COMMITTEE FOR PURCHASE FROM PEOPLE WHO ARE BLIND OR SEVERELY DISABLED

Procurement List Addition

AGENCY: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled.

ACTION: Addition to the Procurement List.

SUMMARY: This action adds to the Procurement List a service to be furnished by nonprofit agencies employing persons who are blind or have other severe disabilities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled, Crystal Gateway 3, Suite 310, 1215 Jefferson Davis Highway, Arlington, Virginia 22202–4302.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Louis R. Bartalot (703) 603–7740.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On November 29, 1999, the Committee for Purchase From People Who Are Blind or Severely Disabled published notices (64 FR 66611) of proposed addition to the Procurement List.

After consideration of the material presented to it concerning capability of qualified nonprofit agencies to provide the service and impact of the addition on the current or most recent contractors, the Committee has determined that the service listed below are suitable for procurement by the Federal Government under 41 U.S.C. 46–48c and 41 CFR 51–2.4.

I certify that the following action will not have a significant impact on a substantial number of small entities. The major factors considered for this certification were:

1. The action will not result in any additional reporting, recordkeeping or other compliance requirements for small entities other than the small organizations that will furnish the service to the Government.

2. The action will not have a severe economic impact on current contractors for the service.

3. The action will result in authorizing small entities to furnish the service to the Government.

4. There are no known regulatory alternatives which would accomplish the objectives of the Javits-Wagner-O'Day Act (41 U.S.C. 46—48c) in connection with the service proposed for addition to the Procurement List.

Accordingly, the following service is hereby added to the Procurement List:

Base Supply Center, Operation of Individual Equipment Element Store and HAZMART, Charleston Air Force Base, South Carolina

This action does not affect current contracts awarded prior to the effective date of this addition or options that may be exercised under those contracts.

Rita L. Wells,

Deputy Director (Policy and Program Coordination).

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Materials Technical Advisory Committee will meet on June 1, 2000, 10:30 a.m., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3884, 14th Street between Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, NW, Washington, DC. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to materials and related technology.

Agenda

Open Session

1. Opening remarks and introductions.
2. Presentation of papers and comments by the public.
3. Update on Chemical Weapons Convention declarations and inspections.

Closed Session

4. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

A limited number of seats will be available during the open session of the meeting. Reservations are not accepted. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to Committee members, the materials should be forwarded prior to the meeting to the address below:

Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, OSIES/EA/BXA MS: 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14 St. & Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on March 7, 2000, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittee thereof dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC. For more information or copies of the minutes call Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter at (202) 482–2583.

Dated: May 1, 2000.

Lee Ann Carpenter,

Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A–475–818, C–475–819]

Certain Pasta From Italy: Notice of Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Inquiry on the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is self-initiating an anti-circumvention inquiry to determine whether an Italian producer of pasta is circumventing the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on certain pasta from Italy, issued July 24, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: May 5, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: John Brinkmann or Jarrod Goldfeder, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482–4126 or (202) 482–2305, 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. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations refer to the regulations codified at 19 CFR part 351 (April 1999).

Scope of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders

Imports covered by these orders are shipments of certain non-egg dry pasta in packages of five pounds (2.27 kilograms) or less, whether or not enriched or fortified or containing milk or other optional ingredients such as chopped vegetables, vegetable purees, milk, gluten, diastases, vitamins, coloring and flavorings, and up to two percent egg white. The pasta covered by this scope is typically sold in the retail market, in fiberboard or cardboard cartons, or polyethylene or polypropylene bags of varying dimensions.

Excluded from the scope are refrigerated, frozen, or canned pastas, as well as all forms of egg pasta, with the exception of non-egg dry pasta containing up to two percent egg white. Also excluded are imports of organic pasta from Italy that are accompanied by the appropriate certificate issued by the Instituto Mediterraneo Di Certificazione (IMC), by Bioagricoop Scrl, by QC&I International Services, by Ecocert Italia or by Consorzio per il Controllo dei Prodotti Biologici.

The merchandise subject to review is currently classifiable under item 1902.19.20 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)*. Although the *HTSUS* subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise subject to these orders is dispositive.

Scope Rulings

The Department has issued the following scope rulings to date:

(1) On August 25, 1997, the Department issued a scope ruling that multicolored pasta, imported in kitchen display bottles of decorative glass that are sealed with cork or paraffin and bound with raffia, is excluded from the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders. *See* Memorandum from Edward Easton to Richard Moreland, dated August 25, 1997, on file in the Central Records Unit (CRU) of the main Commerce Building, Room B–099.

(2) On July 30, 1998, the Department issued a scope ruling, finding that multipacks consisting of six one-pound packages of pasta that are shrink-wrapped into a single package are within the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders. *See* letter from Susan H. Kuhbach, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, to Barbara P. Sidari, Vice President, Joseph A. Sidari Company, Inc., dated July 30, 1998, on file in the CRU.

(3) On October 23, 1997, the petitioners filed a request that the Department initiate an anti-circumvention investigation against Barilla, an Italian producer and exporter of pasta. On October 5, 1998, the Department issued a final determination that, pursuant to section 781(a) of the Act, Barilla was circumventing the antidumping duty order by exporting bulk pasta from Italy which it subsequently repackaged in the United States into packages of five pounds or less for sale in the United States. *See Anti-circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping Duty Order on Certain Pasta from Italy: Affirmative Final Determination of Circumvention of the Antidumping Duty Order*, 63 FR 54672 (October 13, 1998) (*Barilla Circumvention Inquiry*).

(4) On October 26, 1998, the Department self-initiated a scope inquiry to determine whether a package weighing over five pounds as a result of allowable industry tolerances may be within the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders. On May 24, 1999 we issued a final scope ruling finding that, effective October 26, 1998, pasta in packages weighing up to (and including) five pounds four ounces, and so labeled, is within the scope of the antidumping and countervailing duty orders. *See* Memorandum from John Brinkmann to Richard Moreland, dated May 24, 1999, on file in the CRU.

Background

On August 30, 1999, we issued an antidumping questionnaire to Pastificio Fratelli Pagani S.p.A. (Pagani) for the third administrative review of the antidumping duty order, covering the period July 1, 1998, through June 30, 1999. In its October 1, 1999 questionnaire response, Pagani stated that it ''exported sacks of nonsubject bulk pasta for repackaging after importation.'' Based on a supplemental questionnaire issued to Pagani on January 24, 2000, Pagani provided more detail regarding its repackaging operation.

Scope of the Anti-Circumvention Inquiry

The product subject to this anti-circumvention inquiry is certain pasta produced in Italy, by Pagani, and exported to the United States in packages of greater than five pounds (2.27 kilograms) that meets all the requirements for the merchandise subject to the antidumping and countervailing duty orders, with the exception of packaging size, and which is repackaged into packages of five pounds (2.27 kilograms) or less after entry into the United States.

Initiation of Anti-Circumvention Proceeding

In accordance with section 781(a) of the Act, the Department may include merchandise completed or assembled in the United States within the scope of an existing order when the following four conditions are met: (A) The merchandise sold in the United States is of the same class or kind as any other merchandise that is the subject of an antidumping or countervailing duty order; (B) such merchandise sold in the United States is completed or assembled in the United States from parts or components produced in the foreign country with respect to which such order applies; (C) the process of assembly or completion in the United States is minor or insignificant; and (D) the value of the parts or components produced in the foreign country to which the antidumping and countervailing duty order apply is a significant portion of the total value of the merchandise sold in the United States.

In determining whether to include parts or components in an order, the Act states at section 781(a)(3) that the Department must take into account: (1) The pattern of trade, including sourcing patterns; (2) whether the manufacturer or exporter of the parts or components is affiliated with the person who assembles or completes the merchandise sold in the United States; and (3) whether imports into the United States of the parts or components produced in such foreign country have increased after the initiation of the investigation which resulted in the issuance of such order or finding.

Based upon our review of the information submitted in the context of the third administrative review with respect to the preceding criteria, we find that the all of the elements that warrant an anti-circumvention inquiry are present (*see* Memorandum from Holly A. Kuga to Troy H. Cribb, ''Initiation of Anti-circumvention Inquiry of the Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders on Certain Pasta from Italy,'' dated April 21, 2000, on file in the CRU. This information indicates that there is reason to believe that Pagani's repackaging operation in the United States has allowed it to evade

antidumping and countervailing duties on its sales of subject pasta in the United States. Therefore, we are self-initiating an anti-circumvention inquiry to determine whether Pagani's importation of pasta in bulk and subsequent repackaging in the United States constitutes circumvention, with respect to the antidumping and countervailing duty orders on pasta from Italy pursuant to section 781(a) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.225(b).

We intend to notify the International Trade Commission in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination of circumvention, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(f)(7).

The Department will not order the suspension of liquidation at this time. However, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.225(l)(2), the Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to suspend liquidation in the event of an affirmative preliminary determination of circumvention. Although interested parties may comment prior to the preliminary determination, the Department will establish a formal schedule for submission of final comments after the preliminary determination.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 781 of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1677j) and 19 CFR 351.225.

Dated: April 27, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Financial Assistance for Community-Based Habitat Restoration Projects

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

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: NMFS announces that funding will be available to implement grass-roots restoration projects to restore fish habitats under the NOAA Community-Based Restoration Program (CRP or Program). NMFS issues this document describing the conditions under which applications (project proposals) will be accepted under the CRP and the manner in which applications will be selected for funding.

The CRP is a national effort to encourage partnerships with Federal agencies, states, local governments, non-governmental and non-profit organizations, businesses, industry, schools, colleges and universities to carry out locally important habitat restorations to benefit living marine resources. The CRP assists eligible applicants in carrying out on-the-ground habitat restoration projects that address important fishery habitat issues within communities and involve local citizens in marine, estuarine, and anadromous fish habitat restoration activities.

DATES: Applications for funding under the CRP will be accepted upon publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** and must be received by 5 p.m. (eastern daylight savings time) on June 9, 2000. Applications received after that time will not be considered for funding. No facsimile applications will be accepted.

ADDRESSES: Send applications to Director, NOAA Restoration Center, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East West Highway (F/HC3), Silver Spring, MD 20910–3282; ATTN: CRP Applications.

See **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION** section under Electronic Access for additional information on the Program and for application form information.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Christopher D. Doley, (301) 713–0174, or by e-mail at Chris.Doley@noaa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Authority

The Secretary of Commerce is authorized under the Fish and Wildlife Coordination Act of 1956, 16 U.S.C. 661–666, to provide grants or cooperative agreements for fisheries habitat restoration.

II. Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance

This Program is described in the ''Catalogue of Federal Domestic Assistance,'' under program number 11.463, Habitat Conservation.

III. Program Description

The CRP, a competitive Federal assistance program, promotes strong partnerships to fund grass-roots, community-based activities that restore habitat and develop stewardship and a conservation ethic for NOAA's trust resources. NOAA's trust resources are living marine resources that include: commercial and recreational fishery resources; anadromous species (fish, such as salmon and striped bass, that spawn in freshwater and then migrate to the sea); endangered and threatened marine species and their habitats; marine mammals; marshes, mangroves, sea grass beds, coral reefs, and other coastal habitats; and all resources associated with National Marine Sanctuaries and National Estuarine Research Reserves.

The Program's objective is to bring together citizen groups, public and nonprofit organizations, industry, corporations and businesses, youth conservation corps, students, landowners, and local government, state, and Federal agencies to implement habitat restoration projects to benefit NOAA trust resources. Partnerships are developed at the national and local level to contribute funding, land, technical assistance, workforce support or other in-kind services to promote citizen participation in the improvement of locally important living marine resources.

The Program recognizes the significant role that communities play in habitat restoration and protection and acknowledges that habitat restoration is often best supported and implemented at a community level. Projects are successful because they have significant community support and depend upon citizens' hands-on involvement. The role of NOAA in the Program is to strengthen the development and implementation of sound restoration projects.

For more information on the Program, see Electronic Access.

IV. Funding Availability

This solicitation announces that funding of approximately $500,000 will be available in FY 2000. There is no guarantee that sufficient funds will be available to make awards for all approved projects. Publication of this notice does not obligate NOAA to award any specific project or obligate all or any parts of the available funds.

V. Matching Requirements

The focus of the Program is to provide seed money to leverage funds and other contributions from a broad public and private sector to implement locally important habitat restoration to benefit living marine resources. To this end, applicants are expected to demonstrate a minimum 1:1 non-Federal match for CRP funds requested to complete the proposed project. In unusual circumstances, the NOAA Restoration Center may waive the expectation of 1:1 matching funds before funding decisions are made if the project meets the following three requirements: (1)