

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-570-875]

Non-Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China: Postponement of Preliminary Determination of Antidumping Duty Investigation

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 6, 2002.

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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Applicable Statute and Regulations**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR part 351 (2002).

Statutory Time Limits

Section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Act, requires the Department of Commerce (the Department) to issue the preliminary determination of an antidumping duty investigation within 140 days after the date of initiation. However, if the petitioner makes a timely request for an extension of the period, section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act allows the Department to postpone the preliminary determination until not later than 190 days after the date of initiation.

Background

On March 13, 2002, the Department initiated an antidumping duty investigation of non-malleable cast iron pipe fittings from the People's Republic of China. See *Notice of Initiation of Antidumping Investigation: Non-malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings from the People's Republic of China*, 67 FR 12966 (March 20, 2002). The notice stated that the Department would issue its preliminary determination no later than 140 days after the date of initiation. The preliminary determination currently is due no later than July 31, 2002.

Extension of Preliminary Determination

On July 5, 2002, the Department received a timely request for postponement of the preliminary determination from Anvil International Inc. and Ward Manufacturing Inc., (hereinafter, the petitioners), in accordance with section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(e). Petitioners requested an extension to provide themselves and the Department with more time to review respondents' submissions and to allow the Department to request and analyze additional information from respondents, if needed. There are no compelling reasons for the Department to deny the petitioners' request. Therefore, pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, the Department is postponing the preliminary determination until September 19, 2002.

This notice of postponement is in accordance with section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f).

Dated: July 11, 2002.

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Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-570-847]

Persulfates From the People's Republic of China: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review and Notice of Partial Recission

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on persulfates from the People's Republic of China in response to a request by the petitioner, FMC Corporation. The period of review is July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001. In addition, we are rescinding our initiation of an administrative review for an additional exporter because no review was requested for this company.

We have preliminarily determined that U.S. sales have not been made below normal value. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess no antidumping duties on the exports subject to this review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: August 6, 2002.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Applicable Statute and Regulations: Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department of Commerce's (the Department's) regulations are to 19 CFR part 351 (2001).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On July 2, 2001, the Department published in the **Federal Register** a notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order on persulfates from the People's Republic of China (PRC) covering the period July 1, 2000, through June 30, 2001. See *Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity to Request Administrative Review*, 66 FR 34910 (July 2, 2001).

On July 31, 2001, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), the petitioner, FMC Corporation, requested an administrative review of Shanghai Ai Jian Import & Export Corporation (Ai Jian). We published a notice of initiation of this review on August 20, 2001. See *Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 66 FR 43570 (Aug. 20, 2001) (*Persulfates Initiation*). In this notice, we also initiated an administrative review for an additional company for which no review had been requested by any interested party. For further discussion, see the "Partial Recission of Review" section of this notice, below.

On August 3, 2001, we issued an antidumping questionnaire to Ai Jian. We received Ai Jian's timely responses to section A of the questionnaire on September 24, 2001, and to sections C and D on October 9, 2001. We issued a supplemental questionnaire to Ai Jian on October 29, 2001. We received Ai Jian's response to this supplemental questionnaire on November 29, 2001.

On November 30, 2001, Ai Jian and the petitioner submitted publicly available information for consideration in valuing the factors of production. On