

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-557-805]

Extruded Rubber Thread From Malaysia; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On November 3, 2000, the Department of Commerce published the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from Malaysia (65 FR 66232). This review covers three manufacturers/exporters of the subject merchandise to the United States (Filati Lastex Sdn. Bhd., Heveafil Sdn. Bhd./Filmax Sdn. Bhd. and Rubberflex Sdn. Bhd.). The period of review is October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999.

Based on our analysis of the comments received, we have made changes in 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: February 23, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Irina Itkin, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 2, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0656.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**The Applicable Statute**

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 (2000).

Background

On November 3, 2000, the Department published in the **Federal Register** the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on extruded rubber thread from

Malaysia. *See Extruded Rubber Thread from Malaysia; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 65 FR 66232 (Nov. 3, 2000).

In response to the Department's invitation to comment on the preliminary results of these reviews, Heveafil Sdn. Bhd./Filmax Sdn. Bhd. (Heveafil) and Filati Lastex Sdn. Bhd. (Filati) filed case briefs on November 28, 2000. We did not receive comments from Rubberflex Sdn. Bhd. (Rubberflex) or the petitioner. The Department has conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of Review

The product covered by this review is extruded rubber thread. Extruded rubber thread is defined as vulcanized rubber thread obtained by extrusion of stable or concentrated natural rubber latex of any cross sectional shape, measuring from 0.18 mm, which is 0.007 inch or 140 gauge, to 1.42 mm, which is 0.056 inch or 18 gauge, in diameter. Extruded rubber thread is currently classifiable under subheading 4007.00.00 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS). The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of this review is dispositive.

Period of Review

The period of review (POR) is October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999.

Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case briefs by parties to this administrative review are addressed in the "Issues and Decision Memorandum" (Decision Memo) from Richard W. Moreland, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration, to Bernard Carreau, fulfilling the duties of Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, dated February 16, 2001, 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.

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. These changes are discussed in the relevant sections of the Decision Memo.

Final Results of Review

We determine that the following weighted-average margins exist for the period October 1, 1998, through September 30, 1999:

Manufacturer/exporter	Percentage margin
Filati Lastex Sdn. Bhd.	6.00
Heveafil Sdn. Bhd./Filmax Sdn. Bhd.	0.04
Rubberflex Sdn. Bhd.	0.14

The Department shall determine, and Customs shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.212(b), we have calculated importer-specific assessment rates. For Filati and Heveafil, we divided the total dumping margins for the reviewed sales by their total entered value for each importer. We will direct Customs to assess the resulting percentage margins against the entered values for the subject merchandise on each of that importer's entries. However, we will instruct Customs to liquidate without regard to antidumping duties all entries for any importer for whom the assessment rate is *de minimis* (i.e., less than 0.50 percent), pursuant to 19 CFR 351.106(c)(2).

For Rubberflex, we divided the total dumping margins by the entered quantity for each importer. We will direct Customs to assess these per-unit amounts on all entries by these importers.

Cash Deposit Requirements

The following deposit requirements will be effective upon publication of this notice of final results of administrative review for all shipments of extruded rubber thread from Malaysia entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rates for the reviewed firms will be the rates shown above, except if the rate is less than 0.50 percent and, therefore, *de minimis* within the meaning of 19 CFR 351.106, the cash deposit rate will be zero; (2) for previously reviewed or investigated companies not listed above, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this

review, a prior review, or the original less-than-fair-value (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) the cash deposit rate for all other manufacturers or exporters will continue to be 15.16 percent. This rate is the "All Others" rate from the LTFV investigation.

These deposit requirements shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 351.402(f) 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 doubled antidumping duties.

This notice also serves as the only reminder to parties subject to administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305(a)(3). Timely notification of return/destruction of APO materials or conversion to judicial protective order is hereby requested. Failure to comply with the regulations and the terms of an APO is a sanctionable violation.

We are issuing and publishing this determination and notice in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: February 16, 2001.

Timothy J. Hauser,

Acting Under Secretary for International Trade.

Appendix—Issues in Decision Memo

Comments

1. Calculation of the CEP Ratio
2. Calculation of Credit Expenses

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-822, A-583-820]

Continuation of Antidumping Duty Orders on Helical Spring Lock Washers From China and Taiwan

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

ACTION: Notice of Continuation of Antidumping Duty Orders on Helical Spring Lock Washers from China and Taiwan.

SUMMARY: On June 5, 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 orders on helical spring lock washers from China and Taiwan is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping (65 FR 35605). On January 31, 2001, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on helical spring lock washers from China and Taiwan would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (66 FR 8424). Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4), the Department is publishing notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty orders on helical spring lock washers from China and Taiwan.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 23, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Martha V. Douthit or James P. 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) 482-5050 or (202) 482-3330, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On November 2, 1999, the Department initiated (64 FR 59160) and the Commission instituted (64 FR 59204) sunset reviews of the antidumping duty orders on helical spring lock washers from China and Taiwan pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of its reviews, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on helical spring lock washers from China and Taiwan is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of

dumping and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail were the orders revoked. *See Helical Spring Lock Washers From the People's Republic of China and Taiwan; Final Results of Expedited Sunset Reviews*, 65 FR 35605 (June 5, 2000).

On January 31, 2001, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on helical spring lock washers from China and Taiwan 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 Helical Spring Lock Washers from China and Taiwan*, 66 FR 8424 (January 31, 2001) and USITC Publication. 3384, (January 2001), Investigation Nos. 731-TA-624-625 (Review).

Scope

The products subject to these antidumping duty orders include helical spring lock washers of carbon steel, of carbon alloy steel, or of stainless steel, heat-treated or non-heat-treated, plated or non-plated, with ends that are off-line. Helical spring lock washers are designed to: (1) Function as a spring to compensate for developed looseness between the component parts of a fastened assembly; (2) distribute the load over a larger area for screws or bolts; and, (3) provide a hardened bearing surface. The scope does not include internal or external tooth washers, nor does it include spring lock washers made of other metals, such as copper. Helical spring lock washers subject to these orders are currently classifiable under subheading 7318.21.0030 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule ("HTS"). Although the HTS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes, the written description of the scope remains dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of the 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 helical spring lock washers from China and Taiwan. The Department will instruct the Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of continuation of these