

Comment 68: Adjustment of Labor Inputs

Petitioners argue that the Department should adjust WISCO's reported labor inputs upward to account for the significant materials handling costs associated with transporting materials and equipment between WISCO's facilities. They contend that, because labor may play a more significant role in the transportation process than is indicated by WISCO's current allocation methodology, the Department, using adverse facts available, should calculate labor and other costs incurred in the transportation process and use this information to adjust upward the labor factor usage rates. See 19 U.S.C. 1677b(c)(3).

WISCO asserts that the labor used to move materials between facilities is properly treated as an overhead expense. It further states that the Department verified that the bulk of the materials are transported between facilities using conveyor belts and pipelines and, therefore, petitioners' assertion that the labor costs associated with the transportation of material is significant is factually incorrect. Furthermore, WISCO maintains that it has a separate transport unit that is responsible for movement of materials and equipment and it is not possible to link specific inputs used in the

transport unit to the production of only subject merchandise. WISCO argues that, even if the Department decided to adjust WISCO's labor factors to account for labor employed in the internal transport unit, the adjustment suggested by petitioners is inappropriate because petitioners suggest that the Department base its labor adjustment on the surrogate value for train transportation. WISCO argues that there is no explanation for why the Department should link a surrogate value for rail freight and labor costs associated with internal shipment of materials within WISCO's facilities. WISCO argues that petitioners' arguments should be rejected.

Department's Position: We agree with WISCO that the labor used to move materials between facilities is properly treated as overhead, based on our observations at verification. In addition, we verified and accepted WISCO's methodology for reporting workers involved in moving material between facilities and the unit with which they are associated.

Comment 69: Ministerial Error—River Freight

Petitioners contend that the Department made a ministerial error in valuing river freight in the preliminary determination and should correct it in

the final determination. WISCO did not comment on this issue.

Department's Position: We agree with petitioners that there was a ministerial error in the portion of the SAS program used for valuing river freight in the preliminary determination. We have corrected this error for the final determination. See Comment 25 above.

Suspension of Liquidation

On October 24, 1997, the Department signed a suspension agreement with the Government of the PRC suspending this investigation. Therefore, we are instructing Customs to terminate the suspension of liquidation of all entries of cut-to-length carbon steel plate from the PRC. Any cash deposits of cut-to-length carbon steel plate from the PRC shall be refunded and any bonds shall be released.

On October 14, 1997, we received a request from petitioners requesting that we continue the investigation. We received a separate request for continuation from the United Steelworkers of America, an interested party under section 771(9)(D) of the Act on October 15, 1997. Pursuant to these requests, we have continued and completed the investigation in accordance with section 734(g) of the Act. We have found the following margins of dumping:

Weighted-average manufacturer/exporter	Margin (percent)
Anshan (AISCO/Anshan International/Sincerely Asia Ltd.)	30.68
Baoshan (Bao/Baoshan International Trade Corp./Bao Steel Metals Trading Corp.)	34.44
Liaoning	17.33
Shanghai Pudong	38.16
WISCO (Wuhan/International Economic and Trading Corp./Cheerwu Trader Ltd.)	128.59
China-wide Rate	128.59

China-Wide Rate

The China-wide rate applies to all entries of the subject merchandise except for entries from exporters that are identified individually above.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 735(d) of the Act, we have notified the ITC of our determination. As our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will determine, within 45 days, whether these imports are causing material injury, or threat of material injury, to an industry in the United States.

On October 24, 1997, the Department entered into an Agreement with the Government of the PRC suspending this investigation. Pursuant to Section 734(g) of the Act, petitioners, Liaoning and Wuyang have requested that this investigation be continued. If the ITC's

final determination is negative, the Agreement shall have no force or effect and the investigation shall be terminated. See Section 734(f)(3)(A) of the Act. If, on the other hand, the Commission's determination is affirmative, the Agreement shall remain in force but the Department shall not issue an Antidumping duty order so long as (1) the Agreement remains in force, (2) the Agreement continues to meet the requirements of subsection (d) and (l) of the Act, and the parties to the Agreement carry out their obligations under the Agreement in accordance with its terms. See Section 734(f)(3)(B) of the Act.

This determination is published pursuant to section 735(d) of the Act.

Dated: October 24, 1997.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of State Coastal Management Programs and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, National Ocean Service, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), DOC.

ACTION: Notice of availability of evaluation final findings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the availability of the final evaluation findings for the Alabama, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Washington, and American Samoa Coastal Management Programs, and the Apalachicola (Florida), and Rookery Bay (Florida) National Estuarine Research Reserves (NERRs). Sections 312 and 315 of the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 (CZMA), as amended, require a continuing review of the performance of coastal states with respect to approved coastal management programs and the operation and management of NERRs.

The States of Alabama, Louisiana, North Carolina, and Washington, and the Territory of American Samoa were found to be implementing and enforcing their Federally approved coastal management programs, addressing the national coastal management objectives identified in CZMA Section 303(2)(A)-(K), and adhering to the programmatic terms of their financial assistance awards. The State of Mississippi was found to be not fully adhering to its approved coastal zone program and is not implementing and enforcing the program in a satisfactory manner.

Apalachicola and Rookery Bay NERRs were found to be adhering to programmatic requirements of the NERR System. Copies of these final evaluation findings may be obtained upon written request from: Vickie Allin, Chief, Policy Coordination Division, Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management, NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 10th Floor, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301) 713-3087x126.

(Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog 11.419, Coastal Zone Management Program Administration)

Dated: November 14, 1997.

Nancy Foster,

Assistant Administrator.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Telecommunications and Information Administration

Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters; Notice of Open Meeting

November 20, 1997.

ACTION: Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters, created pursuant to Executive Order 13038.

SUMMARY: The President established the Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters (PIAC) to advise the Vice President on the public interest obligations of digital broadcasters. The Committee will study and recommend which public interest obligations should accompany broadcasters' receipt of digital television licenses. The President designated the National Telecommunications and Information Administration to provide secretariat services for the Committee.

AUTHORITY: Executive Order 13038, signed by President Clinton on March 11, 1997.

DATES: The meeting will be held on Friday, December 5, 1997 from 9:00 a.m. until 5:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting is scheduled to take place in the Lounge of the Export-Import Bank of the United States, 11th Floor, 811 Vermont Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20571. This location is subject to change. If the location changes, another **Federal Register** notice will be issued. Updates about the location of the meeting will also be available on the Advisory Committee's homepage at www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm or you may call Karen Edwards at 202-482-8056.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Karen Edwards, Designated Federal Officer and Telecommunications Policy Specialist, at the National Telecommunications and Information Administration; U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4716; 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W.; Washington, DC 20230. Telephone: 202-482-8056; Fax: 202-482-8058; E-mail: piac@ntia.doc.gov.

Media Inquiries: Please contact Paige Darden at the Office of Public Affairs, at 202-482-7002.

Agenda

Friday, December 5

Opening remarks

Briefings on the perspectives and experiences of the public interest and broadcasting communities, and on digital technology

Public Comment

Committee Business

Closing Remarks

This agenda is subject to change. For an updated, more detailed agenda, please check the Advisory Committee homepage at www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm.

Public Participation: The meeting will be open to the public, with limited seating available on a first-come, first-served basis. This meeting is physically

accessible to people with disabilities. Any member of the public requiring special services, such as sign language interpretation or other ancillary aids, should contact Karen Edwards at least five (5) working days prior to the meeting at 202-482-8056 or at piac@ntia.doc.gov. Please bring a form of picture identification such as a driver's license or passport for clearance into the building on the day of the meeting.

Any member of the public may submit written comments concerning the Committee's affairs at any time before or after the meeting. Comments should be submitted through electronic mail to piac@ntia.doc.gov (please use "Public Comment" as the subject line) or by letter addressed to the Committee at the address listed below (please place "Public Comment" on the bottom left of the envelope).

Guidelines for Public Comment: The Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters welcomes public comments. In general, opportunities for oral comment will usually be limited to no more than five (5) minutes per speaker and no more than thirty (30) minutes total at meetings. Written comments received from the public may be mailed (if at least thirty-five (35) paper copies are submitted) or forwarded by email to the committee members prior to the meeting date. However, comments received too close to the meeting date will normally be provided to committee members at the meeting. Written comments received shortly after a meeting will be compiled and sent as briefing material prior to the next meeting.

Obtaining Meeting Minutes: Within thirty (30) days following the meeting, copies of the minutes of the meeting may be obtained over the Internet at www.ntia.doc.gov/pubintadvcom/pubint.htm, by phone request at 202-501-6195, or by written request to Karen Edwards; Advisory Committee on Public Interest Obligations of Digital Television Broadcasters; National Telecommunications and Information Administration; U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4716; 14th Street and Constitution Avenue N.W.; Washington, DC 20230.

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Deputy Assistant Secretary for Communications and Information.

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