

June 1, 1997, subject to the original terms and conditions of the lease and the increased rental and royalty rates cited above. This is in accordance with section 31(d) and (e) of the Mineral Leasing Act of 1920, as amended (30 U.S.C. 188 (d) and (e)).

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Thelma Wright at (703) 440-1546.

Dated: January 5, 1999.

Gwen W. Mason,

Associate State Director.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Minerals Management Service (MMS)

Minerals Management Advisory Board Outer Continental Shelf (OCS) Scientific Committee (SC); Notice of Vacancies and Request for Nominations

The Minerals Management Service is seeking interested and qualified individuals to serve on its Minerals Management Advisory Board OCS SC during the period of October 1, 1999, through September 30, 2001. The initial 2-year term may be renewable for up to an additional 4 years. The OCS SC is chartered under the Federal Advisory Committee Act to advise the Director of the MMS on the appropriateness, feasibility, and scientific value of the OCS Environmental Studies Program (ESP) and environmental aspects of the offshore oil and gas program. This ESP, which was authorized by the OCS Lands Act as amended (Section 20), is administered by the MMS and covers a wide range of field and laboratory studies in biology, chemistry, and physical oceanography, as well as studies of the social and economic impacts of OCS oil and gas development. The work is conducted through award of competitive contracts and interagency and cooperative agreements. The OCS SC reviews the relevance of the information being produced by the ESP and may recommend changes in its scope, direction, and emphasis.

The OCS SC comprises distinguished scientists in appropriate disciplines of the biological, physical, chemical, and socioeconomic sciences. The selection is based on maintaining disciplinary expertise in all areas of research, as well as geographic balance. Demonstrated knowledge of the scientific issues related to OCS oil and gas development is essential. Selection is made by the Department of the Interior on the basis of these factors.

Interested individuals should send a letter of interest and resume within 60 days to: As. Phyllis Clark, Program Specialist, Environmental Division, Minerals Management Service, 381 Alden Street, Mail Stop 4040, Virginia 20170. She may be reached by telephone on (703) 787-1716 or e-mailed at Phyllis.Clark@1mms.gov.

Dated: January 8, 1999.

Carolita U. Kallaur,

Associate Director for Offshore Minerals Management.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement

Notice of Proposed Information Collection

AGENCY: Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement.

ACTION: Notice and request for comments.

SUMMARY: In compliance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995, the Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is announcing its intention to request approval for the collections of information for 30 CFR parts 774 and 778.

DATES: Comments on the proposed information collection must be received by March 15, 1999, to be assured of consideration.

ADDRESSES: Comments may be mailed to John A. Trelease, Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement, 1951 Constitution Ave, NW, Room 210-SIB, Washington, DC 20240. Comments may also be submitted electronically to jtreleas@osmre.gov.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: To request a copy of the information collection request, explanatory information and related forms, contact John A. Trelease, at (202) 208-2783.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) regulations at 5 CFR 1320, which implement provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (Pub. L. 104-13), require that interested members of the public and affected agencies have an opportunity to comment on information collection and recordkeeping activities (see 5 CFR 1320.8(d)). This notice identifies information collections that OSM will be submitting to OMB for extension. These collections are contained in 30 CFR part 774, Revision; Renewal; and Transfer, Assignment, or

Sale of Permit Rights; and part 778, Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Legal, Financial, Compliance, and Related Information.

OSM has revised burden estimates, where appropriate, to reflect current reporting levels or adjustments based on reestimates of burden or respondents. OSM will request a 3-year term of approval for each information collection activity.

Comments are invited on: (1) The need for the collection of information for the performance of the functions of the agency; (2) the accuracy of the agency's burden estimates; (3) ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information collection; and (4) ways to minimize the information collection burden on respondents, such as use of automated means of collection of the information. A summary of the public comments will be included in OSM's submissions of the information collection requests to OMB.

The following information is provided for each information collection: (1) Title of the information collection; (2) OMB control number; (3) summary of the information collection activity; and (4) frequency of collection, description of the respondents, estimated total annual responses, and the total annual reporting and recordkeeping burden for the collection of information.

Title: Revisions; Renewals; and Transfer, Assignment, or Sale of Permit Rights—30 CFR 774.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0088.

Summary: Sections 506 and 511 of P.L. 95-87 provide that persons seeking permit revisions, renewals, transfer, assignment, or sale of their permit rights for coal mining activities submit relevant information to the regulatory authority to allow the regulatory authority to determine whether the applicant meets the requirements for the action anticipated.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: On occasion.

Description of Respondents: Surface coal mining permit applicants and State regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 5,442.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 100,470 hours.

Title: Permit Applications—Minimum Requirements for Legal, Financial, Compliance, and Related Information—30 CFR 778.

OMB Control Number: 1029-0034.

Summary: Section 507(b) of P.L. 95-87 provides that persons conducting coal mining activities submit to the regulatory authority all relevant information regarding ownership and control of the property affected, their

compliance status and history. This information is used to insure all legal, financial and compliance requirements are satisfied prior to issuance or denial of a permit.

Bureau Form Number: None.

Frequency of Collection: Once.

Description of Respondents: Surface coal mining permit applicants and State regulatory authorities.

Total Annual Responses: 420.

Total Annual Burden Hours: 16,261.

Dated: January 7, 1999.

Richard G. Bryson,

Chief, Division of Regulatory Support.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Inv. No. 337-TA-403]

In the Matter of Certain Acesulfame Potassium and Blends and Products Containing Same; Notice of Decision to Extend the Deadline for Determining Whether to Review an Initial Determination Finding No Violation of Section 337 and an Order Denying a Motion for Sanctions

AGENCY: U.S. International Trade Commission.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the U.S. International Trade Commission has determined to extend by seven (7) days, or until January 14, 1999, the deadline for determining whether to review an initial determination (ID) issued by the presiding administrative law judge (ALJ) in the above-captioned investigation finding no violation of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930 and ALJ Order No. 23, which denied a motion for sanctions.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Cynthia P. Johnson, Esq., Office of the General Counsel, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street, S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone (202) 205-3098. Hearing-impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission's TDD terminal on 202-205-1810. General information concerning the Commission may also be obtained by accessing its Internet server (<http://www.usitc.gov>).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Commission instituted this investigation on November 14, 1997, based on a complaint filed by Nutrinova Nutrition Specialties and Food Ingredients GmbH

of Frankfurt am Main, Federal Republic of Germany, and Nutrinova Inc., of Somerset, New Jersey (collectively referred to as "complainants"). 62 FR 62070 (1997). The complaint named four respondents—Hangzhou Sanhe Food Company Ltd., of Zhejiang, People's Republic of China; JRS International, Inc., of Garfield, New Jersey; Dingsheng, Inc., of Temple City, California; and WYZ Tech., of Chino, California. Hangzhou Sanhe Food Additives Factory, of Hangzhou, Zhejiang, Peoples Republic of China was subsequently added as a respondent.

Complainants alleged that respondents had violated section 337 by importing into the United States, selling for importation, and/or selling within the United States after importation certain acesulfame potassium or blends or products containing same by reason of infringement of claims 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,695,629 ("the '629 patent'") or claims 1 or 2 of U.S. Letters Patent 4,158,068 ("the '068 patent'"). Acesulfame potassium is an artificial sweetener.

The ALJ held a tutorial on the technology of artificial sweeteners and the processes for their manufacture on June 5, 1998. The evidentiary hearing was held from June 29, 1998, to July 10, 1998.

On May 12, 1998, complainants filed a motion seeking the imposition of monetary and non-monetary sanctions against respondents for respondents' failure to provide timely discovery. The motion was supported in part and opposed in part by the Commission investigative attorney (IA) and opposed by respondents. On August 14, 1998, the ALJ issued Order No. 23, denying complainants' motion for sanctions, but offering complainants an opportunity to seek reopening of the record for the purpose of presenting additional facts and arguments relevant to respondents' belatedly-produced discovery. Complainants declined to seek reopening of the record.

On November 20, 1998, the ALJ issued his final ID, in which he concluded that there was no violation of section 337, based on the following findings: (a) claims 1-5 of the '629 patent are not infringed by respondents' accused process; (b) claims 1-2 of the '068 patent are invalid as obvious over the prior art; (c) claims 1-2 of the '068 patent are not infringed by respondents' accused product.

On December 3, 1998, complainants filed a petition for review of the ID and Order No. 23, arguing that the ALJ erred in all of his adverse findings relating to failure to impose sanctions and in his

infringement analysis of the '629 patent. Complainants did not petition for review of the findings in the ID with respect to the '068 patent. The IA also petitioned for review of Order No. 23 and the ID on policy grounds. On December 10, 1998, respondents filed a response to the petitions for review. The IA also filed a response to complainants' petition for review.

This action is taken under the authority of section 337 of the Tariff Act of 1930, 19 U.S.C. 1337, and section 210.42(h)(2) of the Commission of Practice and Procedure, 19 CFR 210.42(h)(2).

Copies of the nonconfidential version of Order No. 23 and the ID, and all other nonconfidential documents filed in connection with this investigation, are or will be available for inspection during official business hours (8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m.) in the Office of the Secretary, U.S. International Trade Commission, 500 E Street S.W., Washington, D.C. 20436, telephone 202-205-2000. Hearing impaired persons are advised that information on this matter can be obtained by contacting the Commission TDD terminal on 202-205-1810.

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By order of the Commission.

Donna R. Koehnke,

Secretary.

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INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION

[Investigation No. AA1921-127 (Review)]

Elemental Sulfur From Canada

Determination

On the basis of the record¹ developed in the subject five-year review, the United States International Trade Commission determines, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930 (19 U.S.C. § 1675(c)) (the Act), that revocation of the antidumping duty finding on elemental sulfur from Canada would not be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time.

Background

The Commission instituted this review on August 3, 1998 (63 FR 41280) and determined on November 5, 1998

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