UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

JANET HOWARD, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

CARLOS M. GUTIERREZ, Secretary, U.S. Dep't of Commerce,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 05-1968 (JDB)

<u>ORDER</u>

Upon consideration of the entire record, and for the reasons stated in the memorandum

opinion issued on this date, it is this 6th day of February, 2007, hereby

ORDERED that [35] defendant's renewed motion to dismiss all individual claims, to

dismiss class claims, and to strike all class allegations is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN

PART; it is further

ORDERED that plaintiffs' class allegations are **STRICKEN**; it is further

ORDERED that plaintiffs shall file a second amended complaint by not later than March

7, 2007; and it is further

ORDERED that defendant shall file an answer by not later than April 9, 2007.

/s/ John D. Bates JOHN D. BATES United States District Judge