

*Africa; and Notice of Countervailing Duty Orders: Stainless Steel Plate in Coils from Belgium, Italy and South Africa*, 64 FR 25288 (May 11, 1999).

In *SS Plate from Belgium*, applying the Department's regulations as codified at 19 CFR part 351 (2000), including the new substantive countervailing duty regulations published in the **Federal Register** on November 25, 1998 (66 FR 65348), the Department found the following three equity programs to be countervailable: (1) The government of Belgium's ("GOB") purchases of Sidmar's common and preference shares in 1984; (2) the GOB's purchases of ALZ's common and preference shares in 1985; and (3) the GOB's 1985 debt-to-equity conversion for Sidmar.

In its remand order, the CIT directed the Department to: (1) Apply the equityworthiness methodology in existence at the time of the original petition to the 1984 and 1985 equity investments into Sidmar, and the 1985 equity investment into ALZ; and (2) (a) more closely scrutinize the terms of the Memorandum of Understanding regarding the purchase of Sidmar's common and preference shares to determine whether such document indicates a binding decision to invest; (b) reexamine the record for any additional evidence regarding the date upon which the government of Belgium ("GOB") decided to invest in Sidmar's common shares; and (c) explain its reasoning for choosing the date it finds to be the date the GOB decided to invest.

To assist it in complying with the Court's instructions, on August 21, 2003, the Department issued a supplemental questionnaire to ALZ and the GOB. On September 22, 2003, ALZ and the GOB timely submitted their responses to this questionnaire.

The Department released for comment its draft final results of redetermination pursuant to the CIT's remand order ("*Draft Results*") to ALZ and the GOB on November 21, 2003. The Department received no comments on the *Draft Results*.

The Department complied with the CIT's instructions and issued its redetermination pursuant to remand on December 10, 2003. See *Final Results of Redetermination Pursuant to Court Remand: ALZ N.V. v. United States*, Slip Op. 03-81, Court No. 01-00834 (CIT July 11, 2003) ("*Final Results of Redetermination*"). Pursuant to the CIT's remand instructions, we analyzed the information on the record as well as the information provided by ALZ and the GOB. As explained in the *Final Results of Redetermination*, we made changes to the Department's findings in

*SS Plate from Belgium* in regard to the GOB's 1984 and 1985 equity infusions in Sidmar and ALZ.

On April 22, 2004, the CIT issued an order without an opinion affirming the Department's *Final Results of Redetermination*. See *ALZ N.V. v. United States*, Slip Op. 04-38, Court No. 01-00834 (CIT April 22, 2004).

#### Suspension of Liquidation

The U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, in *Timken*, held that the Department must publish notice of a decision of the CIT or the Federal Circuit which is not "in harmony" with the Department's *Final Determination*. Publication of this notice fulfills that obligation. The Federal Circuit 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 April 22, 2004, decision or, if that decision is appealed, pending a final decision by the Federal Circuit. The Department will instruct the United States Customs and Border Protection to revise cash deposit rates and liquidate relevant entries covering the subject merchandise effective the date of publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, in the event that the CIT's ruling is not appealed, or if appealed and upheld by the Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit.

Dated: May 4, 2004.

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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#### Fisheries of the Caribbean, Gulf of Mexico, and South Atlantic; Southeastern Data, Assessment, and Review (SEDAR) Steering Committee Meeting

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

**ACTION:** Notice of a SEDAR Steering Committee meeting.

**SUMMARY:** The SEDAR Steering Committee will meet via conference call on May 21, 2004, to discuss the SEDAR

process and the king mackerel review workshop. Listening posts will be established at three locations to accommodate interested members of the public.

**DATES:** The SEDAR Steering Committee conference call will be held from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on Friday, May 21, 2004.

**ADDRESSES:** Listening posts to accommodate interested members of the public will be established at the following locations:

1. South Atlantic Fishery Management Council, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407;
2. NMFS, Southeast Regional Office, 9721 Executive Center Drive N., St. Petersburg, FL 33702; and
3. NMFS, Southeast Fisheries Science Center, 75 Virginia Beach Drive, Miami, FL 33149.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** John Carmichael, SEDAR Coordinator, SEDAR/SAFMC, One Southpark Circle, Suite 306, Charleston, SC 29407; phone: 843-571-4366 or toll free 866-SAFMC-10; fax: 843-769-4520.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:** The South Atlantic, Gulf of Mexico, and Caribbean Fishery Management Councils, in conjunction with NMFS, the Atlantic States Marine Fisheries Commission, and the Gulf States Marine Fisheries Commission, implemented the SEDAR process - a multi-step method for determining the status of fish stocks. The SEDAR Steering Committee provides oversight of the SEDAR process and establishes assessment priorities.

The Steering Committee meeting will convene via conference call from 9 a.m. to 11 a.m. on May 21, 2004, to discuss and review the SEDAR process and the king mackerel review workshop. Listening posts will be established to accommodate interested members of the public (see **ADDRESSES**).

#### Special Accommodations

The listening post locations for this conference call are accessible to people with disabilities. Requests for sign language interpretation or other auxiliary aids should be directed to Joyce Mochrie at NMFS Southeast Regional Office (see **ADDRESSES**) by May 12, 2004.

Dated: May 5, 2004.

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