

section II.B.1 of the Sunset Policy Bulletin.) Exceptions to this policy include the use of a more recently calculated margin, where appropriate, and consideration of duty absorption determinations. (See sections II.B.2 and 3 of the Sunset Policy Bulletin.)

Our review of import statistics covering total imports of POS cooking ware from Mexico and company-specific imports demonstrates that import volumes and values have fluctuated over the life of the order. While we agree with respondents that the Department may select a more recently calculated margin when declining (or no) margins are accompanied by steady or increasing imports, we do not agree that the facts of this case support such a determination. Imports from both Cinsa and ENASA have fluctuated over the 1994 through 1997 period. This fluctuation occurred at a time when company-specific calculated margins have been increasing. Therefore, the record does not reflect declining margins accompanied by steady or increasing imports. Because of this, the Department preliminarily finds that the use of a more recently calculated margin in its report to the Commission would be inappropriate.

Additionally, we do not agree with respondents that the all others margin from the original investigation is inappropriate because it includes the margin calculated for a company that is no longer in existence. We would normally determine that the margins calculated in the original investigation best reflect the behavior of producers/exporters without the discipline of the order.

In the final results of the 1996–1997 administrative review of this order, the Department found that antidumping duties have been absorbed by Cinsa on 68.03 percent of its U.S. sales of subject merchandise and by ENASA on 98.52 percent of its U.S. sales of subject merchandise (see *Porcelain-on-Steel Cookware from Mexico: Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 64 FR 29262 (June 1, 1999)). Consistent with the statute and the Sunset Policy Bulletin, the Department will notify the Commission of its findings regarding such duty absorption for the Commission to consider in conducting a sunset review.

Additionally, the Sunset Policy Bulletin refers to the SAA at 885, and the House report at 60, and provides that where the Department has found duty absorption, the Department normally will provide to the Commission the higher of the margin

that the Department otherwise would have reported to the Commission or the most recent margin for that company adjusted to account for the Department's findings on duty absorption. The Department explained that it normally will adjust a company's most recent margin to take into account its findings on duty absorption by increasing the margin by the amount of duty absorption on those sales for which the Department found duty absorption. In the administrative review covering the period December 1, 1996 through November 30, 1997, the Department found dumping margins of 25.42 percent for Cinsa and 65.28 percent for ENASA. The all others rate remained at 29.54 percent. (See *Porcelain-on-Steel Cookware from Mexico: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 64 FR 26934 (May 18, 1999), as amended, *Porcelain-on-Steel Cookware from Mexico: Amended Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 64 FR 29262 (June 1, 1999)). Further, as noted above, the Department found that antidumping duties had been absorbed by both Cinsa and ENASA. Therefore, consistent with the Sunset Policy Bulletin, we are adjusting the most recent margin to account for duty absorption. Because the adjusted margins for Cinsa and ENASA are higher than the rates from the original investigation, we will report to the Commission the adjusted rates as indicated below.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, the Department preliminarily finds that revocation of the antidumping duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated below.

Manufacturer/exporter	Margin (percent)
Cinsa, S.A.	42.71
Esmaltaciones de Norte America, S.A. de C.V.	129.40
All Others	29.52

Any interested party may request a hearing within 30 days of publication of this notice in accordance with 19 CFR 351.310(c). Any hearing, if requested, will be held on October 20, 1999. Interested parties may submit case briefs no later than October 11, 1999, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(1)(i). Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than October 18, 1999. The Department will issue a notice of final results of this sunset review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in

any such comments, no later than December 28, 1999.

This five-year ("sunset") review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(c), 752, and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: August 20, 1999.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Request for nominations of members to serve on the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology.

SUMMARY: NIST invites and requests nomination of individuals for appointment to the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT). The terms of some of the members of the VCAT will soon expire. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committee, in addition to nominations already received.

DATES: Please submit nominations on or before September 16, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Dr. Brian C. Belanger, Executive Director, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1004, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–1004. Nominations may also be submitted via FAX to 301–948–1224.

Additional information regarding the Committee, including its charter, current membership list, and executive summary may be found on its electronic home page at: <http://www.nist.gov/director/vcat/vcat.htm>.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Brian C. Belanger, Executive Director, Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 1004, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–1004; telephone 301–975–4720, fax 301–948–1224; or via email at brian.belanger@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. VCAT Information

The VCAT was established in accordance with 15 U.S.C. 278 and the

Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app.2).

Objectives and Duties

1. The Committee shall review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs, within the framework of applicable national policies set forth by the President and the Congress.

2. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

3. The Committee shall report to the Director of NIST.

4. The Committee shall provide a written annual report, through the Director of NIST, to the Secretary of Commerce for submission to the Congress on or before January 31 each year. Such report shall deal essentially, though not necessarily exclusively, with policy issues or matters which affect the Institute, or with which the Committee in its official role as the private sector policy adviser of the Institute is concerned. Each such report shall identify areas of research and research techniques of the Institute of potential importance to the long-term competitiveness of United States industry, which could be used to assist United States enterprises and United States industrial joint research and development ventures. The Committee shall submit to the Secretary and the Congress such additional reports on specific policy matters as it deems appropriate.

Membership

1. The Committee is composed of fifteen members that provide representation of a cross-section of traditional and emerging United States industries. Members shall be selected solely on the basis of established records of distinguished service and shall be eminent in one or more fields such as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. No employee of the Federal Government shall serve as a member of the Committee.

2. The Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology shall appoint the members of the Committee, and they will be selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance.

Miscellaneous

1. Members of the VCAT are not paid for their service, but will, upon request,

be allowed travel expenses in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5701 et seq., while attending meetings of the Committee or of its subcommittees, or while otherwise performing duties at the request of the chairperson, while away from their homes or a regular place of business.

2. Meetings of the VCAT take place in the Washington, DC metropolitan area, usually at the NIST headquarters in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and once each year at the NIST headquarters in Boulder, Colorado. Meetings are one or two days in duration and are held quarterly.

3. Committee meetings are open to the public except for approximately one hour, usually at the beginning of the meeting, a closed session is held in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 552b(c)(6), because divulging information discussed in those portions of the meetings is likely to reveal information of a personal nature where disclosure would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. All other portions of the meetings are open to the public.

II. Nomination Information

1. Nominations are sought from all fields described above.

2. Nominees should have established records of distinguished service and shall be eminent in fields such as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment and international relations. The category (field of eminence) for which the candidate is qualified should be specified in the nomination letter. Nominations for a particular category should come from organizations or individuals within that category. A summary of the candidate's qualifications should be included with the nomination, including (where applicable) current or former service on federal advisory boards and federal employment. In addition, each nomination letter should state that the person agrees to the nomination, acknowledge the responsibilities of serving on the VCAT, and will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the VCAT. Besides participation at meetings, it is desired that members be able to devote the equivalent of two days between meetings to either developing or researching topics of potential interest, and so forth in furtherance of their Committee duties.

3. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse VCAT membership.

Dated: August 17, 1999.

Karen H. Brown,
Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology; Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of partially closed meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that the Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), will meet Tuesday, September 14, 1999 from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. The Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Director of NIST; who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Institute, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. The agenda will include an update on NIST programs; Update on the Manufacturing Extension Partnership; Chemical Science and Technology Laboratory's Thermophysical Properties Standard Reference Data Dissemination; a laboratory tour of the Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory's Welding R&D Program; Electronic and Electrical Engineering Laboratory's Future Directions in Metrology for the Magnetic Recording Industry and RF and Antenna Measurements; and Physics Laboratory's Short Pulse Lasers and the Laser "Ruler".

Discussions scheduled to begin at 8:15 a.m. and to end at 9:15 a.m. on September 14, 1999, on staffing of management positions at NIST and the NIST budget, including funding levels of the Advanced Technology Program and the Manufacturing Extension Partnership will be closed.

DATES: The meeting will convene September 14, 1999, at 8:15 a.m. and