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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Office of the Secretary

Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology

AGENCY: Research, Education, and Economics, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of intent to establish; request for nominations and comments.

SUMMARY: The U.S. Department of Agriculture proposes to establish the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology (ACAB). The Secretary of Agriculture is requesting nominations for qualified persons to serve as members of the ACAB.

DATES: Written nominations must be received on or before September 3, 1999.

ADDRESSES: Nominations should be sent to Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, Office of the Deputy Secretary, USDA, 202B Jamie L. Whitten Federal Building, 14th and Independence Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20250.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael Schechtman, Designated Federal Official, telephone (202) 720-3817; fax (202) 690-4265; email michael.g.schechtman@usda.gov. To obtain form AD-755 ONLY please contact Dianne Harmon, Office of Pest Management Policy, telephone (202) 720-4074, fax (202) 720-3191; email dharmon@ars.usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Advisory Committee Purpose

The Secretary of Agriculture is establishing the Advisory Committee on Agricultural Biotechnology (ACAB) to advise the Secretary of Agriculture on the broad array of issues related to the expanding dimensions and importance of agricultural biotechnology. USDA encourages and supports the responsible development and utilization of beneficial new agricultural products,

including those produced through biotechnology, and assures the safety of new products with a science based regulatory approach. USDA has complex and crucial roles in protecting public health and safety, the natural environment, and a competitive, vibrant, and diverse farm economy; ensuring the quality and availability of our food and fiber supply; and maintaining the competitive position of American agricultural products in the international marketplace. These topics are of critical concern in the conduct of agricultural biotechnology research, regulation, and commercialization. Some of the topics that the Secretary of Agriculture has identified for the ACAB's initial consideration include: effects of industry concentration and consolidation on farmers; intellectual property rights and grower autonomy; effects of biotechnology on small farmers; ways to maximize or encourage potential benefits of biotechnology in different agricultural sectors; and USDA's role in assuring that farmers have an array of choices for future agricultural technology and practices. The ACAB will meet in Washington, DC, up to four (4) times per year.

Task Force Membership

The ACAB will be made up of United States citizens. It will consist of 25 members of whom no more than five (5) will be federal employees. Members of ACAB should have recognized expertise in one or more of the following areas: recombinant-DNA (rDNA) research and applications using plants; rDNA research and applications using animals; rDNA research and applications using microbes; food science; silviculture and related forest science; fisheries science; ecology; veterinary medicine; the broad range of farming or agricultural practices; weed science; plant pathology; small farm advocacy; biodiversity issues; applicable laws and regulations relevant to agricultural biotechnology policy; risk assessment; consumer advocacy and public attitudes; public health/epidemiology; occupational health; ethics, including bioethics; human medicine; biotechnology industry activities and structure; intellectual property rights systems; and international trade. Members will be selected by the Secretary of Agriculture in order to achieve a balanced

representation of viewpoints to address effectively USDA biotechnology policy issues under consideration.

Nominations for ACAB membership must be in writing and provide the appropriate background documents required by USDA policy, including background disclosure form AD-755. Neither the form nor the information it contains may be released to the public, except under an order issued by a Federal court or as otherwise provided under the Privacy Act (5 U.S.C. 552a).

No member may serve on the ACAB for more than three (3) consecutive terms. Nominees will initially serve for terms of 1 or 2 years for purposes of continuity.

Members of the ACAB and its subcommittees shall serve without pay, but with reimbursement of travel expenses and per diem for attendance at ACAB and subcommittee functions for those ACAB members who require assistance in order to attend the meetings. While away from home or their regular place of business, those members will be eligible for travel expenses paid by REE, USDA, including per diem in lieu of subsistence, at the same rate as a person employed intermittently in the government service is allowed under Section 5703 of Title 5, United States code.

Submitting Nominations

Nominations should be typed and include the following:

1. A brief summary of no more than two (2) pages explaining the nominees suitability to serve on the ACAB.
2. A resume or curriculum vitae.
3. A completed copy of form AD-755.

Nominations should be sent to Michael Schechtman at the address listed above, and be post marked no later than September 3, 1999.

USDA is actively soliciting nominations of qualified minorities, women, persons with disabilities and members of low income populations through outreach to minority-focused media outlets, Historically Black Colleges and Universities, including Clark Atlanta University, the Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities, the National Congress of Native American Indians, the Intertribal Agriculture Council, Gallaudet and Purdue Universities, and the Rural Coalition. To ensure that recommendations of the ACAB take into account the needs of under-served and

diverse communities served by the USDA, membership shall include, to the extent practicable, individuals with demonstrated ability to represent minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

Dated: August 12, 1999.

I.M. Gonzalez,

Under Secretary for Research, Education, and Economics.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products and Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Canada: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews, Intent To Revoke in Part, Intent Not to Revoke in Part, and Rescission of Review in Part

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of the antidumping duty administrative review, intent to revoke in part, intent not to revoke in part, and rescission of review in part.

SUMMARY: In response to requests from interested parties, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting administrative reviews of the antidumping duty orders on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products and certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada. These reviews cover four manufacturers/exporters of corrosion resistant steel and two manufacturers/exporters of cut-to-length steel plate (one respondent manufactured both products), and the period August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value ("NV") by various companies subject to these reviews. See "Preliminary Results of Reviews" section below for the company-specific rates. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of these administrative reviews, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between the export price ("EP") or constructed export price ("CEP") and the NV.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 19, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gideon Katz at (202) 482-4255 (Dofasco Inc. and Sorevco Inc. (collectively, "Dofasco")), Sarah Ellerman at (202) 482-4106 (Continuous Colour Coat ("CCC")), Mark Hoadley at (202) 482-0666 (Gerdau MRM Steel ("MRM")), National Steel Co. ("National"), and Algoma Steel Co. ("Algoma")), Elfi Blum at (202) 482-0197 (Stelco, Inc. ("Stelco")), or Maureen Flannery at (202) 482-3020, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (April 1998).

Background

On August 19, 1993, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (58 FR 44162) the antidumping duty orders on certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products and certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate from Canada. On August 21, 1998, MRM requested a review of its exports of cut-to-length steel plate and requested that the Department revoke the order on cut-to-length steel plate as it pertains to MRM. On August 31, 1998, Stelco requested a review of its exports of cut-to-length steel plate and that the Department revoke the order on cut-to-length steel plate as it pertains to Stelco. On August 31, 1998, National, Dofasco, Stelco, and CCC requested a review of their exports of corrosion-resistant steel, and Algoma requested a review of its exports of cut-to-length carbon steel plate.

On August 31, 1998, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, U.S. Steel Group (a unit of USX Corporation), Inland Steel Industries, Inc., Gulf States Steel Inc. of Alabama, Sharon Steel Corporation, Geneva Steel, and Lukens Steel Company, petitioners, requested reviews of Algoma and Stelco exports of cut-to-length carbon steel plate.

On August 31, 1998, Bethlehem Steel Corporation, U.S. Steel Group, Inland Steel Industries, Inc., AK Steel Corporation, LTV Steel Co., Inc., and National Steel Corporation, petitioners, requested reviews of CCC, Dofasco, and Stelco exports of corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products.

On September 29, 1998, in accordance with section 751 of the Act, we published a notice of initiation of administrative reviews of these orders for the period August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998 (62 FR 50292).

Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department may extend the deadline for completion of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit of 365 days. On February 26, 1999, the Department published a notice of extension of the time limit for the preliminary results in the review to July 30, 1999. See *Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products and Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate: Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review*, 64 FR 9475.

On July 30, 1999, the Department published a second notice of extension of the time limit for the preliminary results in the review from July 30, 1999 to August 6, 1999. See *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products and Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Canada: Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review*, 64 FR 42338.

On August 6, 1999 the Department extended the time limits for the Preliminary Results in the review to August 16, 1999. See *Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products and Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Canada: Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Review*, 64 FR 43984.

The Department is conducting these reviews in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act.

Scope of Reviews

The products covered by these administrative reviews constitute two separate "classes or kinds" of merchandise: (1) certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products, and (2) certain cut-to-length carbon steel plate.

The first class or kind, certain corrosion-resistant steel, includes flat-rolled carbon steel products, of rectangular shape, either clad, plated, or coated with corrosion-resistant metals such as zinc, aluminum, or zinc-, aluminum-, nickel- or iron-based alloys, whether or not corrugated or painted, varnished or coated with plastics or other nonmetallic substances in addition to the metallic coating, in coils (whether or not in successively superimposed layers) and of a width of 0.5 inch or greater, or in straight lengths