

free of the central excise duty. As an element of the EOU program, the Central Excise Duty (CED) exemption is limited to exporters, and therefore specific under section 771(5A)(B) of the Act. However, based on the information in the record of this investigation, we are unable to determine whether the Purchase of Materials and other Inputs of Central Excise Duty provides a financial contribution in accordance with section 771(5)(D)(ii) of the Act, or a benefit in accordance with section 771(5)(E)(iv) of the Act. Therefore, for purposes of this preliminary determination, additional information is needed before making a decision with respect to this program. We will seek additional information from the GOI prior to our verification and final determination.

2. Duty Drawback on Furnace Oil Procured From Domestic Oil Companies

Under this element of the EOU program, an EOU procuring oil from domestic oil companies can file a drawback claim on a quarterly basis. As an element of the EOU program, this duty drawback program is limited to exporters and therefore specific under section 771(5A)(B) of the Act. However, based on the information in the record of this investigation, we are unable to determine whether the duty drawback of domestic furnace oil purchases provides a financial contribution in accordance with section 771(5)(D)(ii) of the Act, or a benefit in accordance with section 771(5)(E)(iv) of the Act. Therefore, for purposes of this preliminary determination, additional information is needed before making a decision with respect to this program. We will seek additional information from the GOI prior to our verification and final determination.

Verification

In accordance with section 782(i) of the Act, we will verify the information submitted prior to making our final determination.

Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(A)(i) of the Act, we have determined individual rates for Reliance, SAPL, Futura, and Elque. To calculate the "all others" rate, we weight-averaged the individual rates of Reliance, SAPL, Futura, and Elque's by each company's respective exports of subject merchandise made to the United States during the POI. These rates are summarized in the table below:

Producer/exporter	Subsidy rate
Reliance Industries Ltd.	30.24 % ad valorem
South Asia Petrochem Ltd.	19.13 % ad valorem
Futura Polyesters Ltd	1.62 % ad valorem
Elque Polyesters Ltd	12.02 % ad valorem
All Others	24.01 % ad valorem

In accordance with section 703(d)(1)(B) of the Act, we are directing U.S. Customs and Border Protection (CBP) to suspend liquidation of all entries of the subject merchandise from India, which are entered or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, and to require a cash deposit or the posting of a bond for such entries of the merchandise in the amounts indicated above. This suspension will remain in effect until further notice.

As provided for in the section 703(b)(4)(B) of the Act, for developing countries, any rate less than 2.0 percent ad valorem in an investigation is de minimis. Therefore, we preliminarily determine that countervailable subsidies are not being provided to Futura. Accordingly, for Futura, we will not direct CBP to suspend liquidation of entries of subject merchandise.

ITC Notification

In accordance with section 703(f) of the Act, we will notify the ITC of our determination. In addition, we are making available to the ITC all non-privileged and non-proprietary information relating to this investigation. We will allow the ITC access to all privileged and business proprietary information in our files, provided the ITC confirms that it will not disclose such information, either publicly or under an administrative protective order, without the written consent of the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

In accordance with section 705(b)(2) of the Act, if our final determination is affirmative, the ITC will make its final determination within 45 days after the Department makes its final determination.

Notification of Parties

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b), the Department will disclose to the parties the calculations for this preliminary determination within five days of its announcement. Unless otherwise notified by the Department, interested parties may submit case briefs within 50 days of the date of publication of the preliminary determination in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(c)(i) of the Department's regulations. As part of

the case brief, parties are encouraged to provide a summary of the arguments not to exceed five pages and a table of statutes, regulations, and cases cited. Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, must be filed within five days after the case brief is filed.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.310, we will hold a public hearing if requested, to afford interested parties an opportunity to comment on this preliminary determination. Individuals who wish to request a hearing must submit a written request within 30 days of the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register** to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 1870, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. Parties will be notified of the schedule for the hearing and parties should confirm by telephone the time, date, and place of the hearing 48 hours before the scheduled time. Requests for a public hearing should contain: (1) Party's name, address, and telephone number; (2) the number of participants; and, (3) to the extent practicable, an identification of the arguments to be raised at the hearing.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 703(f) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: August 23, 2004.

James J. Jochum,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 082304D]

Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council; Public Meetings

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

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council will convene public meetings.

DATES: The meetings will be held on September 13-17, 2004.

ADDRESSES: These meetings will be held at the Edgewater Beach Resort, 11212 Front Beach Road, Panama City, FL 34207.

Council address: Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management Council, 3018

North U.S. Highway 301, Suite 1000,
Tampa, FL 33619; 850-235-4977.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Wayne E. Swingle, Executive Director,
Gulf of Mexico Fishery Management
Council; telephone: (813) 228-2815.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Council

Thursday September 16, 2004

8:30 a.m. - Convene.

8:45 a.m. - 10 a.m. - Receive public
testimony on the Reef Fish Amendment
23 (Vermilion Snapper Rebuilding Plan)
and Applications for Exempted Fishing
Permits (if any).

10 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Receive the
Habitat Protection Committee report.

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Receive the
report of the Joint Personnel/
Administrative Policy Committee.

10:45 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Receive the
report of the Budget Committee.

11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Receive the Joint
Reef Fish/Mackerel Management
Committee report.

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Receive the
Shrimp Management Committee report.

1 p.m. - 1:15 p.m. - Receive the Data
Collection Committee report.

1:15 p.m. - 1:30 p.m. - Receive the
Ecosystem Management Committee
report.

1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Receive the
Reef Fish Management Committee
report.

3:30 p.m. - 5 p.m. - Receive the
Migratory Species Committee report.

September 17, 2004

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - Receive the
Sustainable Fisheries Committee report.

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - Receive the
Coral Management Committee report.

10:30 a.m. - 10:45 a.m. - Receive the
Joint Advisory Panel (AP) Selection/
Scientific and Statistical Committee
(SSC) Selection Committee report.

10:45 a.m. - 11 a.m. - Receive the
International Commission for the
Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT)
Advisory Committee report.

11 a.m. - 11:15 a.m. - Receive
Enforcement Reports.

11:15 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - Receive the
NMFS Regional Administrator's Report.

11:30 a.m. - 11:45 a.m. - Receive
Director's Reports.

11:45 a.m. - 12 noon - Other Business
12 noon - 12:15 p.m. - Election of
Chair and Vice-Chair.

September 13, 2004

8:30 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - The Joint
Personnel/Administrative Policy
Committees will review the disciplinary
action section of the Council's Standard
Operating Practices and Procedures

(SOPPS) and the Southeastern Data and
Review (SEDAR) Process and Pool
Section of SOPPS.

9:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - The Budget
Committee will review the 2005-09
budgets.

10:30 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. - The Joint
Reef Fish/Mackerel Management
Committee will review amendments for
commercial limited access systems for
reef fish and mackerels.

1 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - The Shrimp
Management Committee will discuss
NOAA Fisheries' bycatch reduction
device (BRD) technical developments;
proposed revision of BRD certification
rule; report on Shrimp Summit meeting;
and Draft Shrimp Amendment 13/SEIS.

3:30 p.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Ecosystem
Management Committee will meet and
presentations on the NOAA Fisheries'
ecosystem management will be given.
There will also be a presentation on the
South Atlantic Fishery Management
Council (SAFMC) approach to
ecosystem management.

September 14, 2004

8 a.m. - 9:30 a.m. - The Data Collection
Committee will meet to hear a
presentation of the recreational data
needs and data collection.

9:30 a.m. - 11 a.m. - The Habitat
Protection Committee will review a
Preliminary Public Hearing Draft of
Generic Essential Fish Habitat (EFH)
Amendment and a report on NOAA
Fisheries' Liquid Natural Gas (LNG)
Facilities Workshop.

11 a.m. - 5:30 p.m. - The Reef Fish
Management Committee will meet to
review the Final Reef Fish Amendment
23 for rebuilding vermilion snapper; an
Options Paper for Reef Fish 18A
pertaining to the grouper fishery;
scoping comments on Red Snapper
Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Profile;
and public testimony on grouper quota
and trip limits.

6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. - NOAA
Fisheries' Southeast Regional Office
(SERO) will hold the Gulf Coast
Recreational Data Forum in the same
meeting room as the Council meeting.
Dr. Roy Crabtree, SE Regional
Administrator, SERO staff, and fisheries
statistics staff from NOAA Fisheries
Headquarters will be on hand to provide
up-to-date program information and
answer questions about NOAA
Fisheries' recreational data collection
program. The informal two-hour session
is open to the public and will begin at
6:30 p.m. For more information on the
Gulf Coast Recreational Data Forum,
contact Michael Bailey at 727-570-
5474.

September 15, 2004

8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. - The Highly
Migratory Species Committee will meet
to suggest changes to the NOAA
Fisheries HMS/Billfish Amendments.

10:30 a.m. - 1 p.m. - The Sustainable
Fisheries Committee will suggest
changes to the draft proposed guidelines
for National Standard One.

2:30 - 4:30 p.m. - The Coral
Management Committee will meet from
to review the Oceana petition for
rulemaking on deep-water coral and
draft a Council letter commenting on it.

4:30 - 5:30 p.m. - The Joint Advisory
Panel (AP)/Scientific and Statistical
Committee (SSC) selection Committee
will meet in a closed session to discuss
the appointment of 2 persons to the Ad
Hoc Red Snapper AP and appointment
of members to the Ad Hoc Ecosystem
SSC.

Although other non-emergency issues
not on the agendas may come before the
Council and Committees for discussion,
in accordance with the Magnuson-
Stevens Fishery Conservation and
Management Act, those issues may not
be the subject of formal action during
these meetings. Actions of the Council
and Committees will be restricted to
those issues specifically identified in
the agendas and any issues arising after
publication of this notice that require
emergency action under Section 305(c)
of the Magnuson-Stevens Act, provided
the public has been notified of the
Council's intent to take action to
address the emergency. The established
times for addressing items on the
agenda may be adjusted as necessary to
accommodate the untimely completion
of discussion relevant to other agenda
items. In order to further allow for such
adjustments and completion of all items
on the agenda, the meeting may be
extended from, or completed prior to
the date established in this notice.

Special Accommodations

These meetings are physically
accessible to people with disabilities.
Requests for sign language
interpretation or other auxiliary aids
should be directed to Dawn Aring at the
Council (see **ADDRESSES**) by September
2, 2004.

Dated: August 25, 2004.

Alan D. Risenhoover,

*Acting Director, Office of Sustainable
Fisheries, National Marine Fisheries Service.*
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