was for all companies for which a review specifically named. See 19 CFR section normally cover only those companies provided for in section 777A(e)(2)(B) of as those in antidumping cases, except as established in the most recently completed administrative proceeding. See Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube Products from Turkey; Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review, 53 FR 9791. These rates shall apply to all non-reviewed companies until a review of a company assigned these rates is requested. In addition, for the period January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995, the assessment rates applicable to all non-reviewed companies covered by these orders are the cash deposit rates in effect at the time of entry.

Public Comments

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of the calculation methodology and interested parties may request a hearing not later than 10 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 seven days after the time limit for filing the case brief. Parties who submit arguments 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 seven 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 355.38.

Representatives of 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. In no event later than the date of the case briefs, under 19 CFR 355.38, the Department will publish the final results of these administrative reviews, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief or at a hearing. These administrative reviews and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)).


Robert S. LaRussa,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No. 970326070-7070-01]

RIN 0693-XX31

Notice of Termination of Validation Services for Federal Information Processing Standards (FIPS)

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice; termination of validation services.

SUMMARY: The NIST is terminating validation services for: FIPS 127-2, Database Language SQL, and FIPS 128-2, Computer Graphics Metafile, Continuous Acquisition and Life-Cycle Support Profile (CGM (CALS)), and considering terminating validation services for FIPS 21-4, COBOL; FIPS 69-1, Fortran; FIPS 128-2, Computer Graphics Metafile, Air Transport Association Profile (CGM (ATA)); FIPS 151-2, POSIX; and FIPS 160, C. Comments are solicited.

NIST announced by Department Organization Order 30-28 the formation of the Information Technology Laboratory (ITL). Under the new ITL organization, NIST is refocusing its program for information technology, concentrating on the development of conformance tests for emerging information technologies rather than the operation of software testing services.

Therefore, the NIST is terminating validation services for FIPS 127-2, SQL, and FIPS 128-2, CGM (CALS), effective July 1, 1997. The NIST is considering terminating validation services for FIPS 21-4, COBOL; FIPS 69-1, Fortran; FIPS 128-2 CGM (ATA); FIPS 151-2, POSIX; and FIPS 160, C, effective September 30, 1997. Advance notice of this termination is given so that interested parties may establish testing services if they wish to do so. Federal, state, and local government agencies requiring validation of implementations for conformance to the above standards

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Because the URAA replaced the general rule in favor of a country-wide rate with a general rule in favor of individual rates for investigated and reviewed companies, the procedures for establishing countervailing duty rates, including those for non-reviewed companies, are now essentially the same as those in antidumping cases, except as provided for in section 777A(e)(2)(B) of the Act. The requested review will normally cover only those companies specifically named. See 19 CFR section 355.22(a). Pursuant to 19 CFR 355.22(g), for all companies for which a review was not requested, duties must be assessed at the cash deposit rate, and cash deposits must continue to be collected, at the rate previously ordered. As such, the countervailing duty cash deposit rate applicable to a company can no longer change, except pursuant to a request for a review of that company. See Federal-Mogul Corporation v. United States, 822 F.Supp. 782 (CIT 1993) and Floral Trade Council v. United States, 822 F.Supp. 766 (CIT 1993) (interpreting 19 CFR 355.22(e), the antidumping regulation on automatic assessment, which is identical to 19 CFR section 355.22(g)). Therefore, the cash deposit rates for all companies except those covered by these reviews will be unchanged by the results of these reviews.

We will instruct Customs to continue to collect cash deposits for non-reviewed companies under each order at the most recent company-specific or country-wide rate applicable to the company under that order. Accordingly, the cash deposit rates that will be applied to non-reviewed companies will be identical to 19 CFR section 355.22(g).

The Department also intends to instruct Customs to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties as indicated below of the f.o.b. invoice price on all shipments of each class or kind of merchandise from reviewed companies, entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of these reviews.

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may specify their own testing or adopt other techniques for evaluating
conference to these specifications.
Information on the test methods and
procedures for conformance testing are
available in the Validated Products List
(VPL) on the internet Universal
Resource Locator (URL) address ftp://
speckle.ncsl.nist.gov/vpl/intro.htm.
NIST test suites and testing procedures
are distributed freely via the World
Wide Web (WWW) Universal Resource
Locator (URL) http://www.nist.gov/
div897/ctg.

DATES: The effective date for terminating
validation services for FIPS 127-2, SQL,
and FIPS 128-2, CGM (CALS), is July 1,
1997. Comments on terminating
validation services for FIPS 21-4,
COBOL; FIPS 69-1, Fortran; FIPS 128-
2, CGM (ATA); FIPS 151-2, POSIX; and
FIPS 160, C, must be received no later
than May 8, 1997.

ADDRESSES: Written comments
considering the termination should be
sent to: Director, Information
Technology Laboratory, Attn: Validation
Services, Building 820, Room 562,
National Institute of Standards and
Technology, Gaithersburg, MD 20899.
Electronic comments should be sent to:
fips.comments@nist.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION OR COMMENTS:
Contact:
Ms. Lynne Rosenthal, National Institute
of Standards and Technology,
Gaithersburg, MD 20899, telephone
(301) 975-3283, email lsr@nist.gov.

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5131 of the Information Technology
Management Reform Act of 1996, Public Law
104-106, and the Computer Security Act of
1987.

Elaine Bunten-Mines,
Director, Program Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration

[I.D. 040297D]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Notice of petition and
determination.

SUMMARY: On August 26, 1996, NMFS
received a petition from Mr. Richard
Max Strahan representing GreenWorld,
Inc., requesting that NMFS and the U.S.
Coast Guard undertake a variety of
actions to protect and preserve marine
wildlife and, in particular, the northern
right whale (Eubalaena glacialis). The
petition was amended on September 18,
1996. NMFS has denied the petition from
GreenWorld, Inc., because it does not
contain substantial information
indicating that the petitioned actions
may be warranted.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:
Robert C. Ziobro, Protected Species
Management Division, Office of
Protected Resources, East-West
Highway, Silver Spring, Maryland
20910 (301) 713-1401.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On August
26, 1996, NMFS received a notice of
intent to bring suit under the
Endangered Species Act (ESA) on a
petition for proposed regulations from
Mr. Strahan. On September 18, 1996,
Mr. Strahan amended his original
petition to add another provision to his
list of requested actions. The notice and
petition was addressed both to officials
at NMFS and the U.S. Coast Guard.
The following is a brief summary of
some of the primary elements of the
petition and the request for relief in Mr.
Strahan’s letters that appear to be
directed to NMFS, or to NMFS and the
U.S. Coast Guard: Issue a letter to
coastal state government agencies
informing them that they are in
violation of the ESA and must apply to
NMFS for a section 10 permit or face
U.S. Coast Guard enforcement action;
issue an emergency rule followed by a
permanent rule banning fixed fishing
gear in right whale critical habitat;
promulgate and enforce a rule banning all
gillnets and aquaculture projects;
promulgate a rule allowing other types
of fishing gear in right whale critical
habitat areas only pursuant to a section
10 incidental take permit and a small
take authorization pursuant to section
101 of the Marine Mammal Protection
Act (MMPA); and comply with the
mandatory and non-discretionary duties
imposed under section 7(a) of the ESA
and utilize all statutory and regulatory
authorities to adopt and implement a
conservation plan to enforce the take
prohibitions of the ESA and MMPA to
stop marine fisheries licensed and
regulated by States from incidentally
taking northern right whales and other
Federally protected whales taken
incidentally in State fishery activities
along the Atlantic and Pacific Coaselines
of the U.S.

NMFS has evaluated the petition and
request for relief and determined that
they do not contain substantial
information that the requested actions
may be warranted. NMFS notes,
however, that efforts are underway to
reduce incidental takes in commercial
fisheries, including State regulated
fisheries, under section 118 of the
MMPA. For example, a large whale
take reduction team was formed and notice
thereof published in the Federal
Register on August 6, 1996 (61 FR
40819) to address incidental takings of
certain large whale species that occur or
may occur in several fisheries. NMFS
filed a proposed Large Whale Take
Reduction Plan at the Federal Register
on April 1, 1997, and Mr. Strahan and
others are invited to comment on that
plan.

Dated: April 1, 1997.

Charles Karnella,
Acting Assistant Administrator for Fisheries,
National Marine Fisheries Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric
Administration

[I.D. 040197C]

Northern Right Whale Protection;
Endangered and Threatened Marine
Mammals

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

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that
the Southwest Fisheries Science Center,
Tiburon Laboratory, NMFS at Tiburon,
CA (SFWSC); Point Reyes National
Seashore and Golden Gate National
Recreation Area, National Park Service
at San Francisco, CA (PR/GG); the Marin
Municipal Water District at Corte
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(SCWA) have applied in due form for
scientific research permits (P772#71,
P639, P640, P641).

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permits authorizing takes of a
threatened species for scientific research
purposes.

DATES: Written comments or requests for
a public hearing on any of these
applications must be received on or

ADDRESSES: The applications and
related documents are available for