

order on silicon metal from the PRC would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the PRC. U.S. Customs and Border Protection will continue to collect antidumping duty cash deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise.

The effective date of continuation of this order will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this Notice of Continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of this order not later than November 2011.

This five-year (sunset) review and notice are in accordance with section 751(c) of the Act and published pursuant to section 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 14, 2006.

**David M. Spooner**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration*  
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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

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#### Notice of Extension of the Preliminary Results of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Reviews: Silicon Metal from the People's Republic of China

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 21, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scot Fullerton or Mike Quigley, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1386 and (202) 482-4047, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Background

The Department received timely requests from Shanghai Jinneng International Trade Co., Ltd. ("Shanghai Jinneng") and Jiangxi Gangyuan Silicon Industry Co., Ltd. ("Jiangxi Gangyuan") in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(c) for new shipper reviews of the antidumping duty order on silicon metal from the People's Republic of China. On July 25, 2006, the Department

found that the requests for review with respect to Shanghai Jinneng and Jiangxi Gangyuan met all of the regulatory requirements set forth in 19 CFR 351.214(b) and initiated these new shipper antidumping duty reviews covering the period June 1, 2005, through May 30, 2006. *See Silicon Metal From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping Duty New Shipper Reviews*, 71 FR 42084 (July 25, 2006).

#### Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), and 19 CFR 351.214(i)(1) require the Department to issue the preliminary results of a new shipper review within 180 days after the date on which the new shipper review was initiated and final results of a review within 90 days after the date on which the preliminary results were issued. The Department may, however, extend the deadline for completion of the preliminary results of a new shipper review to 300 days if it determines that the case is extraordinarily complicated. *See* 19 CFR 351.214(i)(2).

The Department has determined that the review is extraordinarily complicated as the Department must gather additional publicly available information on surrogate values to use for a highly complex and technical process involving specialized inputs, evaluate the complex corporate structures of both respondents, issue additional supplemental questionnaires, and conduct verifications of both respondents. Based on the timing of the case and the additional information that must be gathered and verified, the preliminary results of this new shipper review cannot be completed within the statutory time limit of 180 days. Accordingly, the Department is extending the time limit for the completion of the preliminary results of the new shipper reviews of Shanghai Jinneng and Jiangxi Gangyuan by 120 days from the original January 14, 2007, deadline. The preliminary results for both new shipper reviews will now be due May 14, 2007, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(i)(2). The final results will, in turn, be due 90 days after the date of issuance of the preliminary results, unless extended.

This notice is published pursuant to sections 751(a)(2)(B)(iv) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: December 14, 2006.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

#### Quarterly Update to Annual Listing of Foreign Government Subsidies on Articles of Cheese Subject to an In-Quota Rate of Duty

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** December 21, 2006.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Maura Jeffords or Eric Greynolds, AD/CVD Operations, Office 3, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-3146 or 6071, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** Section 702 of the Trade Agreements Act of 1979 (as amended) ("the Act") requires the Department of Commerce ("the Department") to determine, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, whether any foreign government is providing a subsidy with respect to any article of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty, as defined in section 702(h) of the Act, and to publish an annual list and quarterly updates of the type and amount of those subsidies. We hereby provide the Department's quarterly update of subsidies on articles of cheese that were imported during the period July 1, 2006, through September 30, 2006.

The Department has developed, in consultation with the Secretary of Agriculture, information on subsidies (as defined in section 702(h) of the Act) being provided either directly or indirectly by foreign governments on articles of cheese subject to an in-quota rate of duty. The appendix to this notice lists the country, the subsidy program or programs, and the gross and net amounts of each subsidy for which information is currently available. The Department will incorporate additional programs which are found to constitute subsidies, and additional information on the subsidy programs listed, as the information is developed.

The Department encourages any person having information on foreign government subsidy programs which benefit articles of cheese subject to an

in-quota rate of duty to submit such information in writing to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th

Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.  
This determination and notice are in accordance with section 702(a) of the Act.

Dated: December 12, 2006.  
**David M. Spooner,**  
*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

## APPENDIX

### SUBSIDY PROGRAMS ON CHEESE SUBJECT TO AN IN-QUOTA RATE OF DUTY

Country	Program(s)	Gross <sup>1</sup> Subsidy (\$/lb)	Net <sup>2</sup> Subsidy (\$/lb)
25 European Union Member States <sup>3</sup> .....	European Union Restitution Payments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Canada .....	Export Assistance on Certain Types of Cheese	\$ 0.31	\$ 0.31
Norway .....	Indirect (Milk) Subsidy	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
.....	Consumer Subsidy	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
.....	Total	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Switzerland .....	Deficiency Payments	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00

<sup>1</sup> Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(5).

<sup>2</sup> Defined in 19 U.S.C. 1677(6).

<sup>3</sup> The 25 member states of the European Union are: Austria, Belgium, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Denmark, Estonia, Finland, France, Germany, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malta, Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Slovakia, Slovenia, Spain, Sweden and the United Kingdom.

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#### DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

#### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Endangered Species; File No. 1420-01

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

**ACTION:** Notice; issuance of permit.

**SUMMARY:** Notice is hereby given that Dr. Doug Peterson (Permit Holder and Principal Investigator), Warnell School of Forest Resources (Fisheries Division), University of Georgia, Athens, GA 30602 (File No. 1420-01) has been issued a modified permit to conduct scientific research on shortnose sturgeon (*Acipenser brevirostrum*).

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

Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13705, Silver Spring, MD 20910; phone (301)713-2289; fax (301)713-0376; and Southeast Region, NMFS, 263 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue South, St. Petersburg, FL 33701; phone (727)824-5312; fax (727)824-5309.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Malcolm Mohead or Brandy Hutnak, (301)713-2289.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** On November 10, 2005, notice was published in the **Federal Register** (70 FR 68398) that a request for a scientific research permit to take shortnose sturgeon had been submitted by Dr. Doug Peterson. The requested permit has been issued under the authority of the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (ESA; 16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*) and the regulations governing the taking, importing, and exporting of endangered and threatened species (50 CFR parts 222-226).

Dr. Peterson is authorized to conduct a study of shortnose sturgeon in the Altamaha River, Georgia, to collect information on the status of the population of shortnose sturgeon in the Altamaha River and Estuary. The goals and methods employed in the modification will be consistent with the original permit and provide critical data on stock status, life history, and survival rates as well as to identify specific habitat requirements of the various life stages of shortnose sturgeon in the Altamaha River.

In his initial application, Dr. Peterson's request for an annual take of 200 adults and juvenile shortnose sturgeon was based on previous studies that suggested the Altamaha River population contained less than 1,000 total individuals. After 2 years of study, Dr. Peterson made two revised estimates supporting 5,000 and 6,320 individuals respectively in the Altamaha River. Therefore, to obtain a more meaningful population estimate with a reasonable confidence interval, Dr. Peterson is authorized to increase the number of shortnose to be marked and released annually to 1,000, an increase of 800

sturgeon. Additionally, 12 adult shortnose sturgeon annually (from the 1000 per year above) are permitted in the take for sex ratio determination by laparoscopic methods and for performing blood work. The remaining adult and juvenile fish (up to 30 total) scheduled to receive an internal radio-sonic tracking transmitter, are also authorized to be examined laparoscopically for sex ratio verification. Lastly, the annual incidental lethal take of adult or juvenile sturgeon is increased from 0 to 2 animals.

Issuance of this permit, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit (1) was applied for in good faith, (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit, and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: December 18, 2006.

**P. Michael Payne,**  
*Chief, Permits, Conservation and Education Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.*

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