

1. *Forgiveness of Short-Term Liabilities.* The petitioner alleges that, because the combined short-term liabilities listed on the 1998 financial statements from Nitrokemia Rt. and Nitrokemia 2000 are significantly smaller than the short-term liabilities listed on the former Nitrokemia's 1997 financial statements, the GOH forgave some of the former Nitrokemia's short-term liabilities when the company was split.

The petitioner has not provided sufficient evidence that any short-term debts were actually forgiven by the GOH. Although the combined short-term debts were less than the short-term debts from the former Nitrokemia's financial statements, the petitioner has provided no evidence that the short-term debt was not simply paid off or converted to long-term debt. Thus, lacking sufficient evidence of a financial contribution or a benefit from the GOH at this time, we are not including this program in our investigation.

2. *Provision of Natural Gas for Less Than Adequate Remuneration.* The petitioner alleges that the GOH subsidizes the price of natural gas to the Hungarian industry because natural gas prices in Hungary are significantly lower than they are in the rest of the world. Without this alleged subsidy, the petitioner states that the cost of natural gas for Nitrokemia 2000's sulfanilic acid production would be one percent higher.

The petitioner has provided no evidence to support its claim that the GOH provided natural gas for less than adequate remuneration to a specific enterprise or industry in Hungary. The petitioner admits that it was not able to locate any information that this alleged provision of low-priced natural gas was not generally available in Hungary. Thus, because no information was provided in support of the specificity claim, at this time we are not including this program in our investigation.

Distribution of Copies of the Petition

In accordance with section 702(b)(4)(A)(i) of the Act, a copy of the public version of the petition has been provided to the GOH. We will attempt to provide a copy of the public version of the petition to each exporter named in the petition, as provided for under section 351.203(c)(2) of the Department's regulations.

ITC Notification

We have notified the ITC of our initiation, as required by section 702(d) of the Act.

Preliminary Determination by the ITC

The ITC will determine no later than November 13, 2001, whether there is a reasonable indication that imports of sulfanilic acid from Hungary are causing material injury, or threatening to cause material injury to, a U.S. industry. A negative ITC determination will result in the investigation being terminated; otherwise, the investigation will proceed according to statutory and regulatory time limits.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: October 18, 2001.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee (ETTAC)

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of Open Meeting.

DATE: November 15, 2001.

TIME: 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

PLACE: U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUMMARY: The Environmental Technologies Trade Advisory Committee will hold a plenary meeting on November 15, 2001, at the U.S. Department of Commerce.

ETTAC will hear reports on programs in the International Trade Administration, and on the status of U.S. Commercial Service support for the U.S.-Asia Pacific Environmental Partnership. ETTAC will also hold a roundtable on the effects of the September 11 terrorism attacks on the environmental industry and the industry's response. The meeting is open to the public.

ETTAC is mandated by Public Law 103-392. It was created to advise the U.S. government on environmental trade policies and programs, and to help it to focus its resources on increasing the exports of the U.S. environmental industry. The ETTAC operates as an advisory committee to the Secretary of Commerce and the interagency Environmental Trade Working Group (ETWG) of the Trade Promotion Coordinating Committee (TPCC). The ETTAC was originally chartered in May

of 1994. It was most recently rechartered until May 30, 2002.

For further information phone Jane Siegel, Office of Technologies Industries, (ETI), U.S. Department of Commerce at (202) 482-5225. This meeting is physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to ETI.

Dated: October 22, 2001.

Carlos F. Montouliu,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102201E]

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Fisheries Finance Program Requirements

AGENCY: National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA).

ACTION: Notice.

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.

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before December 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Direct all written comments to Madeleine Clayton, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6086, 14th and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington DC 20230 (or via the Internet at MClayton@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Charles L. Cooper, Financial Services Division, Office of Constituent Services, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (phone 301-713-2396).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

NOAA operates a direct loan program to assist in financing certain actions relating to commercial fishing vessels, shoreside fishery facilities, aquaculture operations, and individual fishing quotas (IFQ). Application information is

required to determine eligibility pursuant to 50 CFR Part 253 and to determine the type and amount of assistance requested by the applicant. An annual financial statement information is collected to monitor the financial status of the loan.

II. Method of Collection

Form submitted in paper format.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0648-0012.

Form Number: NOAA Form 88-1.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 1,250.

Estimated Time Per Response: 8 hours for a traditional FFP loan application; 4 hours for an IFQ loan application; and 8 hours for an annual financial statement.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 10,000.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to Public: \$5,375.

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: October 17, 2001.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 101601C]

Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meetings.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of meetings of the Marine Fisheries Advisory Committee (MAFAC) from November 6-8, 2001.

DATES: The meetings are scheduled as follows:

1. November 6, 2001, 8:30 a.m.- 4:30 p.m.
2. November 7, 2001, 8:30 a.m.- 4 p.m.
3. November 8, 2001, 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meetings will be held at Wyndham Sugar Bay Resort, 6500 Estate Smith Bay, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands. Requests for special accommodations may be directed to MAFAC, Office of Operations, Management and Information, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Laurel Bryant, Designated Federal Official; telephone: (301) 713-2259.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As required by section 10(a) (2) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. (1982), notice is hereby given of meetings of MAFAC and MAFAC Subcommittees. MAFAC was established by the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) on February 17, 1972, to advise the Secretary on all living marine resource matters that are the responsibility of the Department of Commerce. This Committee ensures that the living marine resource policies and programs of the Nation are adequate to meet the needs of commercial and recreational fisheries, and of environmental, state, consumer, academic, tribal, and other national interests.

Matters to Be Considered

November 6, 2001

General Overview, Administrative Issues, Magnuson-Stevens Act Reauthorization, and National Environmental Policy Act.

November 7, 2001

Ecosystem Management, Sustainability, Marine Protected Areas, Constituent Meeting.

November 8, 2001

Wrap-up reports and adjournment. Time will be set aside for public comment on agenda items.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to MAFAC (see **ADDRESSES**).

Dated: October 22, 2001.

John Oliver,

Deputy Assistant Administrator for Operations, National Marine Fisheries Service
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 102201C]

Endangered Species; Permits

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

ACTION: Receipt of request to modify research permits 1178 and 1295.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given of the following actions regarding permits for takes of endangered and threatened species for the purposes of scientific research and/or enhancement under the Endangered Species Act (ESA): NMFS has received a request to modify permits (1178 and 1295) from Dr. Michael Sissenwine, of Northeast Fisheries Science Center.

DATES: Comments or requests for a public hearing on any of the new applications or modification requests must be received at the appropriate address or fax number no later than 5 p.m. eastern standard time on November 26, 2001.

ADDRESSES: Written comments on any of the new applications or modification requests should be sent to the appropriate office as indicated below. Comments may also be sent via fax to the number indicated for the application or modification request. Comments will not be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet. The applications and related documents are available for