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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The countervailing duty order on leather wearing apparel from Mexico was issued on April 10, 1981 pursuant to section 303 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act). No injury determination was required for cases conducted pursuant to section 303. In the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of 1994 (URAA), which amended the Act, section 303 was repealed because the new Agreement on Subsidies and Countervailing measures (SCM Agreement) prohibits the assessment of countervailing duties on imports from a member of the WTO without an affirmative injury determination. The URAA added section 753 to the Act which provided domestic interested parties an opportunity to request an injury investigation for orders that had been issued pursuant to section 303.

Because no domestic interested parties exercised their right under section 753(a) of the Act to request an injury investigation on Mexican leather wearing apparel, the International Trade Commission made a negative injury determination with respect to this order, pursuant to section 753(b)(4) of the Act. As a result, the Department revoked this countervailing duty order, effective January 1, 1995, pursuant to section 753(b)(3)(B) of the Act. *Revocation of Countervailing Duty Orders*, 60 FR 40,568 (August 9, 1995). Administrative reviews of periods prior to January 1, 1995 could still be conducted, and on April 28, 1995 an administrative review of this order was requested for the period January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994. 60 FR 25885 (May 15, 1995).

On September 6, 1995, in a case involving the countervailing duty order on ceramic tile from Mexico, the CAFC ruled that, absent an injury determination by the International Trade Commission (ITC), the Department may not assess countervailing duties under section 1303(a)(1) on entries from Mexico of dutiable merchandise which occurred on or after April 23, 1985, the effective date of Mexico's Bilateral Agreement with the U.S. (*Ceramica* at 8). On February 21, 1996, the Department implemented the CAFC's ruling in the case of Mexican ceramic tile. 61 FR 6630. Because the order on leather wearing apparel is a Mexican order and involves the same set of pertinent facts (i.e., the ITC did not make an injury determination), the CAFC's decision

applies to the order on leather wearing apparel from Mexico.

As a result, we intend to terminate the instant review of this countervailing duty order. Also, we intend to amend the previous revocation of this order to make the revocation for all unliquidated entries effective April 23, 1985, rather than January 1, 1995, in recognition of the *Ceramica* decision.

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of Mexican leather wearing apparel. These products include leather coats and jackets for men, boys, women, girls, and infants, and other leather apparel products including leather vests, pants, and shorts. Also included are outer leather shells and parts and pieces of leather wearing apparel. This merchandise is currently classifiable under *Harmonized Tariff Schedule* (HTS) item numbers 4203.10.4030, 4203.10.4060, 4203.10.4085 and 4203.10.4095. The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Notice of Intent To Terminate the Countervailing Duty Administrative Review and Notice of Intent To Amend the Revocation of the Countervailing Duty Order

This notice serves as notification to the public of our intent to terminate the instant administrative review and amend the revocation of the countervailing duty order on Mexican leather wearing apparel to be effective April 23, 1985. If our final determination remains unchanged from this notice of intent, the revocation will apply to all unliquidated entries of subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after April 23, 1985.

Therefore, we intend to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to terminate the suspension of liquidation and liquidate all unliquidated entries of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after April 23, 1985, without regard to countervailing duties. We intend to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to refund with interest any estimated countervailing duties collected with respect to those entries. We note that the requirements for a cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties were previously terminated in conjunction with the section 753 determination.

Interested parties may request a hearing not later than 10 days after the date of publication of this notice. Interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs on this notice

of intent within 21 days of the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, may be submitted five days after the time limit for filing the case brief. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue, and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Any hearing, if requested, will be held two days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 355.38(e).

Representatives of parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs, under section 355.38(c), are due. The Department will publish its final determination with respect to this intended termination and revocation, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief or at a hearing.

This notice is published in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 355.22.

Dated: March 21, 1996.

Susan G. Esserman,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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Export Trade Certificate of Review

ACTION: Notice of Application.

SUMMARY: The Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, has received an application for an Export Trade Certificate of Review. This notice summarizes the conduct for which certification is sought and requests comments relevant to whether the Certificate should be issued.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: W. Dawn Busby, Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, (202) 482-5131. This is not a toll-free number.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Title III of the Export Trading Company Act of 1982 (15 U.S.C. 4001-21) authorizes the Secretary of Commerce to issue Export Trade Certificates of Review. A Certificate of Review protects the holder and the members identified in the Certificate from state and federal

government antitrust actions and from private, treble damage antitrust actions for the export conduct specified in the Certificate and carried out in compliance with its terms and conditions. Section 302(b)(1) of the Act and 15 CFR 325.6(a) require the Secretary to publish a notice in the Federal Register identifying the applicant and summarizing its proposed export conduct.

Request for Public Comments

Interested parties may submit written comments relevant to the determination of whether a Secretary of Commerce should issue a Certificate to the applicant. An original and five (5) copies of such comments should be submitted no later than 20 days after the date of this notice to: Office of Export Trading Company Affairs, International Trade Administration, Department of Commerce, Room 1800H, Washington, D.C. 20230. Information submitted by any person is exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. 552). Comments should refer to this application as "Export Trade Certificate of Review, application number 96-00002."

Summary of the Application

Applicant: U.S. Leaf Tobacco Exporter, L.L.C., c/o Henry Babb, Jr., Esq., Narron, Holdford, Babb, Harrison & Rhodes, PA, Wilson, North Carolina 27894-0279, Contact: Laurence T. Sorkin, Esq., Telephone: (212) 701-3209.

Application No.: 96-00006

Date Deemed Submitted: March 18, 1996.

Members (in addition to applicant): Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, Incorporated, Richmond, Virginia; DIMON International, Inc., Farmville, North Carolina; Unitob Inc., Greenville, North Carolina; Standard Commercial Corporation, Wilson, North Carolina; G.F. Vaughan Tobacco, Co., Inc., Lexington, Kentucky.

Note: This application is made on behalf of the Members listed above, as well as any U.S. tobacco dealer which is a wholly owned or majority owned subsidiary of a Member or of its controlling entity. A list of the subsidiaries of each Member or its controlling entity is attached hereto as Attachment I.

U.S. Leaf Tobacco Exporters, L.L.C. seek a Certificate to cover the following specific Export Trade, Export Markets, and Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operations.

Export Trade
Products

Green leaf tobacco (SIC 5159)

Services

Processing and shipment of green leaf tobacco (SIC 2141)

Export Trade Facilitation Services (as they relate to the Export of Products and Services.)

Consulting, market research, advertising, marketing, insurance, product research and design, legal assistance, transportation (including trade documentation and freight forwarding), communication and processing of orders, warehousing, foreign exchange, financing, and taking title to goods.

Export Markets

The Export Markets are foreign government-owned purchasers known as State Trading Entities ("STEs") and are limited to the following: Algeria, China, Egypt, Korea, Lebanon, Morocco, Thailand, Taiwan, Turkey, Tunisia, and Vietnam.

Export Trade Activities and Methods of Operation

1. In connection with the promotion and sale of Members' Products and Services into the Export Markets, U.S. Leaf Tobacco Exporters, L.L.C. and/or one or more of its Members may:

a. Solicit orders or bids from STEs in Export Markets.

b. Design and execute foreign marketing strategies for sales in Export Markets.

c. Quote charges to STEs for processing, shipping and handling services relating to the sale of U.S. grown tobacco to such buyers. Such quotes may be made by one or more Members individually or by Applicant on behalf of such Members as may be interested in participating in such transactions or opportunities.

d. Collect and exchange information about Applicant's or Members' export operations and prior export sales by Members, including export price information with respect to STEs.

e. Collaborate in the preparation and submission of individual or joint bids for processing, shipping and handling charges relating to the sale of tobacco to STEs in Export Markets.

f. Collect and exchange information and conduct joint negotiations with STEs concerning estimated yields for the processing of green leaf tobacco into redried tobacco.

g. Allocate export sales and/or export markets among Members to STEs.

h. Engage in joint promotional activities aimed at increasing sales in existing Export Markets and identifying new Export Markets, such as: arranging trade shows and marketing trips;

providing advertising services; providing brochures, industry newsletters and other forms of product, service and industry information; conducting international market and product research; procuring international marketing, advertising and promotional services; and sharing the cost of these joint promotional activities among the Members.

i. Collect and exchange information with respect to transportation services utilized by the Members in the export of U.S. grown tobacco, including overseas freight transportation, inland freight transportation from the Members' processing plants to the U.S. port of embarkment, storage and warehousing, stevedoring, wharfage and handling, insurance, forwarder services, trade documentation and services, customer clearance, financial instruments and foreign exchange.

j. Collect and exchange information and conduct joint negotiations with STEs regarding contractual terms for export sales.

Definitions

1. "Member" means a person who has membership in U.S. Leaf Tobacco Exporters, L.L.C. and who has been certified as a "Member" within the meaning of Section 325.2(1) of the Regulations.

Dated: March 25, 1996.

W. Dawn Busby,

Director, Office of Export Trading Company Affairs.

Attachment I

Universal Leaf Subsidiaries

Universal Leaf Tobacco Company, Incorporated, Richmond, VA
Virginia Tobacco Company, Incorporated, Richmond, VA
Virsia Incorporated, Richmond, VA
Winston Leaf Tobacco Company, Incorporated, Richmond, VA
Southern States Tobacco Company, Incorporated, Richmond, VA
Thorpe & Ricks, Inc., Richmond, VA
Thorpe-Greenville Export Tobacco Company, Rocky Mount, NC
Thorpe-Ricks, Inc., Rocky Mount, NC
Southern Processors, Inc., Danville, VA
Danville Leaf Tobacco Company, Inc., Danville, VA
J.P. Taylor Company, Inc., Henderson, NC
Eastern Leaf Tobacco Company, Richmond, VA
K.R. Edwards Leaf Tobacco Company, Incorporated, Smithfield, NC
Southwestern Tobacco Company, Incorporated, Lexington, KY
W.H. Winstead Company, Inc., Richmond, VA

Tobacco Processors, Inc., Wilson, NC
R.P. Watson Company, Richmond, VA
Dunnington-Beach Tobacco,
Incorporated, Farmville, VA

Standard Subsidiaries

Standard Commercial Tobacco Co. Inc.,
Wilson, NC
W A Adams Company, Wilson, NC

Dimon Subsidiaries

A.C. Monk & Company, Inc., Farmville,
NC
The Austin Company, Incorporated,
Kinston, NC
T.S. Ragsdale Company, Inc., Lake City,
NC
Dibrell Brothers Tobacco USA, Inc.,
Danville, Va
Carolina Leaf Tobacco Company, Inc.,
Greenville, NC
Dimon International, A.G., Basel,
Switzerland
Dibrell Carolina Far Eastern Corp.,
Greenville, NC
Dimon Asia on behalf of Dimon
International, Inc., Farmville, NC

Intabex Subsidiaries (Parent Company of Unitob Inc.)

China American Tobacco Co.,
Greenville, NC
Intabex-Hail & Cotton International Co.,
Greenville, NC

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National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

Evaluation of Coastal Zone Management Program and National Estuarine Research Reserves

AGENCY: Office of Ocean and Coastal
Resource Management, National Ocean
Service, National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
DOC.

ACTION: Notice of intent to evaluate.

SUMMARY: The NOAA Office of Ocean
and Coastal Resource Management
(OCRM) announces its intent to evaluate
the performance of the Narragansett Bay
(RI) and Delaware National Estuarine
Research Reserve Programs.

These evaluations will be conducted
pursuant to sections 312 and 315 of the
Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972
(CZMA), as amended. The CZMA
requires a continuing review of the
performance of states with respect to
coastal program implementation and
reserve management. Evaluation of
Coastal Zone Management Programs and
National Estuarine Research Reserves
requires findings concerning the extent

to which a state has met the national
objectives, adhered to its coastal
program document or reserve
Management Plan approved by the
Secretary of Commerce, and adhered to
the terms of financial assistance awards
funded under the CZMA. The
evaluations will include a site visit,
consideration of public comments, and
consultations with interested Federal,
State, and local agencies and members
of the public. Public meetings are held
as part of the site visits.

Notice is hereby given of the dates of
the site visits for the listed evaluations,
and the dates, local times, and locations
of public meetings during the site visits.

The Narragansett Bay National
Estuarine Research Reserve, Rhode
Island, site visit will be from May 13-
17, 1996. A public meeting will be held
on Wednesday, May 15, 1996, at 9:00
A.M., at the Reserve Field Station, 55
South Reserve Drive, South Prudence,
Rhode Island 02872.

The Delaware National Estuarine
Research Reserve site visit will be from
May 20-24, 1996. A public meeting will
be held on Wednesday, May 22, 1996,
at 7:00 P.M., at the Department of
Natural Resources and Environmental
Control Auditorium, Richardson and
Robins Building, 89 Kings Highway,
Dover, Delaware.

The States will issue notice of the
public meeting(s) in a local
newspaper(s) at least 45 days prior to
the public meeting(s), and will issue
other timely notices as appropriate.

Copies of the State's most recent
performance reports, as well as OCRM's
notifications and supplemental request
letters to the States, are available upon
request from OCRM. Written comments
from interested parties regarding these
Programs are encouraged and will be
accepted until 15 days after the public
meeting. Please direct written comments
to Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy
Coordination Division, Office of Ocean
and Coastal Resource Management,
NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway,
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. When
the evaluation is completed, OCRM will
place a notice in the Federal Register
announcing the availability of the Final
Evaluation Findings.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Vickie A. Allin, Chief, Policy
Coordination Division, Office of Ocean
and Coastal Resource Management,
NOS/NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway,
Silver Spring, Maryland 20910, (301)
713-3090, ext. 126.

Federal Domestic Assistance Catalog
11.419, Coastal Zone Management Program
Administration.

Dated: March 18, 1996.

W. Stanley Wilson,

*Assistant Administrator for Ocean Services
and Coastal Zone Management.*

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Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries
Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration (NOAA),
Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of public meeting.

SUMMARY: The Pacific Fishery
Management Council's (Council) Pacific
Whiting Allocation Committee will hold
a public meeting.

DATES: The meeting will be held on
April 2, beginning at 1 p.m. and may go
into the evening until business for the
day is completed, and on April 3 from
8 a.m. until 5 p.m.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at
the Pacific Fishery Management
Council, 2130 SW Fifth Avenue, Suite
224, Portland, OR 97201.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jim
Glock, Groundfish Fishery Management
Coordinator; telephone: (503) 326-6352.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The
Council appointed this committee to
negotiate an agreement for management
of the Pacific whiting fishery beginning
in 1997. This is expected to be the final
meeting of this committee. The
committee will continue to work
towards narrowing the alternatives and
achieving consensus on a single
proposal.

Special Accommodations

This meeting is physically accessible
to people with disabilities. Requests for
sign language interpretation or other
auxiliary aids should be directed to Eric
W. Greene at (503) 326-6352 at least 5
days prior to the meeting date.

Dated: March 22, 1996.

Richard H. Schaefer,

*Director, Office of Fisheries Conservation and
Management, National Marine Fisheries
Service.*

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National Weather Service Modernization and Associated Restructuring

AGENCY: National Oceanic and
Atmospheric Administration,
Commerce.