

promptly, please advise the OMB Reviewer and the Agency Clearance Officer before the deadline.

**COPIES:** Request for clearance (OMB 83-1), supporting statement, and other documents submitted to OMB for review may be obtained from the Agency Clearance Officer.

**ADDRESSES:** Address all comments concerning this notice to: Agency Clearance Officer, Jacqueline White, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., 5th Floor, Washington, DC 20416; and

*David\_Rostker@omb.eop.gov*, fax number 202-395-7285 Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Jacqueline White, Agency Clearance Officer, *jacqueline.white@sba.gov* (202) 205-7044.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

*Title:* "8(a) Annual Update".  
*Form No:* 1450.

*Frequency:* On Occasion.

*Description of Respondents:* 8(a)

Program Participants.

*Annual Responses:* 7,258.

*Annual Burden:* 14,516.

**Jacqueline K. White,**

*Chief, Administrative Information Branch.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #10222 and #10223]

**Florida Disaster Number FL-00011**

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration

**ACTION:** Amendment 2.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Florida (FEMA-1609-DR), dated 10/24/2005.

*Incident:* Hurricane Wilma.

*Incident Period:* 10/23/2005 and continuing.

*Effective Date:* 10/30/2005.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 12/23/2005.

*EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date:* 07/24/2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: Small Business Administration, National Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the Presidential disaster declaration

for the State of Florida, dated 10/24/2005 is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

**Primary Counties:**

Brevard, Indian River, and Okeechobee.

**Contiguous Counties:**

Florida: Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole, and Volusia.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008.)

**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

[Disaster Declaration #10178 and #10179]

**Mississippi Disaster Number MS-00005**

**AGENCY:** Small Business Administration.

**ACTION:** Amendment 4.

**SUMMARY:** This is an amendment of the Presidential declaration of a major disaster for the State of Mississippi (FEMA-1604-DR), dated 08/29/2005.

*Incident:* Hurricane Katrina.

*Incident Period:* 08/29/2005 through 10/14/2005.

*Effective Date:* 10/27/2005.

*Physical Loan Application Deadline Date:* 01/11/2006.

*EIDL Loan Application Deadline Date:* 05/29/2006.

**ADDRESSES:** Submit completed loan applications to: Small Business Administration, National Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road Fort Worth, TX 76155.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** A. Escobar, Office of Disaster Assistance, U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, Suite 6050, Washington, DC 20416.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The notice of the Presidential disaster declaration for the State of Mississippi, dated 08/29/2005 is hereby amended to include the following areas as adversely affected by the disaster:

**Primary Counties:**

Holmes and Humphreys.

**Contiguous Counties:**

Mississippi: Leflore, Sunflower, and Washington.

All other information in the original declaration remains unchanged.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Numbers 59002 and 59008)

**Herbert L. Mitchell,**

*Associate Administrator for Disaster Assistance.*

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**SMALL BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION**

**Audit and Financial Management Advisory (AFMAC) Committee Meeting**

The U.S. Small Business Administration, Audit and Financial Management Advisory Committee (AFMAC) will host a public meeting on Wednesday, November 9, 2005. The meeting will take place at the U.S. Small Business Administration, 409 3rd Street, SW., Office of Chief Financial Officer Conference Room, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20416. The AFMAC was established by the Administrator of the SBA to provide recommendation and advice regarding the Agency's financial management including the financial reporting process, systems of internal controls, audit process and process for monitoring compliance with relevant laws and regulations.

Anyone wishing to attend must contact Thomas Dumaresq in writing or by fax. Thomas Dumaresq, Chief Financial Officer, 409 3rd Street, SW., Washington, DC 20416, phone (202) 205-5406, fax: (202) 205-6869, e-mail: *thomas.dumaresq@sba.gov*.

**Matthew K. Becker,**

*Committee Management Officer.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF STATE**

[Delegation of Authority 285]

**Delegation by the Deputy Secretary to the Director and the Deputy Director of the Office of Foreign Missions of Authority Regarding Certification Under the Internal Revenue Code**

By virtue of the authority vested in the Secretary of State, including Section 1 of the State Department Basic Authorities Act, as amended (22 U.S.C. 2651a), and delegated to the Deputy Secretary of State pursuant to Delegation of Authority 245 of April 23, 2001, I hereby delegate to the Director and Deputy Director of the Office of Foreign Missions the certification function vested in the Secretary of State by 26 U.S.C. 893(b) (section 893(b) of the Internal Revenue Code regarding the "Compensation of employees of foreign governments or organizations").

Any function covered by this delegation may also be exercised by the Secretary of State, the Deputy Secretary of State or the Under Secretary for Management.

Any act, executive order, regulation or procedure subject to, or affected by, this delegation shall be deemed to be such act, executive order, regulation, or procedures as amended from time to time.

This delegation of authority shall be published in the **Federal Register**.

Dated: October 31, 2005.

**Robert B. Zoellick,**

*Deputy Secretary of State, Department of State.*

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## OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRADE REPRESENTATIVE

### Notice of Proposed Measure and Opportunity for Public Comment Pursuant to Section 421 of the Trade Act of 1974: Circular Welded Non-Alloy Steel Pipe From the People's Republic of China

**AGENCY:** Office of the United States Trade Representative.

**ACTION:** Notice of proposed measure; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The United States International Trade Commission (ITC) has determined, pursuant to section 421(b)(1) of the Trade Act of 1974, as amended (the Trade Act) (19 U.S.C. 2451(b)(1)), that circular welded non-alloy steel pipe<sup>1</sup> from the People's

<sup>1</sup> For purposes of its investigation, the ITC considered circular welded non-alloy steel pipe to include certain welded carbon quality steel pipes and tubes, of circular cross-section, with an outside diameter of 0.372 inches (9.45 mm) or more, but not more than 16 inches (406.4 mm), regardless of wall thickness, surface finish (black, galvanized, or painted), end finish (plain end, beveled end, grooved, threaded, or threaded and coupled), or industry specification (ASTM, proprietary, or other), generally known as standard pipe and structural pipe (and they may also be referred to as structural or mechanical tubing). The term carbon quality steel may include certain low alloy steel imported as other alloy steel pipes and tubes. Products not included in this investigation are mechanical tubing (whether or not cold-drawn) provided for in HTS subheading 7306.30.50, tube and pipe hollows for redrawing provided for in HTS 7306.30.5035, or finished electrical conduit provided for in HTS 7306.30.5028. API line pipe used in oil or gas applications requiring API certifications is also not included in this investigation. Similarly, pipe produced to the API specifications for oil country tubular goods use are not included in this investigation. The subject imported products are currently provided for in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) subheadings 7306.30.10 and 7306.30.50. Specifically, the various HTS statistical reporting

Republic of China (China) are being imported into the United States in such increased quantities or under such conditions as to cause or threaten to cause market disruption to the domestic producers of like or directly competitive products. Pursuant to section 421(h)(1) of the Trade Act, the United States Trade Representative (USTR) is publishing notice of proposed restrictions with respect to imports of the subject circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from China. USTR invites domestic producers, importers, exporters, and other interested parties to submit their views and evidence on the appropriateness of the proposed restrictions and whether they would be in the public interest. USTR also invites interested parties to participate in a public hearing (if requested).

**DATES:** Requests for USTR to hold a public hearing are due by November 16, 2005. Written comments and requests to testify at any public hearing are due by November 18, 2005. If a request for USTR to hold a public hearing is received, the hearing will be held on November 29, 2005.

**ADDRESSES:** Submissions by electronic mail: [FR0601@ustr.eop.gov](mailto:FR0601@ustr.eop.gov). Submissions by facsimile: Sandy McKinzy, USTR, at (202) 395-9672.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For procedural questions concerning public comments and holding of a public hearing, contact Sandy McKinzy, USTR, telephone (202) 395-9483, facsimile (202) 395-9672. Other questions regarding the subject of this notice should be addressed to Terrence J. McCartin, Office of China Affairs, USTR, telephone (202) 395-3900, or Stephen Kho, Office of General Counsel, USTR, telephone (202) 395-7305.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### 1. The ITC Investigation and Section 421

Following receipt of a petition filed on August 2, 2005, on behalf of Allied Tube and Conduit Corp., IPSCO Tubulars, Inc., Maruichi American Corp., Maverick Tube Corp., Sharon Tube Co., Western Tube Conduit Corp., Wheatland Tube Co., and the United Steelworkers of America, AFL-CIO, the ITC instituted investigation No. TA-421-6, under section 421 of the Trade Act (19 U.S.C. 2451) to determine whether the subject circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from China are being imported into the United States in

numbers under which the subject standard pipe has been provided for since January 1, 1992, are as follows: 7306.30.1000, 7306.30.5025, 7306.30.5032, 7306.30.5040, 7306.30.5055, 7306.30.5085, and 7306.30.5090.

such increased quantities or under such conditions as to cause or threaten to cause market disruption to the domestic producers of like or directly competitive products. The ITC made an affirmative market disruption determination on October 3, 2005, and transmitted a report on its determination, as well as its remedy proposals, to USTR on October 21, 2005. The views of the ITC, including its remedy proposals, and the ITC staff report are available on the ITC's Web site ([http://hotdocs.usitc.gov/docs/pubs/701\\_731/pub3807.PDF](http://hotdocs.usitc.gov/docs/pubs/701_731/pub3807.PDF)) and are contained in USITC Publication 3807 (October 2005), entitled "Circular Welded Non-alloy Steel Pipe from China". A copy of that publication can be obtained from the ITC by faxing a request to (202) 205-2104 or calling (202) 205-1809.

Following an affirmative determination by the ITC, and pursuant to section 421(h) of the Trade Act, USTR is required to make a recommendation to the President concerning what action, if any, to take to remedy the market disruption. Within 15 days after receipt of USTR's recommendation, the President is required to provide import relief unless the President determines that provision of such relief is not in the national economic interest of the United States or, in extraordinary cases, that the taking of action would cause serious harm to the national security of the United States. (Section 421(k).) Prior to making a recommendation, USTR is required to publish notice of any proposed measures and of the opportunity to comment.

##### 2. Proposed Measure and Opportunity for Comment

Two of the four ITC commissioners entitled to vote on remedy recommended that the President impose an annual quota of 160,000 short tons on imports of circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from China for a period of three years. The other two ITC commissioners recommended that the President impose a tariff-rate quota on imports of the subject circular welded non-alloy steel pipe from China for a three-year period as follows: a 25 percent tariff, in addition to the current rate of duty, on imports exceeding 267,468 short tons in the first year, with this quota level increasing by 5 percent in the second year and 10 percent in the third year. All four ITC commissioners further recommended that, if applications are filed, the President direct the U.S. Department of Commerce and the U.S. Department of Labor to provide expedited consideration of trade adjustment assistance for firms and/or workers affected by the subject