pursuant to the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) will not be made until at least 60 days from the date of publication of this notice. This notice is provided pursuant to section 10(c) of the Act and NEPA regulations (40 CFR 1506.6).

Geoffrey L. Haskett,

Regional Director, Region 2.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[NM–910–03–1020–PG]

Notice of Public Meeting, New Mexico Resource Advisory Council Meeting

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) New Mexico Resource Advisory Council (RAC), will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held on January 9–10, 2003, at the Sheraton Uptown, 2600 Louisiana Blvd., Albuquerque, NM beginning at 8 a.m. The meeting will adjourn at approximately 5 p.m. both days. An optional Field Trip is planned for the Placitas area. The three established RAC subcommittees will meet in the late afternoon or evening on Thursday, January 9. The public comment period will begin at 10 a.m. on Friday, January 10, and end at 12 noon.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The 15-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in New Mexico. At this meeting, we will have briefings/discussion on:

- Report from the RAC Chairs' and Collaborative Land Use Planning Meetings.
- What is the RAC's role.
- Where can the RAC's influence be most effective over the next 1–2 years.
- Future planning and problem solving.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allocated for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. New Mexico RAC meetings are coordinated with the representative of the Governor of the State of New Mexico, the Office of the Lieutenant Governor.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Theresa Herrera, RAC Coordinator, New Mexico State Office, Office of External Affiars, Bureau of Land Management, P.O. Box 27115, Santa Fe, NM 87502–0115, (505) 438–7517.

Dated: December 6, 2002.

Richard A. Whitley,

Acting State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Bureau of Land Management

[AK–910–1410–PG]

Notice of Public Meeting, Alaska Resource Advisory Council

AGENCY: Bureau of Land Management, Alaska State Office, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting

SUMMARY: In accordance with the Federal Land Policy and Management Act (FLPMA) and the Federal Advisory Committee Act of 1972 (FACA), the U.S. Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Alaska Resource Advisory Council will meet as indicated below.

DATES: The meeting will be held February 13–14, 2003, at the Anchorage Federal Office Building, located at 7th and C Street, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The public comment period will begin at 1 p.m. February 13.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Teresa McPherson, Alaska State Office, 222 W. 7th Avenue #13, Anchorage, AK 99513. Telephone (907) 271–3322 or e-mail *Teresa_McPherson@ak.blm.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: the 13-member Council advises the Secretary of the Interior, through the Bureau of Land Management, on a variety of planning and management issues associated with public land management in Alaska. At this meeting, topics we plan to discuss include:

- The Resource Advisory Council's 2003 work plan.
- Outdated withdrawals on federal public lands in Alaska.
- Status of planning in the National Petroleum Reserve Alaska (NPR–A).
- Other topics the Council may rise.

All meetings are open to the public. The public may present written comments to the Council. Each formal Council meeting will also have time allotted for hearing public comments. Depending on the number of persons wishing to comment and time available, the time for individual oral comments may be limited. Individuals who plan to attend and need special assistance, such as sign language interpretation, transportation, or other reasonable accommodations, should contact BLM.

Dated: December 6, 2002.

Linda S.C. Rundell,

Acting State Director.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337–TA–460]

Certain Sortation Systems, Parts Thereof, and Products Containing Same; Commission Decision To Review Portions of a Final Initial Determination Finding a Violation of Section 337; Schedule for Filing Written Submissions on the Violation Issues Under Review and on Remedy, the Public Interest, and Bonding

AGENCY: International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to review portions of the final initial determination issued by the presiding administrative law judge (ALJ) on October 22, 2002, finding a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, in the above-captioned investigation.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael K. Haldenstein, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, telephone 202–205–3041. Copies of the public version of the ID and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, SW., Washington, DC 20436, telephone 202–205–2000. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (*http://www.usitc.gov*). The public record for this investigation may also be viewed on the Commission's electronic docket (EDIS–ON–LINE) at *http://dockets.usitc.gov/*

eol.public. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on the matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202–205–1810.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: This patent-based section 337 investigation is before the Commission for a determination of whether to review, in whole or in part, the final initial determination (''ID'') of the presiding administrative law judge (''ALJ''), in which he found a violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

The Commission voted to institute this investigation on July 19, 2001, based upon a complaint filed on June 25, 2001, by Rapistan Systems Advertising Corp. and Siemens Dematic Corp., both of Grand Rapids, Michigan. 66 FR 38741 (July 25, 2001). Named as respondents were Vanderlande Industries Nederland BV of the Netherlands, and Vanderlande Industries of Atlanta, Georgia (collectively referred to as ''Vanderlande''). Vanderlande Industries Nederland BV of the Netherlands designs and manufactures the accused sortation systems, and Vanderlande Industries of Atlanta imports, sells, and installs the accused sortation systems.

Complainants alleged that respondents had violated section 337 by importing into the United States, selling for importation, and selling within the United States after importation certain sortation systems, or components thereof, covered by independent claims 1, 13, 23, 30, and 42 and dependent claims 2, 3, 4, 8, 9, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 27, 29, 33, 35, 36, 37, 39, 43, 45, 46, 47, and 49 of U.S. Patent No. 5,127, 510 (''the '510 patent''), owned by Rapistan Systems and exclusively licensed to Siemens Dematic. On April 5, 2002, complainants filed an unopposed motion asking for the termination of the investigation with respect to claims 2, 3, 8, 9, 18, 24, 36, 37, 29, 46, 47, and 49. On May 16, 2002, the ALJ granted the motion in an ID (Order No. 32) and the Commission determined not to review that ID. The claims of the '510 patent at issue are therefore claims 1, 4, 13, 17, 20, 22, 23, 27, 29, 30, 33, 35, 42, 43, and 45. The complaint further alleged that an industry in the United States exists, as required by subsection (a)(2) of section 337.

An evidentiary hearing was held on June 4–17, 2002. On October 22, 2002, the ALJ issued his final ID, in which he determined that respondents' sortation systems, and parts thereof, infringe claims 1 and 4 of the '510 patent, and that the '510 patent is valid and enforceable. Based upon these findings, he found a violation of section 337.

The ALJ recommended issuance of a limited exclusion order barring importation of the accused Mark 2 Posisorter and its parts and components. He recommended excluding spare parts destined for UPS's Hub 2000 facility in Louisville, Kentucky from the scope of the limited exclusion order. He also recommended a bond during the Presidential review period in the amount of 100 percent of the entered value of the infringing products.

On November 4, 2002, Vanderlande and the IA petitioned for review of the ALJ's final ID, and Rapistan submitted a contingent petition for review asking that the Commission review certain issues if it decided to review the ID. On November 12, 2002, Vanderlande, Rapistan, and the IA filed reply submissions.

Having reviewed the record in this investigation, including the parties' written submissions, the Commission has determined to review the ID on the following issues: (1) The ID's construction of the element ''contiguous, generally planar surfaces sloping downward from an upper extent of said diverting surface laterally inward and longitudinally forward or rearward'' in independent claim 30, and dependent claims 33, and 35, and the infringement findings related to this claim element; and (2) the ID's findings regarding the elements of equitable estoppel.

In connection with final disposition of this investigation, the Commission may issue (1) an order that could result in the exclusion of the subject articles from entry into the United States, and/or (2) cease and desist orders that could result in Vanderlande being required to cease and desist from engaging in unfair acts in the importation and sale of such articles. Accordingly, the Commission is interested in receiving written submissions that address the form of remedy, if any, that should be ordered. If a party seeks exclusion of an article from entry into the United States for purposes other than entry for consumption, the party should so indicate and provide information establishing that activities involving other types of entry either are adversely affecting it or are likely to do so. For background information, see the Commission Opinion, Certain Devices for Connecting Computers via Telephone Lines, Inv. No. 337–TA–360, USITC Publication 2843 (Dec. 1994).

If the Commission contemplates some form of remedy, it must consider the effects of that remedy upon the public interest. The factors the Commission will consider include the effect that an exclusion order and/or cease and desist orders would have on (1) The public health and welfare, (2) competitive conditions in the U.S. economy, (3) U.S. production of articles that are like or directly competitive with those that are subject to investigation, and (4) U.S. consumers. The Commission is therefore interested in receiving written submissions that address the aforementioned public interest factors in the context of this investigation.

If the Commission orders some form of remedy, the President has 60 days to approve or disapprove the Commission's action. During this period, the subject articles would be entitled to enter the United States under a bond, in an amount to be determined by the Commission and prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. The Commission is therefore interested in receiving submissions concerning the amount of the bond that should be imposed.

Written Submissions: The parties to the investigation, interested government agencies, and any other interested parties are encouraged to file written submissions on the violation issues under review, and on the issues of remedy, the public interest, and bonding. Such submissions should address the recommended determination by the ALJ on remedy and bonding and the ALJ's conclusions concerning the two violation issues. Complainant and the IA are also requested to submit proposed remedial orders for the Commission's consideration. Written submissions and proposed remedial orders must be filed no later than the close of business on December 23, 2002. Reply submissions must be filed no later than the close of business on December 30, 2002. No further submissions will be permitted unless otherwise ordered by the Commission.

Persons filing written submissions must file with the Office of the Secretary the original and 14 true copies thereof on or before the deadlines stated above. Any person desiring to submit a document (or portion thereof) to the Commission in confidence must request confidential treatment unless the information has already been granted such treatment during the proceedings. All such requests should be directed to the Secretary of the Commission and must include a full statement of the reasons why the Commission should grant such treatment. *See* 19 CFR 201.6. Documents for which confidential treatment is granted by the Commission will be treated accordingly. All nonconfidential written submissions

will be available for public inspection at the Office of the Secretary.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and sections 210.42, 210.43, 210.45, and 210.50 of the Commission's rules of practice and procedure, 19 CFR 210.42, 210.43, 210.45, and 210.50.

Issued: December 11, 2002.

By order of the Commission.

Marilyn R. Abbott,

Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF LABOR

Employment and Training Administration

Proposed Information Collection Request Submitted for Public Comment and Recommendations; Extension of the Unemployment Insurance (UI) Title XII Advances Process

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Labor (DOL), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, conducts a preclearance consultation program to provide the general public and Federal agencies with an opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing collections of information in accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (PRA95) (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)). This program helps to ensure that requested data can be provided in the desired format, reporting burden (time and financial resources) is minimized, collection instruments are clearly understood, and the impact of collection requirements on respondents can be properly assessed. Currently, the DOL is soliciting comments concerning the proposed extension of the process for requesting advances from the Federal Unemployment Account (FUA) and repayment of such advances under title XII of the Social Security Act (SSA). Technically, there is no request for information. There is, however, a paperwork burden on States because they must prepare and transmit formal requests for the authority to request advances and the repayment of said advances.

A copy of the proposed procedure can be obtained by contacting the addressee listed below.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 14, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Office of Workforce Security, Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor, Room S 4231, 200 Constitution Ave, NW., Washington, DC, 20210; 202–693–3200 (this is not a toll-free number).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: James E. Herbert 202–693–2926, *jherbert@doleta.gov.*

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Title XII section 1201 of the SSA provides for advances to States from the FUA. The law further sets out specific requirements to be met by a State requesting an advance:

- The Governor must apply for the advance;
- The application must cover a 3 month period and the Secretary of Labor must be furnished with estimates of the amounts needed in each month of the 3 month period;
- An application for an advance shall be made on such forms and shall contain such information and data (fiscal and otherwise) concerning the operation and administration of the State unemployment compensation law as the Secretary of Labor deems necessary or relevant to the performance of his duties under this title;
- The amount required by any State for the payment of compensation in any month shall be determined with due allowance for contingencies and taking into account all other amounts that will be available in the State's unemployment fund for the payment of compensation in such month;
- The term ''compensation'' means cash benefits payable to individuals with respect to their unemployment exclusive of expenses of administration.

Section 1202(a) of the SSA provides that the Governor of any State may at any time request that funds be transferred from the account of such State to the FUA in repayment of part or all of the balance of advances made to such State under section 1201. These applications and repayments may be requested by an individual designated for that authority in writing by the Governor. The DOL proposes to extend this procedure through January 2006.

II. Review Focus

The DOL is particularly interested in comments which:

- Evaluate whether the proposed extension of the current procedure is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information will have practical utility;
- Evaluate the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden of the proposed extension of the current procedure, including the validity of the methodology and assumptions used;
- Enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the procedure; and
- Minimize the burden of the procedure on those who are to respond, including the use of appropriate automated, electronic, mechanical, or other technological collection techniques or other forms of information technology, *e.g.*, permitting electronic submission of responses.

III. Current Actions

This action is requested to maintain the continuity of current procedures which have succeeded in the orderly application and repayment operations at both the State and Federal levels. This is not a data collection process.

Agency: Employment and Training Administration, Department of Labor.

Title: Governor's requests for advances from the Federal unemployment account or requests for voluntary repayment of such advances.

OMB Number: 1205–0199.

Affected Public: State governments.

Total Respondents: 50 States, Washington, DC, the Virgin Islands, and Puerto Rico are covered by this process. The DOL estimates eight States will request advances and make voluntary repayments over the next 3 years. The DOL estimates that there will be 10 annual actions for each State.

Frequency: As needed, based on a State's discretion.

Total Responses: 240.

Average Time Per Response: 1 hour.

Estimated Total Burden Hours: 240.

Estimated Total Burden Cost: There are no startup or capital costs. The operating and maintenance costs for the States will be 240 hours × $25 per hour = *$6,000.* The operating and maintenance costs for the Federal government will be 240 responses × 3 hours per response × $60 per hour = *$43,200.*

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

Dated: December 10, 2002.

Cheryl Atkinson,

Administrator, Office of Workforce Security.

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