

Comment 2: Export Certificate Voucher Program.

Comment 3: Price Supports Program.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

North American Free-Trade Agreement, Article 1904 NAFTA Panel Reviews; Request for Panel Review

AGENCY: NAFTA Secretariat, United States Section, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of first request for panel review.

SUMMARY: On July 2, 2003, Camara Nacional de la Industria de Aceites, Grasas, Jabones y Detergentes (CANAJAD) filed a First Request for Panel Review with the Mexican Section of the NAFTA Secretariat pursuant to Article 1904 of the North American Free Trade Agreement. Panel review was requested of the final countervailing duty determination made by the Secretaria de Economia, respecting Sodium Hydroxide (Caustic Soda) in Aqueous Solution, Originating in the United States of America independently of the country of origin. This determination was published in the *Diario Oficial de la Federacion del*, on June 6, 2003. The NAFTA Secretariat has assigned Case Number MEX-USA-2003-1904-01 to this request.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Caratina L. Alston, United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat, Suite 2061, 14th and Constitution Avenue, Washington, DC 20230, (202) 482-5438.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Chapter 19 of the North American Free-Trade Agreement ("Agreement") establishes a mechanism to replace domestic judicial review of final determinations in antidumping and countervailing duty cases involving imports from a NAFTA country with review by independent binational panels. When a Request for Panel Review is filed, a panel is established to act in place of national courts to review expeditiously the final determination to determine whether it conforms with the antidumping or countervailing duty law of the country that made the determination.

Under Article 1904 of the Agreement, which came into force on January 1, 1994, the Government of the United States, the Government of Canada and the Government of Mexico established *Rules of Procedure for Article 1904*

Binational Panel Reviews ("Rules"). These Rules were published in the **Federal Register** on February 23, 1994 (59 FR 8686).

A first Request for Panel Review was filed with the Mexican Section of the NAFTA Secretariat, pursuant to Article 1904 of the Agreement, on July 2, 2003, requesting panel review of the final determination described above.

The Rules provide that:

(a) A Party or interested person may challenge the final determination in whole or in part by filing a Complaint in accordance with Rule 39 within 30 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Complaint is August 1, 2003);

(b) A Party, investigating authority or interested person that does not file a Complaint but that intends to appear in support of any reviewable portion of the final determination may participate in the panel review by filing a Notice of Appearance in accordance with Rule 40 within 45 days after the filing of the first Request for Panel Review (the deadline for filing a Notice of Appearance is August 18, 2003); and

(c) The panel review shall be limited to the allegations of error of fact or law, including the jurisdiction of the investigating authority, that are set out in the Complaints filed in the panel review and the procedural and substantive defenses raised in the panel review.

Dated: July 7, 2003.

Caratina L. Alston,

United States Secretary, NAFTA Secretariat.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee

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

ACTION: Notice of renewal.

SUMMARY: In accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, and the General Services Administration (GSA) rule on Federal Advisory Committee Management, 41 CFR part 101-6, and after consultation with GSA, the Secretary of Commerce has determined that the renewal of the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee is in the public interest in connection with the performance of the

duties imposed on the Department by law.

The Committee was first established in July 1999 to advise ATP regarding their programs, plans, and policies. In renewing the Board, the Secretary has established it for an additional two years. During the next two years, the Committee plans to study and make recommendations regarding a number of issues related to further improving the effectiveness of the program, such as, but not limited to, strengthening ties between the ATP and state technology programs and further encouraging the involvement of universities.

The Committee will consist of not fewer than 6 nor more than 12 members to be appointed by the Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology to assure a balanced membership that will represent the views and needs of customers, providers, and others involved in industrial extension throughout the United States.

The Committee will function solely as an advisory body and in compliance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. Copies of the renewed charter will be filed with the appropriate committees of the Congress and with the Library of Congress.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Marc Stanley, Director, Advanced Technology Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 4700, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20899-4700; telephone: 301-975-2162.

Dated: June 30, 2003.

Karen H. Brown,

Deputy Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

Announcing a Workshop on Building Secure Configurations/Security Settings/Security Checklists for Information Technology Products Widely Used in the Federal Government

AGENCY: National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

ACTION: Notice of public workshop.

SUMMARY: The Cyber Security Research and Development Act of 2002 tasks National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) to "develop, and revise as necessary, a checklist setting forth settings and option selections that

minimize the security risks associated with each computer hardware or software system that is, or is likely to become widely used within the Federal Government." Various Federal organizations (NIST, NSA, DISA, etc.), consortia (e.g., Center for Internet Security), and some commercial vendors produce these checklists. Such checklists when combined with well-developed guidance, leveraged with high-quality security expertise, vendor product knowledge, operational experience, and accompanied with tools can markedly reduce the vulnerability exposure of an organization. To meet this challenging requirement to produce checklists for the spectrum of IT products widely used in the government, NIST has developed a proposal to solicit from IT vendors, consortia, industry and government organizations, and others in the public and private sector to produce additional checklists and associated guidance material to NIST. These materials would then be made available for display and downloading from the NIST Computer Security Resource Center (CSRC) Web site (<http://csrc.nist.gov>). To gather feedback on the proposed approach, NIST is announcing a workshop to identify current and planned Federal government checklist activities and related needs, existing and planned voluntary efforts for building security checklists, and current industry capabilities for the development of checklists and the associated templates that describe sets of security configurations for IT products widely used in the United States Government (USG).

It is anticipated that the workshop will support the development of a standard Extensible Markup Language (XML) template for security configuration checklist descriptions, and a guideline on producing consensus checklists that can be searched, compared, shared freely, and used by the USG and Internet community at large. The goal of this initial workshop is to collect suggestions from organizations that have already developed or are involved in the development of such checklists to gain their input on key items that should be included within the template. The detailed draft agenda and supporting documentation for the workshop will be available prior to the workshop from the NIST CSRC Web site at <http://csrc.nist.gov/checklists> by July 31, 2003.

DATES: The workshop will be held on September 25 and 26, 2003, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The workshop will be held in the Lecture Room B, Bldg 101 at the National Institute of Standards and Technology, Gaithersburg, MD.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Additional information, when available, may be obtained from the Computer Security Resource Center Web site at <http://csrc.nist.gov/checklists> or by contacting John Wack, National Institute of Standards and Technology, Building 100 Bureau Drive, Stop 8930, Gaithersburg, MD 20899-8930; telephone 301-975-3411; Fax 301-948-0279, or e-mail: checklists@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

NIST will lead an effort in coordination with other agencies and private industry to develop and disseminate a standard template designed to describe security checklists. Examples of key IT product technology areas include: operating systems, database systems, web servers, e-mail servers, firewalls, routers, intrusion detection systems, virtual private Networks, biometric devices, smart cards, telecommunication switching devices and web browsers.

Vendors, agencies, consortia, and other reputable sources will be encouraged to submit checklists and related information called for by the template to populate a public web-based repository. The template will provide a standardized method of centrally cataloging, describing, and categorizing existing and newly developed security checklists for IT products. The XML template will be used to populate an online database hosted by NIST that will provide the USG and Internet community with a centralized database used to consolidate information about IT product security checklists.

The initial workshop is being held to identify the key fields of the template. Workshop topics are planned to include:

- Target environments,
- Risk levels,
- Methods to gain wide agency and vendor support,
- Methods and incentives to encourage vendors' submissions adhering to the proposed template.

Vendors, agencies, and other reputable sources currently developing checklists for IT products are encouraged to present information at the workshop describing their checklist development and testing process. Speakers wishing to formally present information at the workshop should submit proposals to checklists@nist.gov by September 1, 2003.

Because of NIST security regulations, advance registration is mandatory; there

will be no on-site, same-day registration. To register, please register via the Web at <http://www.nist.gov/conferences> or fax the registration form with your name, address, telephone, fax and e-mail address to 301-948-2067 (Attn: Workshop on Building Secure Configurations/Security Settings/Security Checklists for Federal Government Systems) by September 22, 2003. The registration fee will be \$85. Payment can be made by credit card, check, purchase order, and government training form. Registration questions should be addressed to Kimberly Snouffer on 301-975-2776 or kimberly.snouffer@nist.gov.

Authority

This work effort is being initiated pursuant to NIST's responsibilities under the Cyber Security Research and Development Act of 2002.

Dated: July 7, 2003.

Arden L. Bement, Jr.,

Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Oceanographic Surveys in the Hess Deep, Eastern Equatorial Pacific Ocean

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

ACTION: Notice of issuance of an incidental harassment authorization.

SUMMARY: In accordance with provisions of the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA) as amended, notification is hereby given that an Incidental Harassment Authorization (IHA) to take small numbers of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting oceanographic surveys in the Hess Deep in international waters of the Eastern Equatorial Pacific Ocean has been issued to Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (L-DEO).

DATES: Effective from July 3, 2003, through June 30, 2004.

ADDRESSES: The application, a list of references used in this document, and/or the IHA are available by writing to Kaja A. Brix, Acting Chief, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine