Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(d)(1), and based on information on the record, we are initiating new shipper reviews for Shanghai Jinneng and Jiangxi Gangyuan. See Memoranda to the File through Christopher D. Riker, Program Manager, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, from P. Lee Smith, Import Compliance Specialist, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, Import Administration, regarding New Shipper Initiation Checklists, dated July 18, 2006. We intend to issue the preliminary results of these reviews not later than 180 days after the date on which the reviews were initiated, and the final results of these reviews within 90 days after the date on which the preliminary results are issued.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(g)(1)(i)(A), the period of review (“POR”) for a new shipper review, initiated in the month immediately following the anniversary month, will be the twelve-month period immediately preceding the anniversary month. Therefore, the POR for the new shipper reviews of Shanghai Jinneng and Jiangxi Gangyuan will be June 1, 2005, through May 31, 2006.

It is the Department’s practice to date in cases involving non–market economies to require that a company seeking to establish eligibility for an antidumping duty rate separate from the country–wide rate provide evidence of de jure and de facto absence of government control over the company’s export activities. Accordingly, we will issue questionnaires to Shanghai Jinneng and Jiangxi Gangyuan, including a separate rates section. The reviews will proceed if the responses provide sufficient indication that Shanghai Jinneng and Jiangxi Gangyuan are not subject to either de jure or de facto government control with respect to their exports of freshwater crab meat. However, if the exporter does not demonstrate the company’s eligibility for a separate rate, then the company will be deemed not separate from the PRC–wide entity, which exported during the POI. An exporter unable to demonstrate the company’s eligibility for a separate rate would hence not meet the requirements of CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iiii) and its new shipper review will be rescinded. See, e.g., Brake Rotors From the People’s Republic of China: Recession of Second New Shipper Review and Final Results and Partial Rescission of First Antidumping Duty Administrative Review, 64 FR 61581 (November 12, 1999).

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B)(iii) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(e), we will instruct U.S. Customs and Border Protection to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting, until the completion of the review, of a single entry bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for certain entries of the merchandise exported by either Shanghai Jinneng and Jiangxi Gangyuan. We will apply the bonding option under 19 CFR 351.107(b)(1)(i) only to entries from the producer/exporter combination for which these companies have requested a new shipper review, i.e., Shanghai Jinneng/Datong Jinneng and Jiangxi Gangyuan/Jiangxi Gangyuan.

Interested parties that need access to proprietary information in these new shipper reviews should submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306. This initiation and notice are issued and published in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act, 19 CFR 351.214(d) and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(1).

Dated: July 18, 2006.

Stephen J. Claeys,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Institute of Standards and Technology

[Docket No.: 060705187–0187–01]

National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program; Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction

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

ACTION: Request for nominations of individuals for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (Committee). This is a new Federal Advisory Committee established pursuant to the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committee.

SUMMARY: NIST invites and requests nomination of individuals for appointment to the Advisory Committee on Earthquake Hazards Reduction (Committee). This is a new Federal Advisory Committee established pursuant to the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act. NIST will consider nominations received in response to this notice for appointment to the Committee.
DATES: Please submit nominations on or before August 24, 2006.

ADDRESSES: Please submit nominations to Tina Faecke, Administrative Officer, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8630, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–8630. Nominations may also be submitted via fax to 301–975–5433 or e-mail at tina.faecke@nist.gov.

Additional information regarding the Committee, including its charter and executive summary may be found on its electronic home page at: http://www.nehrp.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Jack Hayes, Director, National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, National Institute of Standards and Technology, 100 Bureau Drive, Mail Stop 8601, Gaithersburg, MD 20899–8601, telephone 301–975–5640, fax 301–869–6275; or e-mail at jack.hayes@nist.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Committee Information

The Committee was established by the Department of Commerce in accordance with the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program Reauthorization Act, Public Law 108–360 and the Federal Advisory Committee Act (5 U.S.C. app. 2) on June 27, 2006.

Objectives and Duties

1. The Committee will assess trends and developments in the science and engineering of earthquake hazards reduction, effectiveness of the Program in carrying out the activities under section 103(a)(2) of the Act, the need to revise the Program, the management, coordination, implementation, and activities of the Program.

2. The Committee functions solely as an advisory body, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

3. The Committee shall report to the Director of NIST.

4. Not later than one year after the first meeting of the Committee, and at least once every two years thereafter, the Committee shall report to the Director of NIST, on its findings of the assessments and its recommendations for ways to improve the Program. In developing recommendations, the Committee shall consider the recommendations of the United States Geological Survey Scientific Earthquake Studies Advisory Committee.

Membership

1. The Committee will consist of not fewer than 11 members, nor more than 15 members, who reflect a wide diversity of technical disciplines, competencies, and communities involved in earthquake hazards reduction. Members shall be selected on the basis of established records of distinguished service in their professional community and their knowledge of issues affecting the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program.

2. The Director of NIST shall appoint the members of the Committee, and they will be selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance.

3. No committee member may be an “employee” as defined in subparagraphs (A) through (F) of section 7342(a)(1) of title 5 of the United States Code.

Miscellaneous

1. Members of the Committee will not be paid for their services, but will, upon request, be allowed travel and per diem expenses in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5701 et seq., while attending meetings of the Committee or of its subcommittees, or while otherwise performing duties at the request of the chairperson, while away from their homes or a regular place of business.

2. Members of the Committee shall serve as Special Government Employees and are required to file an annual Executive Branch Confidential Financial Disclosure Report.

3. The Committee shall meet at least once per year. Additional meetings may be called whenever the Director of NIST requests a meeting.

Nomination Information

1. Nominations are sought from industry and other communities having an interest in the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, such as, but not limited to, research and academic institutions, industry standards development organizations, state and local government bodies, and financial communities, who are qualified to provide advice on earthquake hazards reduction and represent all related scientific, architectural, and engineering disciplines.

2. Nominees should have established records of distinguished service. The field of expertise that the candidate represents should be specified in the nomination letter. Nominations for a particular field should come from organizations or individuals within that field. A summary of the candidate’s qualifications should be included with the nomination, including (where applicable) current or former service on federal advisory boards and federal employment. In addition, each nomination letter should state that the person agrees to the nomination, acknowledges the responsibilities of serving on the Committee, and will actively participate in good faith in the tasks of the Committee.

3. The Department of Commerce is committed to equal opportunity in the workplace and seeks a broad-based and diverse Committee membership.

Dated: July 18, 2006.
James E. Hill,
Acting Deputy Director.