

II. Program for Which the Investigation is Being Rescinded

Negotiated Deferrals of Tax Liabilities

Prior to COSIPA's privatization, and on the recommendation of one of the consultants who examined COSIPA, COSIPA negotiated with the various tax authorities in order to arrange to pay its large tax arrears in deferred installments. COSIPA was able to arrange for installment payments for ten different types of taxes owed. CSN also arranged for installment payments for one tax liability.

Petitioners alleged that these negotiated tax deferrals provided countervailable subsidies to COSIPA and CSN. The Department initiated on these deferrals, acknowledging the then-preliminary determination in the hot-rolled investigation that these deferrals were not countervailable. See *Preliminary Affirmative Countervailing Duty Determination and Alignment of Final Countervailing Duty Determination with Final Antidumping Duty Determination: Certain Hot-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from Brazil* 64 FR 8313, 8321 (February 19, 1999) (*Brazil Hot-Rolled Prelim*). The Department has since made a final determination that this program is not specific and therefore does not provide countervailable subsidies. See *Brazil Hot-Rolled Final*, 64 FR at 38748-38749. No information has been placed on the record of this investigation which would warrant the reconsideration of this finding. Thus, we are rescinding our investigation of this program. See Memorandum to the File, Countervailing Duty Investigation of Certain Cold-Rolled Flat-Rolled Carbon-Quality Steel Products from Brazil, August 2, 1999, on file in the Import Administration Central Records Unit (CRU), Room B-099 of the Department of Commerce.

Verification

In accordance with section 782(i)(1) of the Act, we will verify the information submitted by respondents prior to making our final determination.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(A)(i) of the Act, we calculated a combined *ad valorem* rate for USIMINAS and COSIPA and an individual rate for CSN. The total estimated net countervailable subsidy rates are stated below.

Company	Net subsidy rate
USIMINAS/COSIPA ..	11.88 % <i>ad valorem</i> .
CSN	6.67 % <i>ad valorem</i> .

Company	Net subsidy rate
All Others	9.76 % <i>ad valorem</i> .

In accordance with section 703(d) of the Act, we are directing the U.S. Customs Service to suspend liquidation of all entries of certain cold-rolled flat-rolled carbon-quality steel products from Brazil, which are entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, and to require a cash deposit or bond for such entries of the merchandise in the amounts listed above. This suspension of liquidation will remain in effect until further notice.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of our determination. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all nonprivileged and nonproprietary information relating to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order, without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

If our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will make its final determination within 45 days after the Department makes its final determination.

Public Comment

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.310, we will hold a public hearing, if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on this preliminary determination. The hearing is tentatively scheduled to be held 57 days from the date of publication of the preliminary determination at the U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, D.C. 20230. Individuals who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230. Parties should confirm by telephone the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled time.

Requests for a public hearing should contain: (1) the party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and, (3) to the extent practicable, an identification of the

arguments to be raised at the hearing. In addition, six copies of the business proprietary version and six copies of the non-proprietary version of the case briefs must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary no later than 50 days from the date of publication of the preliminary determination. As part of the case brief, parties are encouraged to provide a summary of the arguments not to exceed five pages and a table of statutes, regulations, and cases cited. Six copies of the business proprietary version and six copies of the non-proprietary version of the rebuttal briefs must be submitted to the Assistant Secretary no later than 5 days from the date of filing of the case briefs. An interested party may make an affirmative presentation only on arguments included in that party's case or rebuttal briefs. Written arguments should be submitted in accordance with 19 C.F.R. 351.309 and will be considered if received within the time limits specified above.

This determination is published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: September 27, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

1999 Trade Missions Application Opportunity

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce invites U.S. companies to participate in the following overseas trade missions that they also explain at the following website: <http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm>. For a comprehensive description of the trade mission, obtain a copy of the mission statement from the project officer listed below. The recruitment and selection of private sector participants will be conducted according to the Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce Overseas Trade Missions announced by Secretary Daly on March 3, 1997. Assistant Secretarial Business Development Mission to Mercosur Chile, Uruguay and Argentina, November 8-13, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Joan Hall at the Department of Commerce. Telephone number 202-482-2267 or FAX 202-482-0115. The U.S.

Franchising Matchmaker Trade Delegation, The Hague, Netherlands, Munich, Germany, Milan, Italy and Paris, France, November 1-10, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sam Dhir at the Department of Commerce. Telephone number: 202-482-4756 or FAX number: 202-482-0178. The Healthcare Technologies Matchmaker Trade Delegation, Madrid, Spain and Milan, Italy, February 28-March 3, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Yvonne Jackson at the Department of Commerce. Telephone number: 202-482-2675 or FAX number: 202-482-0178.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Molly Costa, U.S. Department of Commerce: Tel: 202-482-0691 or FAX number: 202-482-0178. The Hotel and Recreation Equipment Trade Mission, Santo Domingo and Puerto Plata, Dominican Republic, February 8-11, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sheila de Andujar at the U.S. Department of Commerce Telephone: 809-221-2171, x408 or FAX 809-688-4838.

Dated: September 27, 1999.

John Klingelhut,

Director, Office of Private/Public Initiatives.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Highly Migratory Species Tournament Registration and Reporting

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

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before November 30, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Kimberly Dawson, Highly Migratory Species Management Division, NMFS, NOAA, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910, 301-713-2328.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

Tournament operators planning to hold tournaments targeting Atlantic highly migratory species (i.e., tunas, billfish, swordfish, sharks) will be required to register their tournaments with NMFS at least 4 weeks prior to the beginning of the tournament.

Tournament operators who have held tournaments targeting Atlantic highly migratory species will be required to submit summary reports on landings of Atlantic highly migratory species to NMFS. International treaty obligations pertaining to catch monitoring and provision of scientific information for these species require a comprehensive reporting program.

II. Method of Collection

The information required will be transcribed on registration and reporting forms provided by NMFS. Completed forms are mailed to NMFS.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0323.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected public: Individuals, business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 300.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 minutes to complete a tournament registration form and 20 minutes to complete a tournament landings report.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 110.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$0 (no capital expenditures).

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the

agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

Comments submitted in response to this notice will be summarized and /or included in the request for OMB approval of this information collection; they also will become a matter of public record.

Dated: September 24, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Community-Based Restoration Program

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

ACTION: Request for comments on proposed guidelines for the Community-Based Restoration Program.

SUMMARY: NOAA Fisheries began a new Community-Based Restoration Program (Program) in 1996 to encourage local efforts to restore fish habitats. Since that time NOAA has provided funding to 66 small-scale habitat restoration projects around coastal America. The Program is a systematic national effort to encourage partnerships with Federal agencies, states, local governments, non-governmental and non-profit organizations, businesses, industry and schools to carry out locally important habitat restorations to benefit living marine resources. The Program is developing formal guidelines which will expand the financial instruments available to accomplish furtherance of this mission. This announcement provides proposed guidelines for the implementation of the Program in FY 2000 and beyond. NMFS is seeking comments on the proposed guidelines for the Program through this document. This is not a solicitation of project proposals.