

not to be at arm's length were excluded from our analysis. To test whether these sales were made at arm's length, we compared the prices of sales of comparison products to affiliated and unaffiliated customers, net of all movement charges, direct selling expenses, discounts, and packing. Pursuant to section 351.403 of the Department's regulations, where prices to the affiliated party were on average less than 99.5 percent of the price to unaffiliated parties, we determined that the sales made to the affiliated party were not at arm's length. Therefore, we disregarded all sales to that home market customer. See 19 CFR 351.403(c) and Preamble to the Department's regulations, 62 FR at 27355.

### Price-to-Price Comparisons

In accordance with section 773(a)(1)(B)(i) of the Act, we based NV on the price at which the foreign like product was first sold for consumption in the exporting country in the usual commercial quantities and in the ordinary course of trade and, to the extent practicable, at the same LOT as the CEP sale. In accordance with section 773(a)(6) of the Act, where applicable, we made adjustments to home market prices for discounts and movement expenses (inland freight). Under section 773(a)(6)(C)(iii) of the Act, the Department adjusts for differences in circumstances of sales (COS) between the home market and CEP transactions in the United States. We reduced home market prices by an amount for home market credit pursuant to section 351.410(c) of the Department's regulations. We also made adjustments for indirect selling expenses incurred in the comparison market or U.S. sales where commissions were granted on sales in one market but not in the other (the commission offset), pursuant to section 351.410(e). In addition, based on our determination as the ICI's LOT (see "Level of Trade" section of this notice), we made a CEP offset adjustment pursuant to section 773(a)(7)(B) of the Act. See *Carbon Steel Plate*, 62 FR at 61732. To adjust for differences in packing between the two markets, we deducted HM packing costs and added U.S. packing costs under section 773(a)(6) of the Act. In addition, we made adjustments, where appropriate, for differences in costs attributable to physical differences of the merchandise (DIFMER) pursuant to section 773(a)(6)(C)(ii) of the Act.

### Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that the following weighted-average dumping

margin exists for the period covering July 1, 1997 through June 30, 1998:

Manufacturer/exporter	Margin (percent)
Imperial Chemical Industries PLC .....	19.87

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.224(b), the Department will disclose to parties to the proceeding any calculations performed in connection with these preliminary results within 5 days of the date of publication of this notice. Any interested party participating in the proceeding may request a hearing within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. A hearing, if requested, will be held two days after the date the rebuttal briefs are filed or the first business day thereafter. Parties who submit arguments in this proceeding are requested to submit with each argument: (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Interested parties may submit case briefs within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, which are limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than seven days after the case briefs are filed.

The Department will publish a notice of the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of the issues raised in any written comments or at the hearing, within 120 days from the publication of these preliminary results.

Upon issuance of the final results of this review, the Department shall determine, and Customs shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. The Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to Customs. We have calculated importer-specific *ad valorem* duty assessment rates for the subject merchandise based on the ratio of the total amount of importer-specific antidumping duties calculated for the examined sales to the total entered value of the sales used to calculate those duties. These rates will be assessed uniformly on all entries made by particular importers during the POR.

Furthermore, the following cash deposit requirements will be effective upon completion of the final results of this administrative review for all shipments of INC from the United Kingdom entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of the final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for the reviewed company will be the rate

established in the final results of this administrative review; (2) for exporters not covered in this review, but covered in the original LTFV investigation or a previous review, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published in the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a previous review, or the original LTFV investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous reviews or the LTFV investigation, the cash deposit rate will be 11.13 percent, the "all-others" rate established in the LTFV investigation. See 55 FR 21058, May 22, 1990. These deposit requirements, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice serves as a preliminary reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) of the Department's regulations 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 this notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: August 2, 1999.

**Joseph A. Spetrini,**

*Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-501]

### Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order: Natural Bristle Paint Brushes From the People's Republic of China

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

**ACTION:** Notice of continuation of antidumping duty order: Natural bristle paint brushes from the People's Republic of China.

**SUMMARY:** On May 10, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department"), pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act from 1930, as amended ("the Act"), determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paint brushes from the People's Republic of China ("China") would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping (64 FR 25011 (May 10, 1999)). On June 3, 1999, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paint brushes from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (64 FR 29885 (June 3, 1999)). Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4), the Department is publishing notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paint brushes from China.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Scott E. Smith or Melissa G. Skinner, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6397 or (202) 482-1560, respectively.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** June 10, 1999.

### Background

On December 2, 1998, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted, a sunset review (64 FR 364 and 64 FR 374, respectively) of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paint brushes from China pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of this review, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail were the order to be revoked (see *Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Natural Bristle Paint Brushes from China*, 64 FR 25011 (May 10, 1999)).

On June 3, 1999, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paint brushes from China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (see *Natural Bristle Paint Brushes from China*, 64 FR 29885 (June 3, 1999) and USITC Pub.

3199, Inv. No. 731-TA-244 (Review) (June 1999)).

### Scope

The merchandise covered by this antidumping duty order is shipments of natural bristle paint brushes and brush heads from the China. Excluded from the order are paint brushes with a blend of 40 percent natural bristles and 60 percent synthetic filaments. This merchandise is currently classifiable under item 9603.40.40.40 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

### Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of this antidumping duty order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and material injury to an industry in the United States, pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, the Department hereby orders the continuation of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paint brushes from China. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rate in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. Pursuant to section 751(c)(6)(A)(iii) of the Act, any subsequent five-year review of this order will be initiated not later than the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation of this order.

Normally, the effective date of continuation of a finding, order, or suspension agreement will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the Notice of Continuation. As provided in 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4), the Department normally will issue its determination to continue a finding, order, or suspended investigation not later than seven days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the Commission's determination concluding the sunset review and immediately thereafter will publish its notice of continuation in the **Federal Register**. In the instant case, however, the Department's publication of the Notice of Continuation was delayed. The Department has explicitly indicated that the effective date of continuation of this order is June 10, 1999, seven days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the Commission's determination. As a result, pursuant to sections 751(c)(2) and 751(c)(6)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next

five-year review of this order not later than May 2004.

Dated: August 2, 1999.

**Joseph Spetrini,**

*Acting 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 Partial Rescission of Administrative Review

**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 requests by the petitioner, FMC Corporation, and by two manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise. The period of review is December 27, 1996, through June 30, 1998.

With respect to Guangdong Petroleum Chemical Import & Export Trade Corporation, this review has now been rescinded as a result of the withdrawal request for administrative review by the petitioner, the interested party that requested review of Guangdong Petroleum.

We have preliminarily found that sales of subject merchandise by Shanghai Ai Jian Import & Export Corporation and Sinochem Jiangsu Wuxi Import & Export Corporation have been made below normal value. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative review, we will instruct the Customs Service to assess antidumping duties based on the difference between the export price and the normal value.

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** August 6, 1999.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Sunkyu Kim or James Nunno, AD/CVD Enforcement Group I, Office II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2613 or (202) 482-0783, respectively.

**APPLICABLE STATUTE AND REGULATIONS:** Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), are references to the