

asserted that Garware received government grants due to its location in an industrial zone, they have provided no factual information regarding a specific program under which these alleged grants may have been provided. Furthermore, the petitioners have not provided evidence that companies located in "industrial zones" are eligible for certain benefits. (We note that we are including in our investigation Export Processing Zones, Falt Free Trade Zones and Other Free Trade Zones.) Given the lack of information regarding this allegation, we are not including it in our investigation.

Distribution of Copies of the Petition

In accordance with section 702(b)(4)(A)(i) of the Act, copies of the public version of the petition have been provided to the representatives of the Government of India. We will attempt to provide copies of the public version of the petition to all the exporters named in the petition, as provided for under section 351.203(c)(2) of our regulations.

ITC Notification

Pursuant to section 702(d) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of this initiation.

Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will determine by October 2, 1998, whether there is a reasonable indication that an industry in the United States is materially injured, or is threatened with material injury, by reason of imports of ERT from India. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated; otherwise, the investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is published pursuant to sections 702(c) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: September 8, 1998.

Richard W. Moreland,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

National Weather Service Modernization and Associated Restructuring

AGENCY: National Weather Service (NWS), NOAA, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice and opportunity for public comment.

SUMMARY: The NWS is publishing proposed certifications for the consolidation, automation, and closure of the Huntsville, Alabama Weather Service Office (WSO) which would be automated at FAA Weather Observation Service Level B and have its services consolidated into the future Birmingham, Alabama Weather Forecast Office (WFO).

In accordance with Pub. L. 102-567, the public will have 60-days in which to comment on these proposed consolidation, automation, and closure certifications.

DATES: Comments are requested by November 16, 1998.

ADDRESSES: Request for copies of the proposed consolidation, automation and closure package should be sent to Tom Beaver, Room 11426, 1325 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, telephone 301-713-0300. All comments should be sent to Tom Beaver at the above address.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Tom Beaver at 301-713-0300.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: In accordance with section 706 of Pub. L. 102-567, the Secretary of Commerce must certify that this consolidation, automation, and closure will not result in a degradation of service to the affected area of responsibility and must publish the proposed consolidation, automation, and closure certifications in the FR. The documentation supporting these proposed certifications includes the following:

(1) A draft memorandum by the meteorologist-in-charge recommending the certification, the final of which will be endorsed by the Regional Director and the Assistant Administrator of the NWS if appropriate, after consideration of public comments and completion of consultation with the Modernization Transition Committee (the Committee);

(2) A description of local weather characteristics and weather-related concerns which affect the weather services provided within the service area;

(3) A comparison of the services provided within the service area and the services to be provided after such action;

(4) A description of any recent or expected modernization of NWS operation which will enhance services in the service area;

(5) An identification of any area within the affected service area which would not receive coverage (at an elevation of 10,000 feet) by the next generation weather radar network;

(6) Evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS

operations, which was considered in reaching the conclusion that no degradation in service would result from such action including the WSR-88D Radar Commissioning Report, User Confirmation of Services Report, and the Decommissioning Readiness Report;

(7) Evidence, based upon operational demonstration of modernized NWS operations, which was considered in reaching the conclusion that no degradation in service will result from such action including the ASOS Commissioning Report; series of three letters between NWS and FAA confirming that weather services will continue in full compliance with applicable flight aviation rules after ASOS commissioning; Surface Aviation Observation Transition Checklist documenting transfer of augmentation and backup responsibility from NWS to FAA; successful resolution of ASOS user confirmation of services complaints; and an in-place supplementary data program at the responsible WFO;

(8) Warning and forecast verification statistics for pre-modernized and modernized services which were utilized in determining that services have not been degraded;

(9) An Air Safety Appraisal for offices which are located on an airport; and

(10) A letter appointing the liaison officer.

These proposed certifications do not include any report of the Committee which could be submitted in accordance with sections 706(b)(6) and 707(c) of Pub. L. 102-567. In December 1995 the Committee decided that, in general, they would forego the optional consultation on proposed certifications. Instead, the Committee would just review certifications after the public comment period has closed so their consultation would be with the benefit of public comments that had been submitted.

This notice does not include the complete certification package because it is too voluminous to publish. Copies of the certification package and supporting documentation can be obtained through the contact listed above.

Once all public comments have been received and considered, the NWS will complete consultation with the Committee and determine whether to proceed with the final certification. At the June 25, 1997 MTC meeting the Committee stated that its endorsement of certifications is "subject to the following qualifications:

(1) The number of trained staff in each modernized field office meets staffing requirements as established by the modernization criteria and documented

in the National Implementation Plan and the Human Resources Plan (WBS 1100). Delays in training or failure to fill required positions will increase the risk of degradation of service;

(2) The availability of operational systems in each modernized field office meets requirements as established by the modernization criteria and documented in the System Commissioning and Support Function Demonstration Plans; and

(3) The operational and administrative infrastructures and technical development needed to support the modernized field offices be maintained as required by the modernization plan." These qualifications have been met for the above proposed certifications. If a decision to certify is made, the Secretary of Commerce must publish final certifications in the FR and transmit the certifications to the appropriate Congressional committees prior to consolidating, automating, and closing this office.

Dated: September 11, 1998.

John J. Kelly, Jr.,

Assistant Administrator for Weather Services.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Renewal of the Ballistic Missile Defense Advisory Committee

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Ballistic Missile Defense Advisory Committee (BMDAC) has been renewed in consonance with the public interest, and in accordance with the provisions of Pub. L. 92-463, the "Federal Advisory Committee Act."

The BMDAC provides the Director, Ballistic Missile Defense Organization and the Secretary of Defense with advice and insights into the ballistic missile defense program, and makes recommendations on the program emphasis, schedule and content. The BMDAC assesses all matters relating to acquisition system development, and technology for defense against ballistic missile threat.

The Committee will continue to be composed of 15-20 leaders from government and the private sector who are recognized authorities in defense policy, acquisition and technical areas related to the ballistic missile defense program. Efforts will be made to ensure that there is a fairly balanced membership in terms of the functions to

be performed and the interest groups represented.

DATES: August 17, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Please contact LTC Bailey, Assistant Chief of Staff, on 697-3527.

Dated: September 10, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary

Notice of Tuition Waiver

On August 13, 1998, the Acting Assistant Secretary of Defense (FMP) signed a memorandum that extends through School year 1998-99, two class tuition waivers in certain DoD Dependent Schools that expired at the end of the SY 1997-98. The August 13 memorandum extends the tuition waiver signed on February 14, 1995, by the Assistant Secretary of Defense (Force Management Policy (ASD(FMP))) waiving tuition on a space-available basis for the enrollment of the class of dependents of active diplomatic, defense attaché, and military liaison personnel from Newly Independent States of the former Soviet Union. The August 13 memorandum also extends the class tuition waiver signed by the ASD(FMP) on June 9, 1995, for the enrollment on a space-available basis, in the SHAPE International School and the Brussels American School of children of diplomatic and defense liaison personnel participating in the Partnership for Peace (PfP) program. The August 13 Memorandum broadens the PfP class waiver to include the dependents of military and diplomatic personnel participating in the PfP program in Naples, Italy; London, United Kingdom; and Brunssum, the Netherlands.

Supplementary Information: Copies of DoD Directive 1342.13, "Eligibility Requirements for Education of Minor Dependents in Overseas Areas," dated July 2, 1982, are available, at cost, from the National Technical Information Service, 5285 Port Royal Road, Springfield, VA 22161. Questions can be addressed to the Department of Defense Education Activity, Attention: Dr. Jerald E. Bloom, 4040 North Fairfax Drive, Arlington, VA 22203-1635.

Dated: September 9, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Office of the Secretary of Defense

Department of Defense Wage Committee; Notice of Closed Meetings

Pursuant to the provisions of section 10 of Public Law 92-463, the Federal Advisory Committee Act, notice is hereby given that closed meetings of the Department of Defense Wage Committee will be held on October 6, 1998; October 13, 1998; October 20, 1998; and October 27, 1998, at 10:00 a.m. in Room A105, The Nash Building, 1400 Key Boulevard, Rosslyn, Virginia.

Under the provisions of section 10(d) of Public Law 92-463, the Department of Defense has determined that the meetings meet the criteria to close meetings to the public because the matters to be considered are related to internal rules and practices of the Department of Defense and the detailed wage data to be considered were obtained from officials of private establishments with a guarantee that the data will be held in confidence.

However, members of the public who may wish to do so are invited to submit material in writing to the chairman concerning matters believed to be deserving of the Committee's attention.

Additional information concerning the meetings may be obtained by writing to the Chairman, Department of Defense Wage Committee, 4000 Defense Pentagon, Washington, DC 20301-4000.

Dated: September 9, 1998.

L.M. Bynum,

Alternate OSD Federal Register Liaison Officer, Department of Defense.

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE

Defense Finance and Accounting Service

Privacy Act of 1974; System of Records

AGENCY: Defense Finance and Accounting Service, DoD.

ACTION: Notice of a system of records.

SUMMARY: The Defense Finance and Accounting Service proposes to add a system of records notice to its inventory