

some purchasers of Usinor's shares paid full, fair-market value for those shares and, thus, received no subsidy from the privatization transaction; and 2) other purchasers that did not pay full, fair-market value did receive a subsidy from the privatization transaction. However, regarding the purchasers that did not pay full, fair-market value, while they did receive a subsidy, the Department determined that this subsidy was not countervailable because it was conferred on the owners of the company, and not on the company itself. Consequently, the Department concluded that Usinor received no countervailable subsidies as a result of the privatization transaction, and recalculated a subsidy rate of 0.00 percent *ad valorem* for Usinor for the POI.

The CIT affirmed the *Results of Redetermination Pursuant to Court Remand* on September 24, 2002. See *Allegheny Ludlum Corp., et al. v. United States*, Consol. Court No. 99-09-00566, Slip. Op. 02-114 (CIT 2002).

Suspension of Liquidation

The CAFC, in *Timken*, held that the Department must publish notice of a decision of the CIT or the CAFC which is not "in harmony" with the Department's final determination. Publication of this notice fulfills that obligation. The CAFC also held that the Department must suspend liquidation of the subject merchandise until there is a "conclusive" decision in the case. Therefore, pursuant to *Timken*, the Department must continue to suspend liquidation pending the expiration of the period to appeal the CIT's September 24, 2002, decision or, if that decision is appealed, pending a final decision by the CAFC. The Department will instruct the Customs Service to liquidate relevant entries covering the subject merchandise effective October 30, 2002, in the event that the CIT's ruling is not appealed, or if appealed and upheld by the CAFC.

Dated: October 23, 2002.

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Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Notice With Respect to Modification of Tariff Rate Quotas on the Import of Certain Worsted Wool Fabrics

AGENCY: Department of Commerce, International Trade Administration.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce hereby provides notice that it has received no requests for the modification of the limitations on the quantity of imports of certain worsted wool fabric under the 2003 tariff rate quotas established by the Trade and Development Act of 2000, as amended by the Trade Act of 2002. The Department therefore will not consider modification of these limitations.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sergio Botero, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482-4058.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

Title V of the Trade and Development Act of 2000 (the Act of 2000) creates two tariff rate quotas, providing for temporary reductions in the import duties on two categories of worsted wool fabrics suitable for use in making suits, suit-type jackets, or trousers. For worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters greater than 18.5 microns (Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) heading 9902.51.11), the reduction in duty was limited by the Act of 2000 to 2,500,000 square meter equivalents per year. This limitation was amended by Section 5102 of the Trade Act of 2002 to 3,500,000 square meters equivalents in calendar year 2002 and 4,500,000 square meter equivalents in calendar years 2003 through 2005. For worsted wool fabric with average fiber diameters of 18.5 microns or less (HTS heading 9902.51.12), the reduction was limited by the Act of 2000 to 1,500,000 square meter equivalents per year. This limitation was amended by Section 5102 of the Trade Act of 2002 to 2,500,000 square meters equivalents in calendar year 2002 and 3,500,000 square meter equivalents in calendar years 2003 through 2005.

The Act requires the annual consideration of requests by U.S. manufacturers of men's or boys' worsted wool suits, suit-type jackets and trousers for modification of the limitation on the quantity of fabric that may be imported under the tariff rate quotas, and grants the President the authority to proclaim modifications to the limitations not to exceed 1,000,000 square meter equivalents per year for each tariff rate quota. Authority to consider such requests was delegated to the Secretary of Commerce in Presidential Proclamation 7383 (December 1, 2000). On January 22, 2001, the Department published regulations establishing procedures for considering requests for

modification of the limitations (66 FR 6459, 15 CFR 340).

On September 25, 2002, the Department published a notice in the Federal Register soliciting requests for modification of the limitation on the quantity of imports under the 2003 tariff rate quotas (67 FR 60224). No requests were received in response to this solicitation. As a result, the Department will not consider modification of these limits.

Dated: October 24, 2002.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Minority Business Development Agency

[Docket No. 000724218-2233-04]

Solicitation of Applications for the Native American Business Development Center (NABDC) Program

AGENCY: Minority Business Development Agency, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Subject to the availability of fiscal year 2003 funds, the Minority Business Development Agency (MBDA) is soliciting competitive applications, under its Native American Business Development Center (NABDC) Program, from organizations to operate a NABDC in the State of New Mexico. After reviewing the performance of the current operator of the New Mexico NABDC, MBDA has elected not to continue funding in 2003 for the operator and to re-compete this geographic service area.

DATES: The closing date for applications for the NABDC project is November 29, 2002. MBDA anticipates that the award for the NABDC program will be made with a start date of January 1, 2003. Completed applications for the NABDC program must be (1) mailed (USPS postmark) to the NABDC Program Office (see: **ADDRESSES**); or (2) received by MBDA (see: **ADDRESSES**) no later than 5 p.m. Eastern Time.

ADDRESSES: If the applicant or its representative mails the application, it must be mailed to: Native American Business Development Center Program Office, Office of Executive Secretariat, HCHB, Room 5063, Minority Business Development Agency, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1401 Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.