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Beverly L. Milkman,
Executive Director.

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BROADCASTING BOARD OF GOVERNORS

Sunshine Act Meeting

DATES AND TIME: March 10, 1999; 8:00 a.m.

PLACE: Cohen Building, Room 3321, 330 Independence Ave., S.W., Washington, D.C. 20547.

CLOSED MEETING: The members of the Broadcasting Board of Governors (BBG) will meet in closed session to review and discuss a number of issues relating to U.S. Government-funded non-military international broadcasting. They will address internal procedural, budgetary, and personnel issues, as well as sensitive foreign policy issues relating to potential options in the U.S. international broadcasting field. This meeting is closed because if open it likely would either disclose matters that would be properly classified to be kept secret in the interest of foreign policy under the appropriate executive order (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(1)) or would disclose information the premature disclosure of which would be likely to significantly frustrate implementation of a proposed agency action. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(9)(B)). In addition, part of the discussion will relate solely to the internal personnel and organizational issues of the BBG or the International Broadcasting Bureau. (5 U.S.C. 552b.(c)(2) and (6)).

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Persons interested in obtaining more information should contact either Brenda Hardnett or John Lindburg at (202) 401-3736.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

John A. Lindburg,
Legal Counsel.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-823]

Professional Electric Cutting Tools From Japan: Postponement of Preliminary Results of Fifth Administrative Review of Antidumping Duty Order

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of the time limit for the preliminary results in the fifth administrative review of the antidumping duty order on professional electric cutting tools from Japan.

SUMMARY: The United States Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the fifth administrative review of the antidumping duty order on professional electric cutting tools ("PECTs") from Japan. This review covers the period July 1, 1997, through June 30, 1998. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 5, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brian Ledgerwood or Barbara Wojcik-Betancourt, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3836 or (202) 482-0629, respectively.

Postponement of Preliminary Results of Administrative Review

The Department initiated the fifth administrative review of the antidumping duty order on PECTs from Japan on August 27, 1998 (63 FR 45796). The current deadline for the preliminary results in this review is April 2, 1999. In accordance with section 751 (a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act"), as amended, the Department finds that it is not practicable to complete this administrative review within the original time frame. Specifically, the Department finds that additional time is needed to adequately consider the issues related to the possible revocation of the antidumping duty order, in part, on PECTs from Japan that are produced by the Makita Corporation and that are also exported by the Makita Corporation. (See memorandum from Holly Kuga to Robert LaRussa, dated February 26, 1999). Thus the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until August 2, 1999, which is 365 days after the last day of the

anniversary month of the order. The final determination will occur within 120 days of the publication of the preliminary results.

Dated: February 26, 1999.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

U.S.-China Housing Initiative

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of opportunity to apply to serve on the U.S.-China Residential Building Council.

SUMMARY: The U.S.-China Housing Initiative was designed to facilitate a U.S. opportunity to meet emerging Chinese housing market demands. To guide and support the U.S.-China Housing Initiative, President Clinton announced the formation of the U.S.-China Residential Building Council during the U.S. China Presidential Summit in June of last year. Since that announcement, U.S. and Chinese officials have agreed on a structure for the Council and on the mutually beneficial areas of cooperation. The Departments of Commerce and Housing and Urban Development are seeking individuals who would like to serve on the U.S.-China Residential Building Council. Applicants may represent associations or non-governmental organizations prominent in the housing industry, or U.S. companies who are interested in the expansion of U.S. housing-related commercial interests in China. The Council will be made up of U.S. and Chinese representatives from the construction and housing policy sectors. Individual Council members will generally concentrate their efforts on one of the two sectors. The work of the Council will focus on activities which will assist China in developing a residential housing industry, residential construction and rehabilitation, and a housing finance system. The Council will be led by a Steering Committee with Secretary of Commerce William Daley and Secretary of the Department of Housing and Urban Development Andrew Cuomo, as the co-chairs. China's Minister of Construction, Yu Zhengsheng, will represent China.

DATES: In order to receive full consideration, requests must be received no later than May 7, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to U.S.-China Residential Building Council, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4039, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20230. You may fax your request to (202) 482-0382.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Robert Reiley, Director, Office of Metals Materials, and Chemicals, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4039, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20230, (202) 482-0575 telephone, (202) 482-0382 fax.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Members will serve on the Council for a two-year term at the discretion of the Secretaries. Members are expected to participate fully in defining the agenda for the Initiative and in implementing its work programs. It is expected that individuals chosen for the Council will attend at least 75 percent of Council meetings which will be held in the United States and China.

Members are fully responsible for travel, accommodation, and personal expenses associated with their participation in the Residential Building Council. The members will serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of the particular business or housing sector in which they operate.

The U.S.-China Residential Building Council encourages the development of a housing industry in China and increased bilateral trade and investment including, but not limited to, the following:

- Implementing trade/business development and promotion programs including trade missions, technical assistance, conferences, exhibits, seminars and other events; and
- Adopting sectoral or project oriented approaches to support China's residential housing reform efforts.
- Implementing housing finance, planning, design, and building technology seminars and technical exchange to support reform efforts.

Selection

There are twelve available positions on the U.S. side of the Residential Business Council. This notice is seeking individuals to fill all twelve positions. The number of Council positions may be expanded, should the need arise.

Eligibility requirements. Applicants must:

- Be a U.S. citizen residing in the United States or a permanent United States resident;
- Be a CEO or other senior management employee of a U.S. company or association involved in the

residential housing construction, supply, finance, or community planning sectors;

- Not be a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act of 1938.

In reviewing eligible applicants, the Commerce Department, in consultation with HUD, will consider:

- The applicant's expertise in either construction building materials or housing policy and development;
- Readiness to initiate and be responsible for the activities the Council proposes to take on;
- An ability to contribute in light of overall Council composition;
- Diversity of company size, type, location, and demographics.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: name and title of the individual requesting consideration; name and address of the company or association that the individual will represent; the specific product or service line; size of the company; and export expertise and major markets. Please also provide a brief statement on why each candidate should be considered for membership on the Council; the particular segment of the business community each candidate would represent; a personal resume; and a statement that the applicant is not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agents Registration Act.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512.

Dated: February 23, 1999.

Robert Reiley,

Director, Office of Metals, Materials and Chemicals.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Insular Affairs

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Allocation of Duty-Exemptions for Calendar Year 1999 Among Watch Producers Located in the Virgin Islands

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce; Office of Insular Affairs, Department of the Interior.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This action allocates 1999 duty-exemptions for watch producers located in the Virgin Islands pursuant to Pub. L. 97-446, as amended by Pub. L. 103-465 ("the Act").

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Faye Robinson, (202) 482-3526.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Pursuant to the Act, the Departments of the Interior and Commerce (the Departments) share responsibility for the allocation of duty exemptions among watch assembly firms in the United States insular possessions and the Northern Mariana Islands. In accordance with Section 303.3(a) of the regulations (15 CFR Part 303), this action establishes the total quantity of duty-free insular watches and watch movements for 1999 at 3,740,000 units and divides this amount among the three insular possessions of the United States and the Northern Mariana Islands. Of this amount, 2,240,000 units may be allocated to Virgin Islands producers, 500,000 to Guam producers, 500,000 to American Samoa producers and 500,000 to Northern Mariana Islands producers (63 FR 49666).

The criteria for the calculation of the 1999 duty-exemption allocations among insular producers are set forth in Section 303.14 of the regulations.

The Departments have verified and adjusted the data submitted on application form ITA-334P by Virgin Islands producers and inspected their current operations in accordance with Section 303.5 of the regulations.

In calendar year 1998 the Virgin Islands watch assembly firms shipped 805,890 watches and watch movements into the customs territory of the United States under the Act. The dollar amount of creditable corporate income taxes paid by Virgin Islands producers during calendar year 1998 plus the creditable wages paid by the industry during calendar year 1998 to residents of the territory was \$3,310,945.

There are no producers in Guam, American Samoa or the Northern Mariana Islands.

The calendar year 1999 Virgin Islands annual allocations, based on the data verified by the Departments, are as follows:

Name of firm	Annual allocation
Belair Quartz, Inc.	500,000
Hampden Watch Co., Inc.	200,000
Progress Watch Co., Inc.	400,000
Unitime Industries, Inc.	500,000
Tropex, Inc.	300,000