

The "all others" rate in this *Section 129 Determination* conforms to the requirements of Article 9.4 because the new "all others" rate of 22.92 percent *does not exceed* the rate of 25.95 percent, which is the weighted average of the company-specific rates for NKK and Kawasaki, the rates which are based solely on the data provided by those respondents for the purposes requested. Therefore, this weighted average is made up of margins that are not "established under the circumstances referred to in paragraph 8 of Article 6." The new rate for Nippon, in contrast, is based in part on the application of a facts-available "plug" to U.S. sales matched to home market products ("CONNUMs") for which Nippon failed to report product-specific costs. For those sales, the Department used the highest margin calculated for other sales, and averaged those margins into the overall margin for Nippon, thereby changing that margin. 64 FR 24329, 24348 (May 6, 1999). This methodology was not contested before either the WTO Panel or the Appellate Body. In contrast, Kawasaki's margin was calculated solely on the basis of the information Kawasaki provided with respect to the non-CSI sales, and was not altered by any use of facts available. Thus, Kawasaki's overall margin was not "established under the circumstances referred to in paragraph 8 of Article 6."

Comment 1

Two petitioning steel companies stated that the Department's draft *Section 129 Determination* adequately implemented the findings of the Appellate Body, but that it was ambiguous as to the nature and effect of that determination. They urged the Department to make clear that it is a new and different determination, rather than an amendment to the original determination in the investigation, and that it has prospective effect only. They also asked that the Department address the proper assessment rates for entries made prior to the date of implementation of the *Section 129 Determination*.

Department Position

We agree with petitioners' first argument, and have clarified, in this notice, the nature and effect of this *Section 129 Determination*. We do not agree, however, that a section 129 Determination should necessarily include a discussion of the proper assessment rates for entries made prior to the effective date of that determination, *i.e.*, entries to which that determination expressly does not apply.

Under U.S. law, such prior entries, if reviewed, are governed by the results of the relevant review. Section 751(a)(1) and (a)(2)(C) of the Act. If such prior entries are not reviewed, they are liquidated as entered. 19 CFR § 351.212(c).

Section 129 Determination Margins

As a result of the changes to the calculations, we determine that the following Section 129 Determination margins exist:

Kawasaki	40.26%
NKK	17.70%
Nippon	18.37%
All Others	22.92%

Continuation of Suspension of Liquidation

In accordance with section 129(c)(1)(B) of the URAA, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) to continue to suspend liquidation of all imports of hot-rolled steel from Japan that are entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after November 22, 2002, the date on which the Trade Representative directed the Department under subsection (b)(4) of that section to implement this *Section 129 Determination*. Customs shall continue to require a cash deposit equal to the estimated amount by which the normal value exceeds the U.S. price. The suspension of liquidation instructions will remain in effect until further notice.

Because we completed an administrative review of Kawasaki subsequent to the issuance of the order in this proceeding, we will not issue a new cash deposit rate for Kawasaki pursuant to this *Section 129 Determination*. We have not conducted reviews of Nippon and NKK, however. Thus, we will instruct Customs to revise the cash deposit rates for these two firms with respect to subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after November 22, 2002. The *Section 129 Determination* "all others" rate will be the new cash deposit rate for all exporters of subject merchandise other than Nippon, NKK and Kawasaki, with respect to entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after November 22, 2002.

This Section 129 Determination is issued and published in accordance with section 129(c)(2)(A) of the URAA.

Dated: November 22, 2002.

Faryar Shirzad,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

Proposed Information Collection; Comment Request; Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP) Management Information Reporting

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, Public Law 104-13 (44 U.S.C. 3506 (2)(A)).

DATES: Written comments must be submitted on or before February 3, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Direct written comments to Diana Hynek, Departmental Paperwork Clearance Officer, Department of Commerce, Room 6625, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at dHynek@doc.gov).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Requests for additional information or copies of the information collection instrument(s) and instructions should be directed to Brian Clark, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Manufacturing Extension Partnership, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 4800, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-4800, 301-975-8841 (phone) and 301-926-3787 (fax).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Abstract

The Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), sponsored by NIST, is a national network of locally-based manufacturing extension centers working with small manufacturers to help improve their productivity, improve profitability and enhance their economic competitiveness.

The collected information will provide the MEP with information regarding the centers' performance in the delivery of technology, and business solutions to US-based manufacturers. The information obtained will assist in

determining the performance of the MEP Centers at both a local and national level, as well as, the impact on the national economy. Responses to the collection of information are mandatory per the regulations governing the operation of the MEP Program (15 CFR 290, 291, 292, and H. R. 1274–Section 2).

II. Method of Collection

Web forms will be the primary method to collect and analyze a wide range of information.

III. Data

OMB Number: 0693–0032.

Form Number: None.

Type of Review: Regular submission.

Affected Public: Business or other for-profit organizations.

Estimated Number of Respondents: 60.

Estimated Time Per Response: 68 hours.

Estimated Total Annual Burden Hours: 4,048.00.

Estimated Total Annual Cost to the Public: \$202,400.

IV. Requests 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 costs) 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 will also become a matter of public record.

Dated: November 27, 2002.

Gwellnar Banks,

Management Analyst, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award Board of Overseers

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. app. 2, notice is hereby given that there will be a meeting of the Board of Overseers of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award on December 18, 2002. The Board of Overseers is composed of eleven members prominent in the field of quality management and appointed by the Secretary of Commerce, assembled to advise the Secretary of Commerce on the conduct of the Baldrige Award. The purpose of this meeting is to discuss and review information received from the National Institute of Standards and Technology with the members of the Judges Panel of the Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Award. The agenda will include: Report from the Judges' Panel; Status of Baldrige Program; Internal Supplier Eligibility, Baldrige Not-For-Profit Eligibility Category; CEO Marketing Study; State and Local Programs; 2003 Criteria Update—Ethics and Governance; Topics for Discussion with NIST Director; Recommendations to the NIST Director; and New Business. All visitors to the National Institute of Standards and Technology site will have to pre-register to be admitted. Please submit your name, time of arrival, email address and phone number to Virginia Davis no later than Monday, December 16, 2002, and she will provide you with instructions for admittance. Ms. Davis' email address is virginia.davis@nist.gov and her phone number is (301) 975–2361.

DATES: The meeting will convene December 18, 2002 at 8:30 a.m. and adjourn at 3:00 p.m. on December 18, 2002.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 222, Red Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899. Please note admittance instructions under SUMMARY paragraph.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Harry Hertz, Director, National Quality Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899, telephone number (301) 975–2361.

Dated: November 22, 2002.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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CORPORATION FOR NATIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE

Notice of Funding To Support Scholars Under the Civil Society-Nonprofit Scholars Program

AGENCY: Corporation for National and Community Service.

ACTION: Notice of availability of funds.

SUMMARY: The Corporation for National and Community Service (hereinafter the "Corporation") announces the availability of funding to offer up to three nine-month residency scholars' awards under the Civil Society-Nonprofit Scholars program, a joint venture with the Woodrow Wilson International Center for Scholars in Washington, DC. Applicants are encouraged to submit proposals to conduct applied research in three thematic areas: (1) The relationship between democratic institutions and nonprofit organizations; (2) the role of service and citizenship in modern and civil society; and (3) civic engagement and public policy. This program solicits applications from individuals with experience in government, the corporate world, the professions and academia. Eligibility for academic applicants is limited to candidates with demonstrated scholarly development beyond the doctoral level. Non-academic candidates shall match professional, governmental or corporate levels of experience similar to those established for the Woodrow Wilson Fellows program. Memoir projects will be considered but are discouraged. A full description of the program, eligibility requirements and application material are located at the Corporation's Web site: <http://www.nationalservice.org/scholars>.

DATES: The application deadline is February 3, 2003. Notification of scholarship awards shall take place in mid-April, 2003. Scholars will be in residence at the Corporation's Washington, DC headquarters from September 2003 through May 2004.

ADDRESSES: If you cannot access the Corporation's Web site, you may request a program description and application materials by writing to the following address: The Corporation for National and Community Service, Civil Society-Nonprofit Scholars Program, 1201 New York Avenue, NW., Room 8100–H, Washington, DC 20525.