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Delverde, S.r.L. ....	4.05
Tamma Industrie Alimentari di Capitanata, S.r.L. ....	4.05
Audisio Industrie Alimentari S.p.A. ....	1.03
Pastificio Fabianelli S.p.A. ....	0.45
Pastificio Riscossa F.lli Mastromauro S.r.L. ....	2.13

### Public Comment

Interested parties may request a hearing not later than 30 days after the date of publication of this notice. Interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs on these preliminary results within 30 days of the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, may be submitted five days after the time limit for filing the case brief. Parties who submit an argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Any hearing, if requested, will be held two days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f).

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs, under 19 CFR 351.309(c)(ii), are due.

The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal briefs or at a hearing.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: April 2, 1999.

**Richard W. Moreland,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves

**AGENCY:** Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management National Ocean Service National Oceanic and

Atmospheric Administration  
Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of availability of final evaluation findings.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given of the availability of the final evaluation findings for the Alaska, Delaware, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania, and Virgin Islands Coastal Management Programs, and the Chesapeake Bay (Virginia), Waquoit Bay (Massachusetts), and Old Woman Creek (Ohio) National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERRs). Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, require a continuing review of the performance of coastal states with respect to approved coastal management programs and the operation and management of NERRs.

The States of Alaska, Delaware, Massachusetts, and Pennsylvania, and the Territory of the Virgin Islands were found to be implementing and enforcing their Federally approved coastal management programs, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in CZMA section 303(2)(A)-(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of their financial assistance awards.

Old Woman Creek, Waquoit Bay and Chesapeake Bay NERRs were found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the NERR System. Copies of these final evaluation findings may be obtained upon written request from: Vickie Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-3086, Extension 126.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419, Coastal Zone Management Program Administration.

**Ted Lillestolen,**

*Deputy Assistant Administrator.*

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### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 040699A]

#### Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of public meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council (Council) will convene public meetings of the Mackerel Advisory Panel (AP) and Scientific and Statistical Committee (SSC).

**DATES:** The AP meeting is scheduled to begin at 8:00 a.m. on Monday, April 26, 1999 and adjourn at 3:30 p.m. The Standing and Special Mackerel SSC meeting will be convened at 8:00 a.m. on Tuesday, April 27, 1999 and will conclude at 12:00 noon. The Standing SSC will reconvene at 1:00 p.m. and finish its business by 3:30 p.m.

**ADDRESSES:** The meeting will be held at the Tampa Airport Hilton Hotel, 2225 Lois Avenue, Tampa, FL 33607; telephone: 813-877-6688.

*Council address:* Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Richard Leard, Senior Fishery Biologist, at the Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018 U.S. Highway 301 North, Suite 1000, Tampa, FL 33619; telephone: 813-228-2815.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The SSC will review the 1999 stock assessment updates for both king and Spanish Mackerel, the Mackerel Stock Assessment Panel (MSAP) report, and the report of the Socioeconomic Panel (SEP) that includes economic and social information related to the range of acceptable biological catch (ABC) and other management considerations for mackerels in the Gulf of Mexico and South Atlantic. Based on this review, the SSC may recommend to the Council levels for total allowable catch (TAC), bag limits, size limits, commercial quotas, and other measures for these species for the 1999-2000 fishing season. The Mackerel AP will review the same information and formulate their recommendations based on their perspectives as users of these resources. The Standing SSC will review a recently completed report of a bycatch reduction device (BRD) evaluation study that was developed by NMFS. The SSC may make recommendations regarding the scientific validity of this study and/or future evaluation efforts.

Copies of the agendas can be obtained by calling 813-228-2815.

Although other issues not on the agenda may come before the SSC and Mackerel AP for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject of formal action during these meetings. Actions will be restricted to those issues

specifically identified in the agendas listed as available by this notice.

### Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Anne Alford at the Council (see ADDRESSES) by April 19, 1999.

Dated: April 7, 1999.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### NATIONAL TELECOMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION ADMINISTRATION

[Docket No. 990405086-9086-01]

RIN 0660-ZA08

#### Market for Satellite Communications and the Role of Intergovernmental Satellite Organizations

**AGENCY:** National Telecommunications and Information Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice, request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce requests comments regarding the advantages accorded signatories of intergovernmental satellite organizations (ISOs), in terms of immunities, market access, or otherwise, in the countries or regions served by the International Telecommunications Satellite Organization (INTELSAT) and the International Mobile Satellite Organization (Inmarsat), the reason for such advantages, and an assessment of progress toward fulfilling a pro-competitive privatization of those organizations. The International Anti-Bribery and Fair Competition Act of 1998 implements the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD) Convention on Combating Bribery of Foreign Public Officials in International Business Transactions (the OECD Convention). In that legislation, the U.S. Congress imposed certain reporting requirements for the Department of Commerce that are due on July 1, 1999 and each of the next five years. The House report on the legislation expresses an expectation for extensive fact-findings on the nature of the market for satellite communications and, in particular, the role of the ISOs, INTELSAT and Inmarsat. The Department notes that Inmarsat is

scheduled for privatization on April 15, 1999. The reporting requirements monitor the implementation and enforcement of other nations' commitments under the OECD Convention and promote the reduction of privileges and immunities for the ISOs. This Request for Comments (RFC) will assist the Secretary of Commerce in responding to those reporting requirements regarding the ISOs' privileges and immunities.

**DATES:** Comments must be received by May 12, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** The Department invites the public to submit written comments in paper or electronic form. Comments may be mailed to Milton Brown, National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA), Room 4713, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230. Paper submissions should include a version on diskette in ASCII, Word Perfect (please specify version), or Microsoft Word (please specify version) format.

Comments submitted in electronic form may be sent to [isocomments@ntia.doc.gov](mailto:isocomments@ntia.doc.gov). Electronic comments should be submitted in the formats specified above.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Milton Brown, NTIA/OCC, (202) 482-1816.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

INTELSAT is a treaty-based global communications satellite cooperative with 143 member countries. INTELSAT was created to enhance global communications and to spread the risks of creating a global satellite system across telephone operating companies from many countries.<sup>1</sup> Inmarsat was created to improve the global maritime communications satellite system that would provide distress, safety, and communications services to seafaring nations in a cooperative, cost-sharing entity. Inmarsat is scheduled for privatization on April 15, 1999.

As intergovernmental satellite organizations, both INTELSAT and Inmarsat are governed by "Parties" and managed by "signatories." The Parties are the national government members of the INTELSAT and Inmarsat agreements. Signatories are designated by each party to participate in the commercial operations of the organization. They hold ownership

<sup>1</sup> See Treaty on Principles Governing the Activities of States in the Exploration and Use of Outer Space, Including the Moon and Other Celestial Bodies.

interests in varying degrees. They also assist with the operation and management of the systems and are distributors of ISO services in their own countries. Signatories may be government-owned or controlled telecommunications monopolies or other telecommunications service providers. The publically traded Comsat Corp. is the U.S. Signatory to INTELSAT. ISOs are subject to oversight by the Assembly of Parties, and signatories are subject to oversight by their respective governments.

To implement public service obligations effectively and as part of the ISOs' unique treaty status, the ISOs benefit from certain privileges and immunities. As such, these ISOs are generally immune from suit, including private or public prosecution on antitrust charges. Moreover, neither ISO pays taxes on revenues, and exemption extends to import duties and taxes, communications and property taxes. Signatories, however, are subject to national taxes, including for their share of the organizations' distributed returns.

The International Anti-Bribery and Fair Competition Act of 1998 requires the Secretary of Commerce to submit a report to the House of Representatives and the Senate which contains information regarding the OECD Convention which includes the following: (1) A list of countries that have ratified the Convention; (2) a description of the domestic laws enacted by each party to the Convention that implements commitments under the Convention; and (3) an assessment of the measures taken by each party to the Convention during the previous year to fulfill its obligations under the Convention. See Pub. L. No 105-366, sec. 6(a). Accordingly, the Secretary of Commerce is required to report, *inter alia*, on the "terms of market access, government ownership, government contracts or connections, privileges and immunities, favorable treatment by national regulatory authorities or tax treatment . . . in the countries or regions served by the [ISOs], and the reasons for such advantages." H.R. REP. NO. 105-802, at 9 (1998). In preparation for this report, the Secretary of Commerce is required to seek and incorporate comments from the private sector, including competing satellite companies and satellite services users. *Id.*

We are now formally soliciting public comment on the advantages, in terms of immunities, market access, or otherwise, in the countries or regions served by INTELSAT and Inmarsat, the reasons for such advantages, and an assessment of progress toward fulfilling a pro-competitive privatization of those