconfidential. An original and five copies, plus two copies of the nonconfidential version, should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1800H, Washington, DC 20230. Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). However, nonconfidential versions of the comments will be made available to the applicant if necessary for determining whether or not to issue the certificate. Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 85-7A018."

Export Trade Certificate of Review No. 85-00018 was issued to U.S. Shippers Association ("USSA") on June 3, 1986 (51 FR 20873, June 9, 1986) and subsequently amended on January 16, 1990 (55 FR 2543, January 25, 1990); November 13, 1990 (55 FR 48664, November 21, 1990); September 22, 1993 (58 FR 51061, September 30, 1993); June 28, 1994 (59 FR 34411, July 5, 1994); and April 10, 1997 (62 FR 18586, April 16, 1997).

Summary of the Application

Applicant: U.S. Shippers Association, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

Contact: James R. Atwood, Legal Counsel, Telephone: (202) 662-6000.

Application No.: 85-7A018.

Date Deemed Submitted: August 26, 1998.

Proposed Amendment

USSA seeks to amend its Certificate to:

1. Add as "Members" within the meaning of Section 325.2 (1) of the Regulations (15 CFR 325.2(1)): Rhodia, Inc., Cranbury, New Jersey (Controlling Entity: Rhone-Poulenc, S.A., Courbevoise Cedex, France); and Rhone-Poulenc Animal Nutrition, Inc., Atlanta, Georgia (Controlling Entity: Rhone-Poulenc, S.A., Courbevoise Cedex, France).

2. Change the listing of the company name for current "Member," Rhone-Poulenc, Inc., to the new name of Rhone-Poulenc AG Company, Inc.

Dated: August 31, 1998.

Morton Schnabel,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration****Performance Review Board**

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Announcement of New Members for the Performance Review Board.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

LaVerne H. Hawkins, Department of Commerce, Office of Human Resources Management, Room 4803, Washington, D.C. 20230 202-482-2537.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This notice announces the appointment by the Under Secretary for International Trade, Ambassador David L. Aaron, of the Performance Review Board (PRB). This is a revised list of new members and the reappointment of a previous board member as listed in the August 13, 1996, **Federal Register** 61FR42004. The appointments are for a period of 2 years. The purpose of the International Trade Administration's Performance Review Board (PRB) is to review and make recommendations to the appointing authority on performance management issues such as appraisals and bonuses, ES-level Increases and Presidential Rank Awards for members of the Senior Executive Service (SES). The members are:

Eleanor Roberts Lewis, Chief Counsel for International Trade.	Non-ITA— Career.
Troy H. Cribb, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Textiles, Apparel and Consumer Goods.	Non-Career.

Mary Fran Kirchner, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Export Promotion Services.	Non-Career.
Henry H. Misco, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Basic Industries.	Career.
Marjory Searing, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Japan.	Career.
Joseph Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Anti-dumping Countervailing Duty Enforcement III.	Career.
Franklin J. Vargo, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Agreements Compliance.	Career.
LaVerne H. Hawkins, Office of Human Resources Management 202-482-2537.	Executive Secretary.

Dated: August 27, 1998.

James T. King, Jr.,

Human Resources Management, ITA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

[I.D. 081798C]

Marine Mammals; File No. 786-1463

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

ACTION: Issuance of permit.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that Institute of Marine Sciences, Earth & Marine Sciences Bldg. A316, University of California, Santa Cruz, California 95064 [Principal Investigator (PI): Dr. Daniel P. Costa] has been issued a permit to take northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) and import samples from northern and southern elephant seals (*Mirounga leonina*) for purposes of scientific research.

ADDRESSES: The permit and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following office(s):

Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289); and

Regional Administrator, Southwest Region, National Marine Fisheries Service, NOAA, 501 West Ocean Blvd., Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (562/980-4001).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ruth Johnson or Sara Shapiro, 301/713-2289.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On July 14, 1998, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 37852) that a

request for a scientific research permit to take northern elephant seals (*Mirounga angustirostris*) had been submitted by the above-named organization. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) and the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216).

Dated: August 24, 1998.

Ann D. Terbush,

Chief, Permits and Documentation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**Patent and Trademark Office**

[Docket No. 970129014-8206-02]

RIN 0651-XX09

Guidelines for the Examination of Claims Directed to Species of Chemical Compositions Based Upon a Single Prior Art Reference

AGENCY: Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office (PTO) is publishing the final version of guidelines to be used by Office personnel in reviewing a certain type of patent application for compliance with 35 U.S.C. 103. The guidelines are to be used when examining claims directed to a species or subgenus of chemical compositions when: (1) the claims have been rejected based upon a single prior art reference, and (2) the single prior art reference discloses a genus embracing the claimed species or subgenus but does not expressly describe the particular claimed species or subgenus. Because these guidelines govern internal practices, they are exempt from notice and comment rulemaking under 5 U.S.C. 553(b)(A).

DATES: The guidelines are effective September 3, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Linda Moncys Isacson, Office of the Solicitor, P.O. Box 15667, Arlington, Virginia 22215 or Linda S. Therkorn, Box Comments, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231, or by facsimile transmission to (703) 305-9373 or by electronic mail over the Internet to baird-comments@uspto.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: