

administrative protection orders (APOs) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.34(d)(1997). Failure to timely notify the Department in writing of the return/destruction of APO material is a sanctionable violation.

This changed circumstances review, partial revocation of the antidumping duty order, and notice are in accordance with sections 751(b) and (d) and 782(h) of the Act and sections 351.216, 351.2221(c)(3), and 351.222(g) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: March 23, 2000.

Richard Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA), Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews: Notice of Termination of Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of termination of the panel review of the final injury determination made by the International Trade Commission, respecting Live Cattle from Canada (Secretariat File No. USA/CDA-99-1904-07).

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Notice of Consent Motion to Terminate the Panel Review by the Complainant, the panel review is terminated as of March 15, 2000. Complaints were filed pursuant to Rule 39, Notices of Appearance were filed pursuant to Rule 40, however, no panel has been appointed. All "participants" in this review as defined in Rule 3 of the *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Review* have consented to the motion for termination. Pursuant to Rule 71(2) of the *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Review*, this panel review is terminated.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in

antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904 Binational Panel Reviews* ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686). The panel review in this matter was requested and terminated pursuant to these Rules.

Dated: March 15, 2000.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 033100B]

Raised Footrope Whiting Trawl Exemption Requests and Notifications; Proposed Information Collection; Request for Comments

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

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce, as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to take this opportunity to comment on proposed and/or continuing information collections, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before June 5, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Linda Engelmeier, Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Peter Christopher, NMFS, 1 Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930, 978-281-9288.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Massachusetts Division of Marine Fisheries has been conducting an experimental fishery, referred to as the Raised Footrope Whiting Trawl Experimental Fishery (Raised Footrope Experiment), to allow trawlers to target whiting, red hake, dogfish and other small mesh species using a raised footrope trawl. The experiment was designed to assess the effectiveness of a raised footrope small mesh otter trawl in reducing bycatch of regulated multispecies. The proposed Framework Adjustment 35 to the Multispecies Fishery Management Plan will recommend that the Raised Footrope Experiment become a multispecies exempted fishery. The collection-of-information requirements are: (1) A request for a certificate to fish in the Raised Footrope Whiting Trawl Exemption; and (2) a notification of intention to withdraw from the Raised Footrope Whiting Trawl Exemption. Requests for a certificate identify the person, the vessel name, the permit number, and how long he/she intends to fish in the exemption area (no less than seven days but not more than four months).

II. Method of Collection

Requests and notifications are made by telephone.

III. Data

OMB Number: None.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.
Affected Public: Business and other for-profit (commercial fishermen).

Estimated Number of Respondents: 288.

Estimated Time Per Response: 2 minutes.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 231 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$81.

IV. Request for Comments

Comments are invited on: (a) Whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the agency, including whether the information shall have practical utility; (b) the accuracy of the agency's estimate of the burden (including hours and cost) of the

proposed collection of information; (c) ways to enhance the quality, utility, and clarity of the information to be collected; and (d) ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including through the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

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

Dated: March 29, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

United States Patent and Trademark Office

[Docket No. 000328087-0087-01]

RIN 0651-XX23

Reestablishment of the Patent and Trademark Office as the United States Patent and Trademark Office

AGENCY: United States Patent and Trademark Office, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of reestablishment and adoption of seal.

SUMMARY: The Patent and Trademark Office Efficiency Act reestablishes the Patent and Trademark Office as the United States Patent and Trademark Office (USPTO), an agency of the United States, within the Department of Commerce. USPTO will continue to issue patents, register trademarks, and disseminate information about patents and trademarks under the policy direction of the Secretary of Commerce, but will otherwise exercise independent control of its budget allocations and expenditures, personnel decisions and processes, procurements, and other administrative and management functions. This notice will explain some key aspects of USPTO's new functions and authorities.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 29, 2000.

ADDRESSES: Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office, Washington, D.C. 20231.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard Torczon, 703-305-9035.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Patent and Trademark Office Efficiency Act (PTOEA) (Pub. L. 106-113, 113 Stat.

1501A-572) becomes effective March 29, 2000, and reestablishes the Patent and Trademark Office as an agency of the United States, within the Department of Commerce. The PTOEA transforms USPTO into a performance-based organization that uses quantitative and qualitative measures and standards for evaluating cost-effectiveness that are consistent with the principles of impartiality and competitiveness. Under the PTOEA, USPTO will continue to issue patents, register trademarks, and disseminate information about patents and trademarks under the policy direction of the Secretary of Commerce, but USPTO will exercise independent control over its budget allocations and expenditures, personnel decisions and processes, procurements, and other administrative and management functions. Some key aspects of the reestablishment of USPTO include:

1. New Titles

The head of USPTO is the "Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office". The Director is assisted by the "Deputy Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Deputy Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office".

The patent operations of USPTO are now headed by the "Commissioner for Patents".

The trademark operations of USPTO are now headed by the "Commissioner for Trademarks".

Under section 4741(b) of the PTOEA, any reference to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, the Assistant Commissioner for Patents, or the Assistant Commissioner for Trademarks is deemed to refer to the Director, the Commissioner for Patents, or the Commissioner for Trademarks, respectively. Hence, until further notice, no change is necessary to any mailing procedure, form, or other document submitted to USPTO. Appropriate use of the new titles is acceptable as well.

2. Mailing Address

The mailing address remains the same, as reflected in the **ADDRESSES** section above. USPTO will accept mail addressed to either the Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office or the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks.

3. Continuity of Operations

Under subsection 4743(a) of the PTOEA, all orders, determinations, rules, regulations, permits, grants, loans, contracts, agreements, certificates,

licenses, and privileges in effect on March 28, 2000, shall remain in effect with equal force. Similarly, under subsection 4743(b), all proceedings under way on March 28, 2000, shall continue. To this end, USPTO adopts all authorities, including rules, manuals, orders, and precedent, of the Patent and Trademark Office in effect on March 28, 2000. Until otherwise indicated, USPTO will continue to follow the Federal Acquisition Regulations and Department of Commerce regulations applicable to the Patent and Trademark Office on March 28, 2000.

USPTO may continue to use existing stocks of letterhead and other products.

5. Seal

USPTO adopts the following as its seal which shall be judicially noticed and with which letters patent, certificates of trademark registrations, and papers issued by USPTO shall be authenticated:



(Authority: Sec. 4712, Pub. L. 106-113, 113 Stat. 1501A-572 (35 U.S.C. 2(b)).)

Dated: March 30, 2000.

Q. Todd Dickinson,

Under Secretary of Commerce for Intellectual Property and Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Technology Administration

National Medal of Technology

ACTION: Proposed collection; comment request.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (DOC), as part of its continuing effort to reduce paperwork and respondent burden, invites the general public and other Federal agencies to comment on the continuing and proposed information collection, as required by the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506(c)(2)(A)).