

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

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**Steel Wire Rope From Japan, Shop Towels From the People's Republic of China, Shop Towels From Bangladesh, Candles From the People's Republic of China, Steel Wire Rope From Mexico, Shop Towels From Pakistan, Steel Wire Rope From South Korea, Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings From South Korea, Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings From Taiwan, Malleable Cast Iron Pipe Fittings From Japan: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of Five-Year Reviews**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of extension of time limit for final results of five-year ("Sunset") reviews.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the final results of the sunset reviews on the antidumping duty orders on steel wire rope from Japan, shop towels from the People's Republic of China, shop towels from Bangladesh, candles from the People's Republic of China, steel wire rope from Mexico, steel wire rope from South Korea, malleable cast iron pipe fittings from South Korea, malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Taiwan, and malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Japan, and the countervailing duty order on shop towels from Pakistan. Based on adequate responses from domestic interested parties and inadequate responses from respondent interested parties, the Department is conducting expedited sunset reviews to determine whether revocation of the orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping or a countervailable subsidy. As a result of this extension, the Department intends to issue its final results not later than August 2, 1999.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 7, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott E. Smith, Martha V. Douthitt or Melissa G. Skinner, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Pennsylvania Avenue and 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6397, (202) 482-3207 or (202) 482-1560 respectively.

**Extension of Final Results**

The Department has determined that the sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on steel wire rope from Japan, shop towels from the People's Republic of China, shop towels from Bangladesh, candles from the People's Republic of China, steel wire rope from Mexico, steel wire rope from South Korea, malleable cast iron pipe fittings from South Korea, malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Taiwan, and malleable cast iron pipe fittings from Japan, and the countervailing duty order on shop towels from Pakistan are extraordinarily complicated. In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department may treat a review as extraordinarily complicated if it is a review of a transition order (*i.e.*, an order in effect on January 1, 1995). See section 751(c)(6)(C) of the Act. The Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results of these reviews until not later than August 2, 1999, in accordance with section 751(c)(5)(B) of the Act.

Dated: May 3, 1999.

**Robert S. LaRussa,**

*Assistant Secretary for Import Administration,*

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

[A-201-806]

**Carbon Steel Wire Rope From Mexico: Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review**

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

**ACTION:** Notice of Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review.

**SUMMARY:** The Department of Commerce (the Department) received a request from Cablesa, S.A. de C.V. ("Cablesa") to conduct a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on carbon steel wire rope from Mexico. In accordance with section 351.214 of the Department's regulations, we are initiating this review.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 7, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mark Hoadley, Laurel LaCivita, or Maureen Flannery, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW,

Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-0666, (202) 482-4236, or (202) 482-3020, respectively.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****The Applicable Statute and Regulations**

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act. In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (1998).

**Background**

On March 31, 1999, the Department received a timely request, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act, and section 351.214(c) of the Department's regulations, for a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on carbon steel wire rope from Mexico, issued on March 25, 1993 (58 FR 16173).

**Initiation of Review**

In its March 31, 1999, request for review, Cablesa, as required by 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(i) and (iii)(A), certified that it did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the period of investigation (POI) (November 1, 1991 to April 30, 1992), and that since the investigation was initiated on May 5, 1992 (57 FR 19280), it has not been affiliated with any company which exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. Pursuant to the Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iv), Cablesa submitted documentation establishing the date on which the subject merchandise was first entered for consumption into the United States, the volume of that shipment, and the purchasing and invoicing dates of its first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States.

Therefore, because Cablesa has complied with sections 351.214(b) and (c) of our regulations, we are initiating a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on carbon steel wire rope from Mexico. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(h)(1), we intend to issue preliminary results of this review no later than 180 days after this initiation.

Section 351.214(g)(1)(i)(A) states that when a new shipper review is initiated during the month immediately following the anniversary month of the underlying order, the period of review shall be the twelve-month period immediately preceding the anniversary month. Therefore, the period of review

for this new shipper review of Cablesa is March 1, 1998 to February 28, 1999.

Concurrent with publication of this notice and in accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(e), we will instruct the United States Customs Service to allow, at the option of the importer, the posting of a bond or security in lieu of a cash deposit for each entry of the merchandise exported by Cablesa, until the completion of this review.

Interested parties desiring disclosure under administrative protective order must submit applications in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305 and 351.306.

This initiation and notice are in accordance with section 751(a) of the Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)) and 19 CFR 351.221.

Dated: April 30, 1999.

**Roland MacDonald,**

*Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-423-602]

#### Industrial Phosphoric Acid From Belgium; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

**ACTION:** Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review of industrial phosphoric acid from Belgium.

**SUMMARY:** In response to requests from petitioner and one domestic producer, the Department of Commerce is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on industrial phosphoric acid from Belgium. The period of review is August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998. This review covers imports of industrial phosphoric acid from one producer, Societe Chimique Prayon-Rupel S.A. ("Prayon").

We have preliminarily found that sales of subject merchandise have been made below normal value. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between the export price and normal value.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit arguments are requested to submit with the argument

(1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 7, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Frank Thomson or Jim Terpstra, AD/CVD Enforcement, Group II Office IV, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-4793, and 482-3965, respectively.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

#### The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (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 refer to the regulations codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (1998).

#### Background

On August 20, 1987, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (52 FR 31439) the antidumping duty order on industrial phosphoric acid ("IPA") from Belgium. On August 11, 1998, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 42821) a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of this antidumping duty order. On August 27, 1998, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b)(1), the petitioner FMC Corporation ("FMC"), and Albright & Wilson Americas Inc. ("Wilson"), a domestic producer of the subject merchandise, requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of Prayon's exports of subject merchandise to the United States. We published the notice of initiation of this review on September 29, 1998 (63 FR 51893).

#### Scope of the Review

The products covered by this review include shipments of IPA from Belgium. This merchandise is currently classifiable under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) item numbers 2809.2000 and 4163.0000. The HTS item number is provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

#### Product Comparisons

We calculated monthly, weighted-average normal values (NVs). The industrial phosphoric acid exported by

Prayon to the United States is PRAYPHOS P5, a refined industrial phosphoric acid, and is the identical merchandise sold by Prayon in its home market in Belgium. Therefore, we have compared U.S. sales to contemporaneous sales of identical merchandise in Belgium.

#### Export Price

Prayon sells to end-users in the United States through its affiliated sales agent. For these sales, we used export price (EP). In accordance with sections 772(a) and (c) of the Act, we calculated an EP because Prayon sold the merchandise directly to the first unaffiliated purchaser in the United States prior to importation. Additional factors used to determine EP include: (1) whether the merchandise was shipped directly from the manufacturer to the unaffiliated U.S. customer; (2) whether this was the customary commercial channel between the parties involved; and (3) whether the function of the U.S. affiliate was limited to that of a processor of sales-related documentation and a communications link with the unrelated buyer. Where the facts indicate that the activities of the U.S. affiliate were ancillary to the sale (e.g., arranging transportation or customs clearance, invoicing), we treat the transactions as EP sales. See, e.g., *Certain Corrosion Resistant Steel Flat Products From Canada: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 63 FR 12725, 12738 (March 16, 1998). The record in this case indicates that Prayon has correctly classified its U.S. sales as EP sales. Prayon's affiliated sales agent in the United States, Quadra Corporation (USA) ("Quadra"), served only as a processor of sales-related documentation.

EP was based on the delivered price to unaffiliated purchasers in, or for exportation to, the United States. We made deductions for movement expenses in accordance with section 772(c)(2)(A) of the Act; these included foreign inland freight, foreign brokerage and handling, ocean freight, marine insurance, U.S. customs brokerage fees, merchandise processing fees, and U.S. inland freight expenses.

#### Normal Value

We compared the aggregate quantity of home market and U.S. sales and determined that the quantity of the company's sales in its home market was more than five percent of the quantity of its sales to the U.S. market. Consequently, in accordance with section 773(a)(1)(B) of the Act, we based NV on home market sales.