

DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Request for Proposal to Schedule, Escort, Issue Launch Permits to, and Collect Fees From Paddle Craft Users on the Colorado River, Within the Security Zone of Hoover Dam.

AGENCY: Bureau of Reclamation, Interior.

ACTION: Notice of solicitation for proposals from qualified parties to schedule reservations, escort, issue launch permits to, and collect fees from paddle crafts users.

SUMMARY: Reclamation is soliciting proposals from qualified parties to reserve and schedule 2 paddle craft launches daily, and escort a maximum of 15 users at each launch-time to a launch area on the Colorado River, in a secured area surrounding Hoover Dam.

ADDRESSES: Interested parties should request copies of the Request for Proposal (RFP) from Mr. Jeff Reavis, Outdoor Recreation Planner, Environmental Compliance and Realty Group, Bureau of Reclamation, Lower Colorado Region, P.O. Box 61470, Boulder City, Nevada 89006-1470, Telephone: (702) 293-8428 or FAX (702) 293-8146.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mr. Jeff Reavis at (702) 293-8428.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Reclamation's Lower Colorado Dams Facilities office is supervised by the Area Manager, Mr. Timothy J. Ulrich, and encompasses projects administered by Hoover, Davis and Parker Dams and appurtenant works.

A Concession Agreement will be negotiated with the Concessionaire selected under this RFP. The Area Manager is the authorizing official in this action. Prior to execution of an agreement by the Area Manager, the agreement will be reviewed for legal sufficiency and endorsement, then signed by the prospective new Concessionaire.

Dated: June 11, 1998.

John A. Johnson,

Acting Director, Resource Management Office.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. 753-TA-34]

Extruded Rubber Threat From Malaysia*Determination*

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject investigation, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 753(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. 1675b(a)) (the Act), that an industry in the United States is not likely to be materially injured by reason of imports of extruded rubber thread from Malaysia, provided for in subheading 4007.00.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States, if the countervailing duty order concerning such extruded rubber thread is revoked.

Background

The Commission initiated this investigation effective December 15, 1997, following receipt of a request filed with the Commission by North American, Fall River, MA, on June 30, 1995, requesting the continuation of the existing countervailing duty order, issued August 25, 1992, concerning extruded rubber thread from Malaysia. Notice of the scheduling of the Commission's investigation and of a public hearing to be held in connection therewith was given by posting copies of the notice in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, Washington, DC, and by publishing the notice in the **Federal Register** of December 24, 1997 (62 FR 67406). The hearing was held in Washington, DC, on May 5, 1998, and all persons who requested the opportunity were permitted to appear in person or by counsel.

The Commission transmitted its determination in this investigation to the Secretary of Commerce on June 25, 1998. The views of the Commission are contained in USITC Publication 3112 (June 1998), entitled "Extruded Rubber Thread From Malaysia: Investigation No. 753-TA-34."

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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¹The record is defined in sec. 207.2(f) of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure (19 CFR 207.2(f)).

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Notice of Lodging of Consent Decree Under the Clean Air Act

Pursuant to 28 CFR 50.7, notice is hereby given that on June 8, 1998, a proposed Consent Decree in *United States v. Ford Motor Company*, Civil Action No. 98-01432(RCL), was lodged with the United States District Court for the District of Columbia.

The United States has asserted, in a civil complaint under the Clean Air Act, 42 U.S.C. § 7401 *et seq.*, that certain 1997 Econoline vans had defeat devices or otherwise violated the reporting requirements of Section 203 of the Clean Air Act. In addition, the United States asserted that 1.7 million Escorts from model years 1991 through 1995 violated the reporting requirements of Section 203 of the Clean Air Act.

Under the proposed Consent Decree, Ford has agreed to recall the 1997 Econolines and deactivate the defeat device. Ford also agreed to offset the excess NO_x emitted as a result of these violations by purchasing and retiring 2,500 tons of NO_x credits. Finally, Ford will pay a civil penalty of \$2.5 million dollars, and will implement Supplemental Environmental Projects valued at \$1.5 million in the form of alternative fuel vehicles and fueling stations, which Ford will provide to at least two airports, at no cost to the airport facilities, for use in transporting passengers from off-site parking lots to the terminals.

The Department of Justice will receive for a period of thirty (30) days from the date of this publication comments relating to the Consent Decree. Comments should be addressed to the Assistant Attorney General of the Environment and Natural Resources Division, Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530, and should refer to *United States v. Ford Motor Company*, Civil Action No. 98-01432(RCL), D.J. Ref. 90-5-2-1-2195.

The Consent Decree may be examined at the Office of the United States Attorney for the District of Columbia, Judiciary Center Bldg., 555 Fourth St., NW., Washington, DC 20001; at the Environmental Protection Agency Library, Reference Desk, Room 2904, 401 M Street, SW., Washington, DC 20460; and at the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005, 202-624-0892. A copy of the consent Decree may be obtained in person or by mail from the Consent Decree Library, 1120 G Street, NW., 4th Floor, Washington, DC 20005.