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- W. *Law 341/95 Interest Contributions on Debt Consolidation Loans (Formerly Debt Consolidation Law 341/95).*
- X. *Interest Grants Financed by IRI Bonds.*
- Y. *Grant Received Pursuant to the Community Initiative Concerning the Preparation of Enterprises for the Single Market (PRISMA).*
- Z. *Article 44 of Law 448/01.*

IV. Programs Preliminarily Determined To Have Been Terminated

We examined the following programs at verification during the 9th Administrative Review and preliminarily determine in this review that they have been terminated prior to the current POR and that there will be no remaining subsidy benefits from these programs after this POR. See "Verification of the Questionnaire Responses of the Government of Italy in the 9th Administrative Review" (March 31, 2006) which was placed on the record of this proceeding on July 31, 2007.

A. *Social Security Reductions and Exemptions—Sgravi Article 44 of Law 448/01.*

B. *Social Security Reductions and Exemptions—Sgravi Law 337/90.*

Preliminary Results of Review

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4)(i), we calculated an individual subsidy rate for Pallante and De Matteis. Atar had no countervailable subsidies. We did not calculate an

individual rate for Agritalia because a review was not requested for Agritalia. Agritalia was only asked to participate because of the possible effect of subsidies it received on its suppliers who are included in this review. We have preliminarily found that Agritalia did not receive any subsidies which affected any suppliers' rates. For the period January 1, 2005, through December 31, 2005, we preliminarily find the net subsidy rates for the producers/exporters under review to be those specified in the chart shown below:

Producer/exporter	Net subsidy rate (percent)
De Matteis Agroalimtare S.p.A	1.97
Pastificio Antonio Pallante S.r.L	2.02
Atar S.r.l	0.00

The calculations will be disclosed to the interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b).

If the final results of this review remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department intends to instruct Customs to assess countervailing duties at these net subsidy rates. The Department will issue appropriate instructions directly to Customs within 15 days of publication of the final results of this review.

For all other companies that were not reviewed (except Barilla G. e R. F.lli S.p.A. and Gruppo Agricoltura Sana S.r.l., which are excluded from the order, and Pasta Lensi S.r.l. which was revoked from the order), the Department has directed CBP to assess countervailing duties on all entries between January 1, 2005, and December 31, 2005, at the rates in effect at the time of entry. Agritalia has been reviewed previously and has its own exporter specific rate of 2.92 percent.

The Department also intends to instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties.

For all non-reviewed firms (except Barilla G. e R. F.lli S.p.A. and Gruppo Agricoltura Sana S.r.l., which are excluded from the order, and Pasta Lensi S.r.l. which was revoked from the order), we will instruct CBP to collect cash deposits of estimated countervailing duties at the most recent company-specific or "all others" rate applicable to the company. These rates shall apply to all non-reviewed companies until a review of a company assigned these rates is requested.

Public Comment

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(b), the Department will disclose to parties to

the proceeding any calculations performed in connection with these preliminary results within five days after the date of the public announcement of this notice.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.309(c)(ii), interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to issues raised in case briefs, may be filed no later than five days after the date of filing the case briefs, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309(d). Parties who submit briefs in this proceeding should provide a summary of the arguments not to exceed five pages and a table of statutes, regulations, and cases cited. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303(f).

Interested parties may request a hearing within 30 days after the date of publication of this notice, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.310(c). Any hearing, if requested, will be held two days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs.

The Department will publish a notice of the final results of this administrative review within 120 days from the publication of these preliminary results, in accordance with section 751(a)(3) of the Act.

We are issuing and publishing these results in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.221(b)(4).

Dated: July 31, 2007.

Stephen J. Claeys,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Mission Statement; Afghanistan International Carpet Fair; August 26-28, 2007

AGENCY: International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice.

Mission Description

U.S. Secretary of Commerce Gutierrez's priorities for Afghanistan include helping the country develop three sectors in which it has a comparative advantage: rugs, dried fruits and nuts, and mining. The International Trade Administration of the Department of Commerce is

organizing a U.S. carpet trade mission to Kabul, Afghanistan for the Afghanistan International Carpet Fair on August 26–28, 2007. The mission will assist U.S. rug businesses exploring trade and investment opportunities in Afghanistan's rug sector. Assistant Secretary David Bohigian will lead a delegation of U.S.-based executives of U.S. firms interested in pursuing business in Afghanistan's rug sector. The mission will include participation in the Carpet Fair, matchmaking, and a potential site visit to a rug production facility. The mission will reaffirm the U.S. Government's support towards bilateral relations and seek to expand opportunities for U.S. companies in Afghanistan.

Commercial Setting

Afghanistan has a comparative advantage in producing hand woven rugs, putting this sector on the cutting edge of the Afghanistan's reintegration into the global economy. Afghanistan's rugs have a rich legacy of artistry and craftsmanship, which has been handed down through many generations. Each type of rug is unique to the location in which it was produced and inspired. Afghanistan produces various types of rugs woven out of wool, silk, and cotton.

Due to the current lack of finishing facilities, Afghanistan sends more than eighty percent of its rugs to Pakistan, where they are finished and labeled "made in Pakistan". This Trade Mission will enable delegates to explore opportunities for investing in rug producing facilities and exporting textile equipment to Afghanistan. As such, the Mission could play a valuable role in preserving the brand identity of Afghan rugs, by helping producers to finish and export their own rugs.

The Afghan Government is helping Afghan rug producers connect their craftsmanship to the world. In conjunction with the U.S. Department of Commerce, the Government of Afghanistan organized two previous delegations of Afghan rug producers to visit the United States. In July 2006, a delegation visited major retailers and rug importers in New York, Atlanta, and Washington, DC. In February 2007, a second delegation attended the AmericasMart International Area Rug Market in Atlanta, where Afghanistan's rugs were part of a major cultural showcase.

This first-ever Afghanistan International Carpet Fair will provide an opportunity for Afghan rug producers and U.S. buyers to network, create business relationships, and allow U.S. buyers to explore investment

opportunities in the rug sector. The Trade Mission presents a unique opportunity for seasoned U.S. rug professionals to partner with Afghan rug producers as Afghanistan strives to re-establish its leadership position in the global rug business.

Mission Goals: The mission aims to further U.S. commercial policy objectives and to advance specific U.S. business interests in the U.S. and Afghan rug sectors. The mission will:

- Create an opportunity for members of the U.S. rug sector to meet and network with Afghan rug producers;
- Allow U.S. rug business delegates to visit Afghan rug producing facilities and explore potential investment opportunities;
- Assess the commercial climate of Afghanistan's rug sector as well as export and investment opportunities in Afghanistan;
- Encourage continued progress in economic development in Afghanistan.

Mission Scenario: This mission will enable participants to gain access to the Afghan rug market on a large scale. The mission will include VIP participation in the rug show and a potential visit to at least one rug producing facility. Participants will be part of the carpet fair's opening night-VIP reception with high-level Afghan government officials, including President Karzai (to be confirmed). The event will provide opportunities to network with over 70 Afghan rug vendors at the show. The show will feature a broad range of rugs from Afghanistan's diverse rug producing provinces. Networking will also include one-on-one meetings between the U.S. rug business delegates and Afghan rug producers.

Mission Timetable: The precise schedule will depend on the availability of local government and business officials and the specific goals of the mission participants. The tentative trip itinerary will be as follows:

Sunday, August 26

Arrive in Kabul
Attend opening reception for the Afghanistan International Carpet Fair, Serena Hotel
Meet with high-level U.S. and Afghan Government officials

Monday, August 27

Attend Afghanistan International Carpet Fair
Networking between buyers and sellers
One-on-one meetings between buyers and sellers
Potential site visit to rug producing facilities

Tuesday, August 28

Attend Afghanistan International Carpet Fair
Networking between buyers and sellers
One-on-one meetings between buyers and sellers
Potential site visit to rug producing facilities

Wednesday, August 29

Depart Kabul

Criteria for Participation and Selection: We are looking to recruit five to ten delegates from the U.S. rug industry to participate in this mission. Recruitment and selection will be conducted according to the "Statement of Policy Governing Department of Commerce-Overseas Trade Missions" established in March 1997.

Eligibility: Participating companies must be incorporated or otherwise organized in the United States.

Selection Criteria: Companies will be selected for participation in the mission on the basis of:

- Consistency of company's goals with the scope and desired outcome of the mission;
- Relevance of a company's business and product line to the identified growth sectors;
- Rank of the designated company representative;
- Past, present, or prospective relevant international business activity;
- Diversity of company size, type, location, demographics, and traditional under-representation in business; and
- Timely receipt of the company's signed and completed application, participation agreement, and participation fee.

Additionally, U.S. exporters applying for this mission, such as rug finishing machinery manufacturers or distributors, must certify that the company's products or services are either produced in the United States, or, if not, are marketed under the name of a U.S. firm and have at least fifty-one percent U.S. content. The production and content requirements do not apply to U.S. buyer and U.S. investor applicants.

Recruitment will be conducted in an open and public manner, including publication in the **Federal Register**, posting on the Commerce Department trade missions calendar (<http://www.ita.doc.gov/doctm/tmcal.html>), the Afghanistan Investment and Reconstruction Task Force Web site (<http://www.export.gov/afghanistan>), and press releases to the general and trade media. Promotion of the mission will also take place through the involvement of U.S. Export Assistance Centers and relevant trade associations.

An applicant's partisan, political activities (including political contribution) are entirely irrelevant to the selection process. The fee to participate in this mission is approximately USD 1,500. The fee will not cover travel expenses, meals or lodging. Recruitment begins immediately and will close on August 8, 2007. Applications received after that date will be considered only if space and scheduling constraints permit. The mission Web site (<http://www.export.gov/afghanistan/events>) will share information as it becomes available.

Disclaimer

Trade mission members participate in the trade mission and undertake related travel at their own risk and are advised to obtain insurance accordingly. Any question regarding insurance coverage must be resolved by the participant and its insurer of choice. The U.S. Government does not make any representations or guarantees as to the safety or security of participants. Companies should consult the State Department's travel warning for Afghanistan: http://travel.state.gov/travel/cis_pa_tw/tw/tw_2121.html. The Department of Commerce will coordinate with the U.S. Embassy in Kabul to arrange for all transportation of the trade mission participants to and from the hotel and on visits to rug producing facilities. The Serena Hotel is responsible for providing security for the event venue. The Serena Hotel is a luxury hotel and does have security measures in place.

The U.S. Government does not make any representations or guarantees as to the success of the trade mission.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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Fishing Capacity Reduction Program; Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands King and Tanner Crabs

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

ACTION: Notice of fee rate adjustment.

SUMMARY: NMFS issues this notice to increase the fee rates for the Bristol Bay red king and Aleutian Islands brown king crab reduction endorsement fisheries to repay the \$17,129,957.23 and \$6,380,837.19 sub-loans, respectively, of the \$97,399,357.11 reduction loan to finance the Bering Sea/Aleutian Islands (BSAI) King and Tanner Crab fishing capacity reduction program.

DATES: The BSAI King and Tanner Crab fishing capacity reduction program fee rate increases will begin on September 5, 2007.

ADDRESSES: Send questions about this notice to Leo Erwin, Chief, Financial Services Division, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3282.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Leo Erwin, (301) 713-2390.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

I. Background

Sections 312(b) through (e) of the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act (16 U.S.C. 1861a(b) through (e)) generally authorizes fishing capacity reduction programs. In particular, section 312(d) authorizes industry fee systems for repaying reduction loans which finance reduction program costs.

Subpart L of 50 part 600 is the framework rule generally implementing section 312(b) through (e).

Sections 1111 and 1112 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1936 (46 App. U.S.C. 1279f and 1279g) generally authorized reduction loans.

The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2001 (Public Law 106-554) directed the Secretary of Commerce to establish the \$100 million fishing capacity reduction program in the BSAI king and tanner crab fishery. Congress amended the authorizing Act twice (Public Law 107 20 and Public Law 107 117), once to change the crab reduction program's funding from a \$50 million appropriation and a \$50 million loan to a \$100 million loan and once to clarify provisions about crab fishery vessels. NMFS adopted the program's implementation rule as § 600.1103 in a subpart M of part 600.

NMFS published the BSAI crab reduction program's proposed implementation rule on December 12, 2002 (67 FR 76329) and its final rule on December 12, 2003 (68 FR 69331). On November 24, 2004, NMFS published a **Federal Register** notice (69 FR 68313) advising the public that beginning on

December 27, 2004, NMFS would tender the crab reduction program's reduction payments to 25 accepted bidders. NMFS allocated the \$97,399,357.11 million reduction loan to six reduction endorsement fisheries involved, as the following subamounts:

1. Bristol Bay red king, \$17,129,957.23,
2. BSAI *C. opilio* and *C. bairdi*, \$66,410,767.20,
3. Aleutian Islands brown king, \$6,380,837.19,
4. Aleutian Islands red king, \$237,588.04,
5. Pribilof red king and blue king, \$1,571,216.35; and
6. St. Matthew blue king, \$5,668,991.10.

NMFS published a fee payment collection system implementation rule on September 16, 2005 (70 FR 54653). Fee collection and payment began on October 17, 2005. On May 10, 2006, NMFS published a final rule to exempt any crab landed under the Community Development Quota (CDQ) Program from the fee regulations for the BSAI King and Tanner Crab Fishing Capacity Reduction Program (71 FR 27209). Anyone interested in the program's full implementation details should refer to these documents.

II. Purpose

The purpose of this notice is to adjust, in accordance with the framework rule's § 600.1013(b), the fee rates for the BSAI king and tanner crab fishery. Section 600.1013(b) directs NMFS to recalculate the fee rate that will be reasonably necessary to ensure reduction loan repayment within the specified 30 year term.

NMFS has determined that the current fee rates for the Bristol Bay red king and Aleutian Islands brown king reduction endorsement fisheries, 1.9 percent and 2.6 percent respectively, are inadequate to service these sub-loans. Therefore, NMFS is increasing the fee rates to 2.5 percent for the Bristol Bay red king crab reduction endorsement fishery, and to 5.0 percent for the Aleutian Islands brown king crab reduction endorsement fishery. NMFS has determined this action for the Bristol Bay red king crab reduction endorsement fishery is necessary to ensure timely loan repayment. NMFS does not expect the Aleutian Island brown king crab reduction endorsement fishery to remain on a timely repayment schedule even with this increase. However, fee rates are capped at 5.0 percent by statute.

To provide more accessible services, streamline collections, and save taxpayer dollars, fish buyers may