

PLACE: Room 104-A, The Williamsburg Room, Department of Agriculture, 12th & Jefferson Drive, SW., Washington, DC.

STATUS: Open.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED: The following matters have been placed on the agenda for the Board of Directors meeting:

1. Call to order.
2. Action on Minutes of the May 12, 2000, board meeting.
3. Report on loans approved in the third quarter of FY 2000.
4. Report on third quarter financial activity for FY 2000.
5. Privatization Committee report.
6. Consideration of resolution to retire class A stock in FY 2000.
7. Consideration of resolution to set annual class C stock dividend rate.
8. Final dates for receipt and tabulation of nominations.
9. Adjournment.

CONTACT PERSON FOR MORE INFORMATION: Roberta D. Purcell, Assistant Governor, Rural Telephone Bank, (202) 720-9554.

Dated: July 20, 2000.

Roberta D. Purcell,

Acting Governor, Rural Telephone Bank.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Foreign-Trade Zones Board

[Docket 37-2000]

Foreign-Trade Zone 34—Niagara County, New York Application for Expansion

An application has been submitted to the Foreign-Trade Zones Board (the Board) by the County of Niagara, New York, grantee of FTZ 34, requesting authority to expand its general-purpose zone site to include an additional parcel in Wheatfield, New York. The application was submitted pursuant to the provisions of the Foreign-Trade Zones Act, as amended (19 U.S.C. 81a-81u), and the regulations of the Board (15 CFR Part 400). It was formally filed on July 17, 2000.

FTZ 34 was approved on November 29, 1977 (Board Order 125, 42 FR 61489, 12/5/77), relocated on January 27, 1983 (Board Order 203, 48 FR 5771, 2/8/83), and expanded on October 28, 1993 (Board Order 662, 58 FR 59236, 11/8/93). The zone project currently consists of 183 acres at the Niagara Falls International Airport in Niagara County (Town of Wheatfield), New York.

The applicant is now requesting authority to expand the existing zone

site to include the Vantage International Pointe Industrial Park (158 acres) located at 6300 Lockport Road, Wheatfield, adjacent to the airport site. The park is owned by the Niagara County Industrial Development Agency. No specific manufacturing requests are being made at this time. Such requests would be made to the Board on a case-by-case basis.

In accordance with the Board's regulations, a member of the FTZ Staff has been designated examiner to investigate the application and report to the Board.

Public comment is invited from interested parties. Submissions (original and 3 copies) shall be addressed to the Board's Executive Secretary at the address below. The closing period for their receipt is September 25, 2000. Rebuttal comments in response to material submitted during the foregoing period may be submitted during the subsequent 15-day period (to October 9, 2000).

A copy of the application and accompanying exhibits will be available for public inspection at each of the following locations:

U.S. Department of Commerce, Export Assistance Center 111 West Huron Street, Room 1304, Buffalo, NY 14202.
Office of the Executive Secretary, Foreign-Trade Zones Board, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th & Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230.

Dated: July 18, 2000.

Dennis Puccinelli,

Executive Secretary.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-836]

Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order: Glycine from the People's Republic of China

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

ACTION: Notice of continuation of antidumping duty orders: Glycine from the People's Republic of China

SUMMARY: On June 8, 2000 the Department of Commerce ("the Department"), pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on glycine from the People's

Republic of China ("PRC") would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping (65 FR 36405). On July 12, 2000, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on Glycine from PRC would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (65 FR 43037). Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4), the Department is publishing notice of the continuation of antidumping duty order on Glycine from the PRC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Eun W. Cho or James Maeder, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1698 or (202) 482-3330, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On February 3, 2000, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted, sunset reviews (65 FR 5308 and 65 FR 5371, respectively) of the antidumping duty order on glycine from the PRC, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of its review, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty order would be likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail were the order to be revoked.¹

On July 12, 2000, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on glycine from the PRC 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, Glycine From China, 65 FR 43037 (July 12, 2000) and USITC Publication 3315, Investigation No. 731-TA-718 (Review) (June 2000)).

Scope

The product covered by this order is glycine, which is a free-flowing crystalline material, like salt or sugar. Glycine is produced at varying levels of purity and is used as a sweetener/taste enhancer, a buffering agent, re-absorbable amino acid, chemical

¹ See Glycine From the People's Republic of China; Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review of Antidumping Duty Order, 65 FR 36405 (June 8, 2000).

intermediate, and a metal complexing agent. Glycine is currently classified under subheading 2922.49.4020 of the Harmonized Tariff schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). The scope of this order includes glycine of all purity levels. In a separate scope ruling, the Department determined that D(-)Phenylglycine Ethyl Dane Salt is outside the scope of the order.²

Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of these antidumping duty orders 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 orders on glycine from the PRC. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping and countervailing duty deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of continuation of this order will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this Notice of Continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) and 751(c)(6) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of these orders not later than June 2005.

Dated: July 19, 2000.

Troy H. Cribb,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-501]

Natural Bristle Paint Brushes and Brush Heads From the People's Republic of China: Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of administrative review: natural bristle

paint brushes and brush heads from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: On March 15, 2000, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of its administrative review of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paint brushes and brush heads from the People's Republic of China (PRC). This administrative review covers the period February 1, 1998 through January 31, 1999.

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes to the margin calculations. Therefore, the final results differ from the preliminary results. The final weighted-average dumping margins for the reviewed firms are listed below in the section entitled "Final Results of Review."

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Sarah Ellerman or Maureen Flannery, Antidumping/Countervailing Duty Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4106 or (202) 482-3020, respectively.

Applicable Statute

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 provisions codified at 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

Background

On March 15, 2000, the Department published the preliminary results of review of the antidumping duty order on natural bristle paint brushes and brush heads from the PRC (65 FR 13944). We received surrogate value comments from respondent Hebei Founder Import & Export Company (Founder) and the Paint Applicator Division of the American Brush Manufacturers Association (petitioner) on April 3 and 4, 2000 respectively. On April 14, 2000 we received rebuttal comments regarding surrogate values from respondent Hunan Provincial Native Produce & Animal By-Products Import and Export Corp. (Hunan). On April 24, 2000, we received comments regarding our preliminary calculations on behalf of the petitioner and Founder. On May 2, 2000, we received rebuttal comments from petitioner and

respondents Hunan and Founder. The Department has now completed this review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of natural bristle paint brushes and brush heads from the PRC. Excluded from the review are paint brushes and brush heads with a blend of 40% natural bristles and 60% synthetic filaments. The merchandise under review 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 Department's written description of the merchandise is dispositive.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this administrative review are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" (Decision Memo) from Joseph A. Spetrini, Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, to Troy H. Cribb, Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated July 14, 2000, which is hereby adopted by this notice. A list of the issues which parties have raised and to which we have responded, all of which are in the Decision Memo, is attached to this notice as an appendix. Parties can find a complete discussion of all issues raised in this review and the corresponding recommendations in this public memorandum which is on file in the Central Records Unit, room B-099 of the main Department building (B-099). In addition, a complete version of the Decision Memo can be accessed directly on the Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov>. The paper copy and electronic version of the Decision Memo are identical in content.

Changes Since the Preliminary Results

Based on our analysis of comments received, we have made certain changes in the margin calculations for Hunan and Founder. Any alleged programming or clerical errors are discussed in the relevant sections of the Decision Memo, accessible in room B-099 and on the Web at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov>.

Final Results of Review

We determine that the following weighted-average margins exist for the period February 1, 1998 through January 31, 1999:

² See Notice of Scope Rulings, 62 FR 62288 (November 21, 1997). We note that scope ruling are made on an order-wide basis.