

Appendix A

Assessment instructions

In June 2005, DOC requested public comment on the timing for issuing assessment instructions, in the context of NME administrative reviews, for entries to which no review request had been filed. The options discussed included:

- issuing assessment instructions after the initiation of an administrative review, once it becomes clear which entries subject to the NME-wide rate are not covered by a specific request for review; and
- issuing assessment instructions at the conclusion of an administrative review, both for reviewed entries and for those subject to the NME-wide rate to which no specific request for review has been filed.

Expected wages. DOC's NME methodology requires surrogate data for wages as for other cost items. Because of the significant variation in wage rates of market economy countries typically used as surrogates, DOC's regulation governing the valuation of NME labour inputs (19 CFR 351.408C)(3)), does not source wage data from a single surrogate country, but rather provides for the use of a regression-based wage rate—essentially an average of the wage rates in market economy countries considered economically comparable to the NME. Until 2000, DOC's periodic wage rate updates used per-capita gross domestic product (GDP) data, but beginning with the 2000 update, DOC shifted to per-capita gross national product (GNP) and now uses per-capita gross national income (GNI). In October 2006, DOC announced changes to the manner in which such rates are calculated.