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Frequency: Once.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: David Rostker, (202) 395-3897.

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Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to David Rostker, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10202, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: March 24, 2000.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of initiation of antidumping and countervailing duty administrative reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce has received requests to conduct administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with February anniversary dates. In accordance with the Department's regulations, we are initiating those administrative reviews. The Department of Commerce also received a request to revoke one antidumping duty order in part.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 30, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Holly A. Kuga, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4737.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department has received timely requests, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(1997), for administrative reviews of various antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings with February anniversary dates. The Department also received timely requests to revoke in part the antidumping duty order on heavy forged hand tools (bars/wedges, hammers/sledges, and picks/mattocks) from the People's Republic of China.

Initiation of Reviews

In accordance with section 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i), we are initiating administrative reviews of the following antidumping and countervailing duty orders and findings. We intend to issue the final results of these reviews not later than February 28, 2001.

	Period to be reviewed
Antidumping Duty Proceedings	
India:	
Certain Preserved Mushrooms, A-533-813	8/5/98-1/31/00
Agro Dutch Foods, Ltd.	
Alpine Biotech, Ltd.	
Mandeep Mushrooms, Ltd.	
Hindustan Lever Limited (formerly Ponds India, Ltd.)	
Saptarishi Agro Industries, Ltd.	
Techtran Agro Industries, Ltd.	
Transchem, Ltd.	
Premier Mushroom Farms	
Flex Foods, Ltd.	
Weikfield Agro Products, Ltd.	
Dinesh Agro Products, Ltd.	
Himalaya International, Ltd.	
Forged Stainless Steel Flanges, A-533-809	2/1/99-1/31/00
Echjay Forgings Limited	
Isibars, Ltd.	
Panchmahal Steel, Ltd.	
Patheja Forgings and Auto Parts, Ltd.	
Pushpaman Exports	
Viraj Forgings, Ltd.	
Stainless Steel Bar, A-533-810	2/1/99-1/31/00
Chandan Steel Ltd.	
Isibars Limited	
Panchmahal Steel Limited	
Viraj Impoexpo Ltd.	
Indonesia: Certain Preserved Mushrooms, A-560-802	8/5/98-1/31/00
PT Dieng Djaya	
PT Surya Jaya Abadi Perkasa	
PT Indo Evergreen Agro Business Corp.	
PT Zeta Agro Corporation	
Japan: Mechanical Transfer, Presses, A-588-810	2/1/99-1/31/00
Komatsu, Ltd.	
People's Republic of China:	

	Period to be reviewed
Axes/adzes, *A-570-803 Shandong Machinery Import & Export Corp. Fujian Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Corp. Tianjin Machinery Import & Export Corp. Liaoning Machinery Import & Export Corp. Shandong Huarong General Group Corp.	2/1/99-1/31/00
Bars/wedges, *A-570-803 Shandong Machinery Import & Export Corp. Fujian Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Corp. Tianjin Machinery Import & Export Corp. Liaoning Machinery Import & Export Corp. Shandong Huarong General Group Corp.	2/1/99-1/31/00
Hammers/sledges, * A-570-803 Shandong Machinery Import & Export Corp. Fujian Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Corp. Tianjin Machinery Import & Export Corp. Liaoning Machinery Import & Export Corp. Shandong Huarong General Group Corp.	2/1/99-1/31/00
Picks/mattocks,* A-570-803 Shandong Machinery Import & Export Corp. Fujian Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Corp. Tianjin Machinery Import & Export Corp. Liaoning Machinery Import & Export Corp. Shandong Huarong General Group Corp.	2/1/99-1/31/00
* If one of the above named companies does not qualify for a separate rate, all other exporters of certain heavy forged hand tools from the People's Republic of China who have not qualified for a separate rate are deemed to be covered by this review as part of a single PRC entity of which the named exporters are a part.	
Certain Preserved Mushrooms, * A-570-851 China Processed Food Import & Export Co. Gerber Food (Yunnan) Co., Ltd. Mei Wei Food Industry Co., Ltd. ** Tak Fat Trading Co. **	8/5/98-1/31/00 5/7/98-1/31/00 5/7/98-1/31/00
* If one of the above named companies does not qualify for a separate rate, all other exporters of certain preserved mushrooms from the People's Republic of China who have not qualified for a separate rate are deemed to be covered by this review as part of a single PRC entity of which the named exporters are a part	
** The review period for Tak Fat and Mei Wei is 5/7/98 through 1/31/00, because there was a critical circumstance finding, and liquidation was suspended 90 days prior to publication of the preliminary LTFV investigation.	
Coumarin, *A-570-830 Jiangsu Native Produce Import & Export Corp.	2/1/99-1/31/00
* If the above named company does not qualify for a separate rate, all other exporters of coumarin from the People's Republic of China who have not qualified for a separate rate are deemed to be covered by this review as part of the single PRC entity of which the named exporter is a part.	
Manganese Metal, * A-570-840 China National Electronics Import & Export Hunan Co. China Metallurgical Import & Export Hunan Corporation and Hunan Non Ferrous Metals Import & Export Assoc. Co. Minmetals Precious & Rare Minerals Import & Export Co. Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation. London & Scandinavian Metallurgical Co., Ltd. Sumitomo Canada, Ltd.	2/1/99-1/31/00
* If one of the above named companies does not qualify for a separate rate, all other exporters of managanese metal from the People's Republic of China who have not qualified for a separate rate are deemed to be covered by this review as part of the single PRC entity of which the named exporters are a part.	
Natural Bristle Paint Brushes, *A-57-0-501 Hunan Provincial Native Produce and Animal By-Products Import and Export Corporation Hebei Animal By-Products Import/Export Corp.	2/1/99-1/31/00
* If one of the above named companies does not qualify for a separate rate, all other exporters of natural bristle paint-brushes from the People's Republic of China who have not qualified for a separate rate are deemed to be covered by this review as part of the single PRC entity of which the named exporters are a part.	
Countervailing Duty Proceedings	
None.	
Suspension Agreements	
None.	

During any administrative review covering all or part of a period falling between the first and second or third and fourth anniversary of the publication of an antidumping duty

order under § 351.211 or a determination under § 351.218(d) (sunset review), the Secretary, if requested by a domestic interested party within 30 days of the date of publication

of the notice of initiation of the review, will determine whether antidumping duties have been absorbed by an exporter or producer subject to the review if the subject merchandise is

sold in the United States through an importer that is affiliated with such exporter or producer. The request must include the name(s) of the exporter or producer for which the inquiry is requested.

For transition orders defined in section 751(c)(6) of the Act, the Secretary will apply paragraph (j)(1) of this section to any administrative review initiated in 1998 (19 CFR 351.213(j)(1-2)).

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective orders in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305.

These initiations and this notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)), and 19 CFR 351.221(c)(1)(i).

Dated: March 24, 2000.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Group II, for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-583-833]

Notice of Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Certain Polyester Staple Fiber From Taiwan

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

SUMMARY: On November 8, 1999, the Department of Commerce published its preliminary determination of sales at not less than fair value of certain polyester staple fiber from Taiwan. The investigation covers two manufacturers/exporters. The period of investigation is April 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999.

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes in the margin calculations. Therefore, the final determination differs from the preliminary determination. The final weighted-average dumping margins for the investigated companies are listed below in the section entitled "Suspension of Liquidation."

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 30, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Cynthia Thirumalai or Gregory Campbell, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4087 or 482-2239, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to provisions of the Tariff Act of 1930 ("the Act") as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's ("the Department's") regulations refer to the regulations codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (April 1999).

Case History

Since the preliminary determination of this investigation (see 64 FR 60771 (November 8, 1999) ("Preliminary Determination")), the following events have occurred:

In December 1999, we received supplemental section D responses from the respondents, Far Eastern Textiles, Ltd. (FETL) and Nan Ya Plastics Corporation (Nan Ya). On January 6, 2000, we received revised U.S. and home market listings from FETL. Subsequently, in February FETL and Nan Ya submitted revised cost of production and constructed value databases.

Verification of the responses to the sales and cost questionnaires took place in January 2000 (see the "Verification" section below).

The petitioners¹ and the respondents filed case briefs on February 24, 2000. On February 29, 2000, the petitioners and both respondents filed rebuttal briefs. At the request of interested parties, the Department held a public hearing on March 10, 2000.

Scope of Investigation

For the purposes of this investigation, the product covered is certain polyester staple fiber ("PSF"). Certain polyester staple fiber is defined as synthetic staple fibers, not carded, combed or otherwise processed for spinning, of polyesters measuring 3.3 decitex (3 denier, inclusive) or more in diameter. This merchandise is cut to lengths varying from one inch (25 mm) to five inches (127 mm). The merchandise subject to this investigation may be coated, usually with a silicon or other finish, or not coated. PSF is generally used as stuffing in sleeping bags, mattresses, ski jackets, comforters, cushions, pillows, and furniture. Merchandise of less than 3.3 decitex (less than 3 denier) classified under the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* ("HTSUS") at subheading 5503.20.00.20 is specifically excluded from this investigation. Also specifically excluded from this

¹ Artea Specialties S.a.r.l./d/b/a KoSa; Wellman, Inc; and Intercontinental Polymers, Inc.

investigation are polyester staple fibers of 10 to 18 denier that are cut to lengths of 6 to 8 inches (fibers used in the manufacture of carpeting).

The merchandise subject to this investigation is classified in the HTSUS at subheadings 5503.20.00.40 and 5503.20.00.60. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise under investigation is dispositive.

For a discussion of scope comments and determinations, see the March 22, 2000, Issues and Decision Memorandum for the Investigation of Certain Polyester Staple Fiber from the Republic of Korea from Susan Kuhbach, Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, to Richard W. Moreland, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Comments 4 and 5, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Department building ("B-099") and on the Web at: www.ita.doc.gov/import_admin/records/frn.

Period of Investigation

The period of investigation ("POI") is April 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999. This period corresponds to each respondent's four most recent fiscal quarters prior to the filing of the petition.

Critical Circumstances

No comments were received regarding the Department's preliminary critical circumstances determination, and the Department has not made any changes to that determination.² As set forth in our preliminary determination, because imports from FETL and Nan Ya have not been "massive" within the meaning of section 733(e)(1) of the Act, the Department continues to find, for the purposes of this final determination, that critical circumstances do not exist for imports of PSF from Taiwan.

Product Comparisons

We compared the products sold by the respondents in the comparison market during the POI to the products sold in the United States during the POI using the methodology described in the *Preliminary Determination*, with the following exception:

At the *Preliminary Determination*, we included product grade as a matching

² We note that there was a correction to Nan Ya's reported shipment data for one month. See Memorandum to the Case File from Cynthia Thirumalai and Gregory Campbell; Results of sales verification of Nan Ya Plastics Corporation (February 11, 2000) ("Nan Ya's Sales Verification Report"). However, this does not alter the preliminary critical circumstances finding.