

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-570-803]

Bars and Wedges and Hammers and Sledges From the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Five-Year Reviews

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for preliminary results of five-year ("sunset") reviews.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the reviews initiated on the antidumping duty orders on bars and wedges and hammers and sledges from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). Based on adequate responses from domestic interested parties and adequate responses from respondent interested parties, the Department is conducting full sunset reviews to determine whether revocation of the antidumping duty orders would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping. As a result of these extension, the Department intends to issue its preliminary results not later than January 18, 2000.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 26, 1999.

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

Extension of Preliminary Results

In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), the Department may treat a sunset review as extraordinary complicated if it is a review of a transition order (*i.e.*, an order in effect on January 1, 1995). The Department has determined that the sunset reviews of antidumping duty orders on bars and wedges and on hammers and sledges from the PRC are extraordinary complicated. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results of these reviews until not later than January 18, 2000, in accordance with section 751(a)(5)(B) of the Act.

Dated: October 19, 1999.

Richard W. Moreland,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-588-824]

Certain Corrosion-Resistant Carbon Steel Flat Products From Japan: Extension of Time Limit for Final Results of the Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit for final results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is extending the time limit for the final results of the review of certain corrosion-resistant carbon steel flat products from Japan. This review covers the period August 1, 1997 through July 31, 1998. The preliminary results of this review were published in the **Federal Register** on August 16, 1999 (64 FR 44483).

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 26, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Brandon Farlander or Rick Johnson at (202) 482-0182 or (202) 482-3818, respectively; Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, US Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

The Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930 ("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.

Extension of Final Results

The final results of this review are currently due on December 14, 1999. The Department has determined that it is not practicable to issue its final results within the original time limit. See Decision Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Enforcement Group III to Robert S. LaRussa, Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, October 18, 1999. The Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results by 60 days (*i.e.*, 180 days after the date on

which the notice of the preliminary results was published in the **Federal Register**) until February 14, 2000, in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

Dated: October 18, 1999.

Joseph A. Spetrini,
Deputy Assistant Secretary for Enforcement Group III.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-580-805]

Notice of Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Antidumping Duty Administrative Review: Industrial Nitrocellulose From Korea

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") has received information sufficient to warrant initiation of a changed circumstances administrative review of the antidumping duty order on industrial nitrocellulose ("INC") from Korea. Based on this information, we preliminarily determine that Korea CNC Ltd., ("KCNC"), is the successor-in-interest to Daesang Corporation ("Daesang") for purposes of determining antidumping liability. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 26, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Ron Trentham or Tom Futtner, AD/CVD Enforcement, Group II, Office 4, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6320 or (202) 482-3814, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Applicable Statute and Regulations**

Unless otherwise stated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions as of 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 references to the regulations of the Department are to 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

Background

On July 10, 1990, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (55 FR 28267) the antidumping order on INC from Korea. On August 25, 1999, KCNC submitted a letter stating that KCNC is the successor-in-interest to Daesang, and, as such, KCNC is entitled to the receive the same antidumping treatment as is accorded Daesang.

Scope of Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of INC from Korea. INC is a dry, white amorphous synthetic chemical with a nitrogen content between 10.8 and 12.2 percent, and is produced from the reaction of cellulose with nitric acid. INC is used as a film-former in coatings, lacquers, furniture finishes, and printing inks. The scope of this order does not include explosive grade nitrocellulose, which has a nitrogen content of greater than 12.2 percent.

INC is currently classified under Harmonized Tariff System ("HTS") subheading 3912.20.00. While the HTS item number is provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description remains dispositive as to the scope of the product coverage.

Initiation and Preliminary Results of Review

In a letter dated August 25, 1999, KCNC advised the Department that on April 1, 1999, China Nitrocellulose Co. ("CNC") purchased Daesang's INC business, including Daesang's only manufacturing and research and development ("R&D") facility for subject merchandise, located at Chonju Industrial Complex No. 3, 821 Yongam-Lee, Bongdong-Eub, Wanju-Gun, Chollabuk-Do, Korea (the "Chonju factory"). CNC transferred Daesang's INC business to KCNC, which CNC had newly established for that purpose. KCNC operates the Chonju factory without change. Production continues with the same equipment, the same workers, the same raw materials purchased from the same suppliers, and the same production process. KCNC continues to sell the same products to the same customers to which Daesang previously sold. The organizational and management structure of Daesang's INC business has essentially remained intact, except that KCNC has appointed a new president. All management and employees at the plant manager level and below are the same as when the factory was managed by Daesang, while the managing director was formerly employed by Daesang in another capacity.

Thus, in accordance with section 751(b) of the Act, the Department is initiating a changed circumstances review to determine whether KCNC is the successor-in-interest to Daesang for purposes of determining antidumping duty liability. In making such a successor-in-interest determination, the Department examines several factors including, but not limited to, changes in: (1) Management; (2) production facilities; (3) supplier relationships; and (4) customer base. *See Brass Sheet and Strip from Canada: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Administrative Review*, 57 FR 20460 (May 13, 1992) ("Canadian Brass"). While no one or several of these factors will necessarily provide a dispositive indication, the Department will generally consider the new company to be the successor to the previous company if its resulting operation is not materially dissimilar to that of its predecessor. *See, e.g., Industrial Phosphoric Acid from Israel: Final Results of Changed Circumstances Review*, 59 FR 6944 (February 14, 1994) and *Canadian Brass*, 57 FR 20460. Thus, if the evidence demonstrates that, with respect to the production and sale of the subject merchandise, the new company operates as the same business entity as the former company, the Department will assign the new company the cash deposit rate of its predecessor.

We preliminarily determine that KCNC is the successor-in-interest to Daesang. KCNC's management is virtually identical to Daesang. KCNC's business operation, with respect to the subject merchandise, is identical to the INC operations of Daesang. Production facilities are unchanged as are customer and supplier lists. Thus, KCNC should receive the same antidumping duty treatment as the former Daesang, *i.e.*, a 2.10 percent antidumping duty cash deposit rate. This cash deposit requirement will apply to all unliquidated entries of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this changed circumstances review. This deposit rate shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Any written comments may be submitted no later than 30 days after date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, are due five days after the case brief deadline. Case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 351.309. The Department will

publish the final results of the changed circumstances review including the results of any such comments.

This initiation of review, preliminary results of review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(b) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: October 18, 1999.

Robert A. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-412-811]

Notice of Extension of Time Limit for Countervailing Duty Administrative Review of Certain Hot-Rolled Lead and Bismuth Carbon Steel Products From the United Kingdom

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 26, 1999.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the countervailing duty administrative review of the countervailing order on certain hot-rolled lead and bismuth carbon steel products from the United Kingdom, covering the period January 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dana Mermelstein or Jonathan Lyons, AD/CVD Enforcement Office 7, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-3208 or (202) 482-0374, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Under section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act, as amended (the Act), the Department may extend the deadline for completion of the preliminary results of an administrative review if it determines that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results within the statutory time limit of 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month for the relevant order. In the instant case, the Department has determined that it is not practicable to complete the review within the statutory time limit. *See Memorandum from Joseph A. Spetrini to Robert S. LaRussa, "Extension of Time for Preliminary Results."* Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act, the Department is extending the time limit for the