

Food and Drug Administration (FDA), U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (HHS); and the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) are sponsoring a public meeting on June 7, 1995, from 9 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., in the Washington Rooms, Hyatt Regency—Crystal City, 2799 Jefferson Davis Highway, Crystal City, Virginia. The meeting will provide information and solicit public comments and suggestions on U.S. participation in activities of the Codex Alimentarius Commission. The co-sponsors of this public meeting recognize the importance of providing interested parties the opportunity to obtain background information on Codex, to discuss current Codex issues, and to address U.S. participation in the Codex process.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dr. Marvin A. Norcross, U.S. Coordinator for Codex Alimentarius, USDA, Food Safety and Inspection Service, Room 311-West End Court, Washington, DC 20250-3700, telephone (202) 254-2517; Fax (202) 254-2530.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Codex was established in 1962 by two United Nations' organizations, the Food and Agriculture Organization and the World Health Organization, to encourage fair international trade in food and to promote the health and economic interests of consumers worldwide.

Codex provides a forum for the world's leading experts to discuss, debate, and often reach scientific consensus on food safety issues that affect trade. There are currently 151 member nations of Codex that work to develop Standards, Codes of Practice, and Guidelines dealing with basic principles, technical specifications for products, and good manufacturing practices.

With the signing of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), the successful conclusion of the Uruguay Round of multilateral trade negotiations, and the formation of the World Trade Organization, the role of

Codex as an international standard-setting body has become much more visible and critical to U.S. interests.

On January 1, 1995, the Uruguay Round Agreement of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade was implemented by the United States. One part of this is the Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures elevating the significance of Codex standards and requiring that a country scientifically justify its actions to achieve its level of food safety, if higher than Codex recommendations. The Agreement on Sanitary and Phytosanitary Measures recognizes three international standard-setting organizations. The three are the Codex for food safety, the International Plant Protection Convention for plant health, and the Office of International Epizootics for animal health.

Within the United States, Codex activities are carried out by officials from USDA, FDA, EPA, and the National Marine Fisheries Service who serve as U.S. Delegates and Alternate Delegates to various Codex Committees. Dr. Marvin A. Norcross, Food Safety and Inspection Service, USDA, assisted by a Codex staff, serves as the U.S. Coordinator for Codex Alimentarius. A Steering Committee made up of Senior Executives from USDA, FDA, and EPA provides direction for all U.S. Codex activities.

**Meeting Agenda**

The following specific issues will be discussed during the public meeting:

1. The implications of NAFTA and the Uruguay Round Agreements Act for Codex and U.S. participation.
2. The draft "U.S. Codex Strategic Plan." (copies available see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**)
3. The paper "Role of Science in the Codex Decision-Making Process." (copies available see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT.**)
4. An overview of matters to be addressed during the upcoming 21st session of the Codex Alimentarius Commission.

5. Issues raised by public comments relating to Codex.

**Attendance**

The meeting will be open to all interested parties on a space available basis. All persons wishing to give a presentation at the meeting should submit a written request that includes the participant's name and organization, address, telephone and facsimile numbers, and a copy of the remarks to be presented. Send your request to Dr. Marvin Norcross (see **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**).

All information and comments presented will be carefully reviewed and taken into consideration for future Codex activities. A summary of the meeting and copies of information submitted during the meeting will be available for review in the FSIS Docket Clerk's Office, Room 4352, South Building, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, DC. 20250.

Done at Washington, DC, on: May 17, 1995.

**Michael R. Taylor,**  
*Administrator, Food Safety and Inspection Service.*  
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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**

**Economic Development Administration**

**Petitions by Producing Firms for Determination of Eligibility To Apply for Trade Adjustment Assistance**

**AGENCY:** Economic Development Administration (EDA), Commerce.

**ACTION:** To give firms an opportunity to comment.

Petitions have been accepted for filing on the dates indicated from the firms listed below.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 04/18/95-05/15/95

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Plastic Design, Inc .....	111 Industrial Park Road, Middletown, CT 06457.	04/18/95	Medical, transportation, automotive, security system and misc. plastic parts.
E/G Electro-Graph, Inc .....	2365 Camino Vida Roble, Carlsbad, CA 92009.	04/26/95	Semiconductor machinery parts.
Shube's Manufacturing, Inc .....	600 Moon Street, S.E. Albuquerque, NM 87123.	04/26/95	Pewter figurines made of nonprecious metal.
Pyott-Boone Electronics, Inc .....	P.O. Box 809, Tazewell, VA 24651.	04/28/95	Electronic communications and monitoring equipment and sub-assemblies for mining industry.
Galax Electronics Tech. Inc .....	2391 Zanker Road, Suite 340, San Jose, CA 95031.	04/28/95	Cable harness assemblies.

LIST OF PETITION ACTION BY TRADE ADJUSTMENT ASSISTANCE FOR PERIOD 04/18/95-05/15/95—Continued

Firm name	Address	Date petition accepted	Product
Dia-Netics, Inc .....	410 E. Odell Street, Marionville, MO 65705.	04/28/95	Coils and bobbins for electrical relays.
Ruebush Packing Company .....	2910 S. Tabor Drive, Silver City, NM 88061.	05/03/95	Beef.
J.B. Martin Company, Inc .....	321 East Avenue, Leesville, SC 29070.	05/08/95	Velvet textile fabric of manmade and cotton fiber.
G.J. Nikolas & Company, Inc .....	2800 Washington Boulevard, Bellwood, IL 60104.	05/08/95	Lacquer, pigmented enamels, thinners and bronze powders and dyes.

The petitions were submitted pursuant to section 251 of the Trade Act of 1974 (19 U.S.C. 2341). Consequently, the United States Department of Commerce has initiated separate investigations to determine whether increased imports into the United States of articles like or directly competitive with those produced by each firm contributed importantly to total or partial separation of the firm's workers, or threat thereof, and to a decrease in sales or production of each petitioning firm.

Any party having a substantial interest in the proceedings may request a public hearing on the matter. A request for a hearing must be received by the Trade Adjustment Assistance Division, Room 7023, Economic Development Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230, no later than the close of business of the tenth calendar day following the publication of this notice.

The Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance official program number and title of the program under which these petitions are submitted is 11.313, Trade Adjustment Assistance.

Dated: May 18, 1995.

**Lewis R. Podolske,**  
*Acting Director, Trade Adjustment Assistance Division.*

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**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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**Permits; Foreign Fishing**

In accordance with a memorandum of understanding with the Secretary of State, the National Marine Fisheries Service publishes for public review and comment summaries of applications received by the Secretary of State requesting permits for foreign fishing vessels to operate in the Exclusive Economic Zone (EEZ) under provisions

of the Magnuson Fishery Conservation and Management Act (Magnuson Act, 16 U.S.C. 1801 *et seq.*). This notice concerns the receipt of an application from the Government of the Russian Federation requesting authorization to conduct a joint venture (JV) in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean. The application requests 20,000 metric tons of Atlantic sea herring be made available for the JV. The factory trawler NADIR is identified as the vessel that will receive sea herring from U.S. vessels. While no Fishery Management Plan for Atlantic sea herring has yet been implemented, based on receipt of the Russian application, and in accordance with section 201(h) of the Magnuson Act, necessary regulatory actions are being effected and a Preliminary Fishery Management Plan (PMP) for Atlantic sea herring is being developed. Approvability of the proposed JV to have the foreign vessel NADIR receive Atlantic sea herring from U.S. fishing vessels in the EEZ will be contingent on specifications under the PMP that would make available an amount of U.S.-harvested herring for such operations, and on other issues that bear on the approval of foreign fishing permits. Send comments on this application to:

NOAA—National Marine Fisheries Service, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and/or, to one or both of the Regional Fishery Management Councils listed below:

Douglas G. Marshall, Executive Director, New England Fishery Management Council, 5 Broadway, Saugus, MA 01906; 617/231-0422.

David R. Keifer, Executive Director, Mid-Atlantic Fishery Management Council, Federal Building, Room 2115, 300 South New Street, Dover, DE 19901-6790; 302/674-2331.

For further information contact Robert A. Dickinson, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, (301) 713-2337.

Dated: May 18, 1995.

**Richard W. Surdi,**

*Acting Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and Management, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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**Marine Mammals and Endangered Species; Permits**

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

**ACTION:** Receipt of modification request for a scientific research permit (P771#67).

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that the National Marine Mammal Laboratory, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE., BIN C15700 Building 1, Seattle WA 98115-0070 has requested a modification to permit 837 to take the marine mammals listed below for the purpose of scientific research.

**DATES:** Written comments must be received on or before June 23, 1995.

**ADDRESSES:** The application and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802-1668 (907/586-7221);

Director, Northwest Region, NMFS, 7600 Sand Point Way NE., BIN C15700 Building 1, Seattle, WA 98115-0070;

Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 West Ocean Blvd. Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213;

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on this request, should be submitted to the Chief, Permits Division, F/PR1, Office of Protected Resources, Silver Spring, MD 20910,