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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Farm Service Agency

#### National Drought Policy Commission

**AGENCY:** Farm Service Agency, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice of Commission meeting and public hearing and request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The National Drought Policy Act of 1998 (Pub. L. 105-199) and Departmental Regulation No. 1042-131 established the National Drought Policy Commission (Commission). The Farm Service Agency (FSA) was identified to provide support to the Commission. The Commission shall conduct a thorough study and submit a report to the President and Congress on national drought policy. This notice seeks comments on issues that the Commission should address and recommendations that the Commission should consider as part of its report. The first meeting of the Commission will be held July 22, 1999, and the first public hearing will be held July 23, 1999. All meetings are open to the public; however, seating is limited and available on a first-come basis.

**DATES:** The Commission will meet on July 22, 1999, from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. in the Williamsburg Room, Jamie L. Whitten Building, 12th and Jefferson Drive, SW, Washington, DC. All times noted are Eastern Daylight Time. The first part of the meeting will be devoted to the organization of the Commission. The remainder of the meeting will be dedicated to informational presentations and committee business.

The Commission will conduct a public hearing on July 23, 1999, from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. in the Jefferson Auditorium, South Agriculture Building, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC. Anyone wishing to make an oral presentation to the Commission must contact the Executive Director, Leona Dittus, in writing (by

letter, fax or internet) no later than 12 noon, July 16, 1999, in order to be included on the agenda. Presenters will be approved on a first-come basis. The request should identify the name and affiliation of the individual who will make the presentation and an outline of the issues to be addressed. Thirty-five copies of any written presentation material shall be given to the Executive Director by all presenters no later than the time of the presentation for distribution to the Commission and the interested public. Oral presentations will be limited to 5 minutes. Those wishing to testify, but who are unable to notify the Commission office by July 16, 1999, will be able to sign up as a presenter the day of the hearing (July 23) between 9:00 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. These presenters will testify on a first-come, first-served basis and comments will be limited based on the time available and the number of presenters. Written statements will be accepted at the meeting, or may be mailed or faxed to the Commission office. Comments must be received by September 17, 1999.

**ADDRESSES:** Comments and statements should be sent to Leona Dittus, Executive Director, National Drought Policy Commission, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW, Room 6701-S, STOP 0501, Washington, DC 20250-0501.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Leona Dittus, Executive Director, National Drought Policy Commission, at the address above or telephone (202) 720-3168; FAX (202) 720-4293; internet Leona\_Dittus@WDC.FSA.USDA.GOV.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The purpose of the Commission is to provide advice and recommendations to the President and Congress on the creation of an integrated, coordinated Federal policy, designed to prepare for and respond to serious drought emergencies. Tasks for the Commission include developing recommendations that will (a) better integrate Federal laws and programs with ongoing State, local, and tribal programs (b) improve public awareness of the need for drought mitigation, prevention, and response and (c) determine whether all Federal drought preparation and response programs should be consolidated under one existing Federal agency, and, if so, identify the agency. The Commission will be chaired by the Secretary of

Agriculture or his designee, and a Vice Chair shall be selected from among the members who are not Federal officers or employees. In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair will act in his stead. Administrative staff support essential to the execution of the Commission's responsibilities shall be provided by USDA, FSA.

Commission members specifically cited in Public Law 105-199 include the Secretaries of Agriculture, Interior, Army, and Commerce, the Director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, and the Administrator of the Small Business Administration; two persons nominated by the National Governors' Association, a person nominated by the National Association of Counties, and a person nominated by the Conference of Mayors. Those four members are to be appointed by the President. Six additional Commission members have been appointed by the Secretary of Agriculture, in coordination with the Secretary of the Interior and the Secretary of the Army. The six at-large members represent groups acutely affected by drought emergencies, such as the agricultural production community, the credit community, rural and urban water associations, Native Americans, and fishing and environmental interests.

If special accommodations are required, please contact Leona Dittus, at the address specified above, by COB July 16, 1999.

Signed at Washington, DC on July 1, 1999.

**Parks Shackelford,**

*Acting Administrator, Farm Service Agency.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

### Forest Service

#### Newspapers Used for Publication of Legal Notice, Comment and Appeal of Decisions for Pacific Northwest Region, Oregon and Washington

**AGENCY:** Forest Service, USDA.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** On June 2, 1998, the Forest Service published a listing of the newspapers that would be used by all Ranger Districts, Forests, and the Regional Office of the Pacific Northwest Region to publish legal notice of all

decisions subject to appeal under 36 CFR parts 215 and 217 and to publish notice for public comment and notice of decisions subject to the provisions of 36 CFR part 215. That notice was to inform interested members of the public which newspapers would be used to publish the legal notice for public comment and decision. This allows the public to receive constructive notice of decisions, to provide clear evidence of timely notice, and to achieve consistency in administering the appeal process. There is no change to the listing of newspapers published in the June 2, 1998 **Federal Register** (63 FR 29971).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Roger Ogden, Acting Regional Appeals Coordinator, Pacific Northwest Region, P.O. Box 3623, Portland, Oregon 97208-3623, phone: (503) 808-2426.

Dated: June 29, 1999.

**Roy Roosevelt,**

*Acting Deputy Regional Forester.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### Submission for OMB Review; Comment Request

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35). This request is being submitted under the emergency processing procedures of the Paperwork Reduction Act.

*Agency:* Technology Administration.

*Title:* National Medal of Technology.

*Agency Form Number:* None.

*OMB Approval Number:* 0692-0001.

*Type of Request:* Revision of a currently approved collection—Emergency Clearance Request.

*Burden:* 2,550 hours.

*Needs and Uses:* The National Medal of Technology is the highest honor bestowed by the President to America's leading innovators. The Medal is given to individuals, teams, or companies for accomplishments in the innovation, development, commercialization, and management of technology, as evidenced by the establishment of new or significantly improved products, processes, or services. This collection is being revised to include a "new" nomination category for "environmental technology." The information provided is used by the Nomination Evaluation Committee in determining the merit and eligibility of nominees.

*Affected Public:* Individuals and companies.

*Frequency:* Annually.

*Respondent's Obligation:* Required to obtain a benefit.

*OMB Desk Officer:* Peter Weiss, (202) 395-3630.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent by July 9, 1999, to Peter Weiss, OMB Desk Officer, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20501.

Dated: June 30, 1999.

**Linda Engelmeier,**

*Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-412-814, A-428-816, A-405-802, C-412-815, C-428-817]

### Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Finland, Germany and the United Kingdom: Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty and Countervailing Duty Reviews, and Intent To Revoke Orders in Part

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

**ACTION:** Notice of initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstances antidumping duty and countervailing duty reviews, and intent to revoke orders in part.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** July 7, 1999.

**SUMMARY:** On May 12, 1999, the Department of Commerce (the Department) received a request on behalf of Bethlehem Steel Corporation and U.S. Steel Group—A Unit of USX Corporation (Bethlehem & U.S. Steel), petitioners in these cases, for changed circumstances antidumping (AD) and countervailing duty (CVD) reviews and an intent to revoke in part the AD and CVD orders with respect to specific cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Germany and the United Kingdom and the AD order with respect to specific cut-to-length carbon steel plate from

Finland. A telephone conversation on May 17, 1999, with counsel on behalf of all other petitioners (Inland Steel Industries, Inc., LTV Steel Company, Inc., National Steel Corporation, AK Steel Corporation, Gulf States Steel Inc. of Alabama, Sharon Steel Corporation, and WCI Steel Inc.) confirmed petitioners' lack of interest in the continuation of the AD and CVD orders with respect to the subject merchandise defined in the Scope of the Review section below (See Memorandum to the File).

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Linda Ludwig (AD reviews on Finland and the United Kingdom), James Doyle or Becky Hagen (AD review on Germany), Robert Copyak (CVD reviews on Germany and the United Kingdom), Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-3833, (202) 482-0159, (202) 482-1102, or (202) 482-2209, respectively.

### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351.

#### Background

On August 17, 1993, the Department published the CVD orders on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Germany and the United Kingdom (58 FR 43756 and 43748, respectively). On August 19, 1993, the Department published the AD orders on certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Finland, Germany and the United Kingdom (58 FR 44165, 44170, and 44168, respectively).

On May 12, 1999, Bethlehem Steel and U.S. Steel, petitioners, requested partial revocation of the AD and CVD orders pursuant to section 751(d)(1) of the Act, with respect to specific carbon steel plate imports from the United Kingdom, Germany and Finland described below.

#### Scope of the Review

The products covered by these AD/CVD orders constitute one "class or kind" of merchandise: certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate. These