

**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration**

[A-570-601]

**Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From the People's Republic of China; Intent To Revoke the Order (In Part)**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of Intent to Revoke the Order (In Part).

**SUMMARY:** On September 26, 1995, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished (TRBs), from the People's Republic of China (PRC) (60 FR 49572). The period of review (POR) is June 1, 1993, through May 31, 1994. Based on three years of sales at not less than foreign market value, we intend to revoke the order with respect to one company if the preliminary results of this and the two preceding reviews are affirmed in our final results.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 13, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Charles Riggle, Hermes Pinilla, Andrea Chu, Kris Campbell or Michael Rill, Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4733.

**Applicable Statute and Regulations**

The Department is conducting this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute and to the Department's regulations are references to the provisions as they existed on December 31, 1994.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On September 26, 1995, the Department published the preliminary results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on tapered roller bearings and parts thereof, finished and unfinished (TRBs), from the People's Republic of China (PRC) (60 FR 49572). The POR is June 1, 1993 through May 31, 1994.

For a detailed description of the products covered by this review, please see the notice of preliminary results referenced above.

**Intent To Revoke**

Shanghai General Bearing Company (Shanghai) requested, pursuant to 19 CFR 353.25(b), revocation of the order with respect to its sales of the merchandise in question and submitted the certification required by 19 CFR 353.25(b)(1). In addition, in accordance with 19 CFR 353.25(a)(2)(iii), Shanghai has agreed in writing to its immediate reinstatement in the order, as long as any producer or reseller is subject to the order, if the Department concludes under 19 CFR 353.22(f) that Shanghai, subsequent to revocation, sold merchandise at less than FMV. Based on the preliminary results in this review and the two preceding reviews (see *Tapered Roller Bearings and Parts Thereof, Finished and Unfinished, From the People's Republic of China; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Administrative Reviews*, 60 FR 44302 (August 25, 1995)), Shanghai has demonstrated three consecutive years of sales at not less than foreign market value (FMV).

If the final results of this and the two preceding reviews demonstrate that Shanghai sold the merchandise at not less than FMV, and if the Department determines that it is not likely that Shanghai will sell the subject merchandise at less than FMV in the future, we intend to revoke the order with respect to merchandise produced and exported by Shanghai.

Interested parties may submit written comments (case briefs) within 15 days of the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal comments (rebuttal briefs), which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed no later than 19 days after the date of publication.

The Department will instruct the Customs Service to collect cash deposits of estimated antidumping duties on all appropriate entries in accordance with the procedures discussed in the notice of preliminary results. Those deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(1) of the Act, and will remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice also serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 353.26 to file a certificate regarding the reimbursement of antidumping duties prior to liquidation of the relevant

entries during this review period. Failure to comply with this requirement could result in the Secretary's presumption that reimbursement of antidumping duties occurred and the subsequent assessment of double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 353.22.

Dated: March 4, 1996.

Susan G. Esserman,

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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**Certain Apparel From Thailand; Termination of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review**

**AGENCY:** Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of termination of countervailing duty administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) is terminating the administrative review of the countervailing duty order covering certain apparel from Thailand initiated on April 14, 1995.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 13, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Dana Mermelstein or Kelly Parkhill, Office Countervailing Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington, DC, 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Background**

On March 30, 1995, Regis Marketing Group Inc. (Regis), a U.S. importer of certain apparel from Thailand, requested an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on certain apparel from Thailand for the period January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994. No other interested party requested a review. On April 14, 1995, the Department published a notice initiating the administrative review for that period (60 FR 19017). On June 22, 1995, in accordance with the Interim Regulations which the Department published on May 11, 1995 (60 FR 25130), Regis amended its request to specify that the review cover only the following two companies, Chiangmai

P.K. House Co., Ltd., and General Garment Company, Ltd., manufacturers/exporters covered by the countervailing duty order on certain apparel from Thailand. On February 14, 1996, Regis submitted a withdrawal of its request for review.

Section 355.22(a)(3) of the Department's regulations provides that the Department may permit a party that requests a review to withdraw its request not later than 90 days after the date of publication of the notice of initiation of the review. This regulation also permits the Department to extend the time limit for withdrawal of a request for review if it is reasonable to do so.

Because no significant work has been completed on this review, Regis' request for withdrawal does not unduly burden the Department or the parties to the proceeding. Nor does it encourage the manipulation of the review process in an attempt to achieve lower (or higher) countervailing duty rates. See *Notice of Partial Termination of Administrative Review of Antidumping Order; Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Australia, Certain Cold-Rolled Carbon Steel Flat Products from Germany, and Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products from Korea*, 60 FR 18581 (April 12, 1995). Therefore, under the circumstances presented in this review, and in accordance with 19 CFR 355.22(a)(3), we have determined that it would be reasonable to grant the withdrawal at this time. Accordingly, we are terminating this review.

This notice is published in accordance with 19 CFR § 355.22(a)(3).

Dated: March 4, 1996.

Joseph A. Spetrini,  
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Compliance.  
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### **Certain Refrigeration Compressors From the Republic of Singapore; Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review**

**AGENCY:** International Trade Administration, Import Administration, Commerce.

**ACTION:** Notice of final results of countervailing duty administrative review.

**SUMMARY:** On November 18, 1994, the Department of Commerce published the preliminary results of its administrative review of the agreement suspending the countervailing duty investigation on

certain refrigeration compressors from the Republic of Singapore.

We have now completed this review and determine that the Government of the Republic of Singapore (GOS), Matsushita Refrigeration Industries (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. (MARIS) and Asia Matsushita Electric (Singapore) Pte. Ltd. (AMS), the signatories to the suspension agreement, have complied with the terms of the suspension agreement during the period April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** March 13, 1996.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Rick Johnson or Jean Kemp, Office of Agreements Compliance, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-3793.

#### **SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**

##### **Background**

On November 18, 1994, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the Federal Register (59 FR 59750-2) the preliminary results of its administrative review of the agreement suspending the countervailing duty investigation on certain refrigeration compressors from the Republic of Singapore (48 FR 51167; November 7, 1983). We have now completed this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act).

##### **Scope of the Review**

Imports covered by this review are shipments of hermetic refrigeration compressors rated not over one-quarter horsepower from Singapore. This merchandise is currently classified under *Harmonized Tariff Schedule* (HTS) item number 8414.30.40. The HTS item number is provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

The review period is April 1, 1992 through March 31, 1993. The Department examined six programs, one of which, Operational Headquarters, was determined not to apply to subject merchandise (see discussion below). The review covers one producer and one exporter of the subject merchandise, MARIS and AMS, respectively. These two companies, along with the GOS, are the signatories to the suspension agreement.

Under the terms of the suspension agreement, the GOS agrees to offset completely the amount of the net bounty or grant determined by the Department in this proceeding to exist with respect to the subject merchandise.

The offset entails the collection by the GOS of an export charge applicable to the subject merchandise exported on or after the effective date of the agreement. See *Certain Refrigeration Compressors from the Republic of Singapore: Suspension of Countervailing Duty Investigation*, 48 FR 51167, 51170 (November 7, 1983).

#### **Applicable Statute and Regulations**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute and to the Department's regulations are in reference to the provisions as they existed on December 31, 1994. However, references to the Department's *Countervailing Duties; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Request for Public Comments* (54 FR 23366; May 31, 1989) (*Proposed Regulations*), are provided solely for further explanation of the Department's countervailing duty practice. Although the Department has withdrawn the particular rulemaking proceeding pursuant to which the *Proposed Regulations* were issued, the subject matter of these regulations is being considered in connection with an ongoing rulemaking proceeding which, among other things, is intended to conform the Department's regulations to the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. See 60 FR 80 (Jan. 3, 1995).

#### **Analysis of Comments Received**

In our preliminary results of review, we preliminarily determined that the signatories to the suspension agreement complied with the terms of the suspension agreement during the period of review. We invited interested parties to comment on the preliminary results. We received comments from petitioner and respondents. Our analysis of these comments follows.

*Comment 1:* Respondents argue that the Department incorrectly found the Finance and Treasury Center (FTC) program to be countervailable on the basis of a *de facto* specificity analysis, because even though the FTC program has only been in existence since 1990, the program has been used by ten companies in five separate and disparate industries or groups of industries. Respondents assert that a program cannot be found to be used by a "specific group" of industries simply because the beneficiaries are identifiable, or because a program benefits only a small portion of the economy. According to respondents, the Department must find that the program's participants fall within the same industry or group of industries in order to reach a determination that a program is *de facto* specific.