

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Potassium Permanganate From Spain and From the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Five-Year Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for final results of five-year ("sunset") review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the final results of the sunset reviews on the antidumping duty orders on potassium permanganate from Spain and from the People's Republic of China. Based on adequate response from domestic interested parties and inadequate response (in these cases no response) from respondent interested parties, the Department is conducting expedited sunset reviews to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping. As a result of this extension, the Department intends to issue its final results not later than June 1, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott E. Smith or Melissa G. Skinner, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6397, or (202) 482-1560 respectively.

Extension of Final Results

The Department has determined that the sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on potassium permanganate from Spain and from the People's Republic of China are extraordinarily complicated. In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department may treat a review as extraordinarily complicated if it is a review of a transition order (*i.e.*, an order in effect on January 1, 1995). See section 751(c)(6)(C) of the Act. The Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results of these reviews until not later than June 1, 1999, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

Pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651; 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301), we invite comments on the question of whether an instrument of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instrument shown below is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Application may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 99-002. **Applicant:** North Carolina State University, Purchasing Department, Campus Box 7212, Raleigh, NC 27695. **Instrument:** Lifetime Measurement System, Model JANUS 200-M. **Manufacturer:** Amecon Messtechnik, Germany. **Intended Use:** The instrument will be used for studies of silicon wafer materials used in the production of giga-scale integrated circuit manufacturing. Experiments will consist of minority carrier lifetime study of defects and impurities which can be mapped across a 12 inch diameter wafer. The objective of the study is to improve silicon wafer IC manufacturing processes by providing data and fundamental understanding of the interaction between chemical, structural and electrical behavior of silicon. The instrument will also be used in the courses MAT 791, Characterization of Semiconductor Materials and MAT 460, Introduction to Science and Technology of Electronic Materials to prepare students for an industry like environment. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 18, 1999.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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United States-Turkey Business Development Council; Membership Opportunity

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce established a Business Development Council (BDC) in cooperation with the Turkish Government in 1996. The BDC has established eleven working groups: energy/environment, telecommunications, textiles, health, education, defense, finance, agriculture, tourism, transportation, and media. The Department of Commerce is currently seeking nominations of outstanding individuals to fill vacancies on the U.S. section of the BDC, including a CEO to fill the position of U.S. private sector Vice-Chair. The purpose of the BDC is to provide a forum through which U.S. and Turkish private sector representatives can engage in constructive exchanges of information on commercial matters, and in which governments can exchange information, solve problems, and work more effectively on issues of mutual concern.

DATES: In order to receive full consideration for BDC membership, requests must be received no later than Friday, April 2, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please send your requests for consideration to Mr. David De Falco, International Trade Specialist, Office of European Union and Regional Affairs, by fax on 202/482-2897 or by mail at Room 3043, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th St. & Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. David De Falco of the Office of European Union and Regional Affairs, Room 3043, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th St. & Constitution Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: 202/482-2178.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Council is composed of two sections, the U.S. section and the Turkish section. The U.S. section is chaired by the Under Secretary for International Trade of the Department of Commerce and includes 23 members from the U.S. private sector.

Private sector participants of the BDC will address issues relating to the following:

—Identifying commercial opportunities, impediments and issues of concern to the U.S. and Turkish business communities;

- Addressing obstacles to trade and investment between the United States and Turkey;
- Improving the dissemination of information on U.S.-Turkey market opportunities;
- Implementing trade/business development and promotion programs, including trade missions, exhibits, seminars, and other events; and
- Identifying further steps to facilitate and encourage the development of commercial expansion and cooperation between the two countries.

The inaugural meeting of the BDC was held in Ankara, Turkey in January 1998 with government and private sector members from both countries in attendance. Follow-up sessions were held in May 1998 in Istanbul, Turkey and November 1998 in Washington, D.C.

Obligations: Private sector members are appointed for two-year terms and serve at the discretion of the Secretary of Commerce. Members serve in a representative capacity presenting the views and interests of the business sector in which they operate. They are not special government employees. Members are expected to participate fully in defining the agenda for the BDC and in implementing its work program. Members are responsible for travel, living and personal expenses associated with their participation, and may be responsible for a pro rata share of administrative and communications costs of the Council.

Criteria: In order to be eligible for membership in the U.S. section, potential candidates must be:

- U.S. citizens or permanent U.S. residents;
- CEOs or other senior management level employees of U.S. companies or organizations involved in trade with and/or investment in Turkey; and
- Not a registered foreign agent under the Foreign Agent Registration Act of 1938, as amended (FARA).

In reviewing eligible candidates, the Department of Commerce will consider such selection factors as:

- Depth of experience in the Turkish market;
- Export/investment experience;
- Industry or service sector represented;
- Company size or, if an organization, size and number of member companies;
- Contribution to diversity based on company size, location, demographics, and traditional under representation in business; and

- Stated commitment to actively participate in BDC activities and meetings.

The Department of Commerce is currently seeking nominations of outstanding individuals to fill vacancies on the U.S. section of the BDC. Of the new CEO members of the U.S. side selected pursuant to this notice, we intend to select a U.S. private sector Vice-Chair to coordinate the activities of the U.S. private sector. This individual will work directly with the Department of Commerce and with his Turkish private sector counterpart to organize private sector participation and follow-up of private sector recommendations. The U.S. Vice-Chair must be a Chief Executive Officer in addition to fulfilling the general membership criteria described above.

To be considered for membership, please provide the following: name and title of individual proposed for consideration; name and address of organization or company sponsoring each individual; company or organization's product or service line; size of the company or, if an organization, the size and number of member companies; export/foreign investment experience; a brief statement (not more than two pages) of why each candidate should be considered for membership on the Council; the particular segment of business community each candidate would represent; and a personal resume.

Authority: 15 U.S.C. 1512; Reorganization Plan No. 3 of 1979, 19 U.S.C. 2171 note.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Patrick A. Mulloy,

Assistant Secretary, Market Access and Compliance, International Trade Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-351-504]

Heavy Iron Construction Castings From Brazil: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Five-Year Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for final results of five-year ("Sunset") review

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the final results of the

sunset review on the countervailing duty order on heavy iron construction castings from Brazil. Based on adequate response from domestic interested parties and inadequate response (in this case no response) from respondent interested parties, the Department is conducting an expedited sunset review to determine whether revocation of the order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of a countervailable subsidy. As a result of this extension, the Department intends to issue its final results not later than June 1, 1999.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Jason M. Appelbaum or Melissa G. Skinner, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-5050, or (202) 482-1560 respectively.

Extension of Final Results

The Department has determined that the sunset review of the countervailing duty order on heavy iron construction castings from Brazil is extraordinarily complicated. In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department may treat a review as extraordinarily complicated if it is a review of a transition order (i.e., an order in effect on January 1, 1995). See section 751(c)(6)(C) of the Act. The Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results of this review until not later than June 1, 1999, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.

Dated: March 2, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Iron-Metal Castings From India: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Five-Year Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for final results of five-year ("sunset") review