

differences in circumstances of sale for imputed credit expenses. Finally, we deducted home market packing costs and added U.S. packing costs in accordance with sections 773(a)(6)(A) and (B) of the Act.

Currency Conversion

Pursuant to section 773A(a) of the Act, we made currency conversions into U.S. dollars based on the exchange rates in effect on the dates of the U.S. sales as certified by the Federal Reserve Bank.

Preliminary Results of Review

As a result of this review, we preliminarily determine that a 6.56 percent dumping margin exists for Atlas for the period June 1, 1999 through December 31, 1999.

The Department will disclose the calculations we performed within five days of the date of publication of this notice to the parties of this proceeding in accordance with 19 CFR 351.224(b). An interested party may request a hearing within thirty days of publication of these preliminary results. See 19 CFR 351.310(c). Any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the date of publication, or the first working day thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs and/or written comments no later than 30 days after the date of publication of these preliminary results of review. Rebuttal briefs and rebuttals to written comments, limited to issues raised in such briefs or comments, may be filed no later than 37 days after the date of publication. The Department will issue the final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments, within 120 days of publication of these preliminary results. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument: (1) A statement of the issue; and (2) a brief summary of the argument. Further, we would appreciate it if parties submitting written comments also provide the Department with an additional copy of the public version of those comments on diskette.

Upon completion of this administrative review, the Department shall determine, and the U.S. Customs Service (Customs) shall assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. There was only one importer during the POR for merchandise sold by Atlas. We have calculated an importer-specific duty assessment rate based on the ratio of the total amount of antidumping duties calculated for the examined sales to the total entered

value of examined sales. Atlas reported entered value by subtracting discounts, freight, and brokerage and handling costs from the reported U.S. price. Where the importer-specific rate is above *de minimis*, we will instruct Customs to assess duties on that importer's entries of subject merchandise. The Department will issue appraisal instructions directly to Customs.

Pursuant to section 751(d)(2) of the Act, on August 22, 2000, the Department revoked the antidumping duty order on OCTG from Canada, effective January 1, 2000 (65 FR 50954). Therefore, we instructed Customs to liquidate all entries of subject merchandise made on or after January 1, 2000, without regard to antidumping duties. Therefore, we will not issue cash deposit instructions to Customs based on the results of this review.

This notice also serves as a preliminary 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 double antidumping duties.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with sections 751(a)(1) and 777(i)(1). Effective January 20, 2001, Bernard T. Carreau is fulfilling the duties of Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

Dated: February 28, 2001.

Bernard T. Carreau,

Deputy Assistant Secretary, Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-001]

Potassium Permanganate From the People's Republic of China: Initiation of Antidumping New Shipper Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Initiation of Antidumping New Shipper Review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") has received a request from Groupstars Chemical Co. Ltd. ("Shandong") ("Groupstars") to

conduct a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on potassium permanganate from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). In accordance with 19 CFR 351.214(d) of the Department's regulations, we are initiating this new shipper review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 8, 2001.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Paul Stolz or Howard Smith, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office 4, Group II, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4474 or (202) 482-5193 respectively.

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 (2000).

Background

On January 30, 2001 the Department received a request, in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(c), for a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on potassium permanganate.

On February 7, 2001 the Department received comments from Carus Chemical Company ("petitioner") in response to Groupstars' request for a new shipper review. Petitioner argued that the Department should reject Groupstars' request based on errors in Groupstars' certifications and alleged that Groupstars is affiliated with a company that exported potassium permanganate to the United States during the period of investigation ("POI"). On February 20, 2001 the Department sent a letter to Groupstars requesting that it clarify inconsistencies with respect to, among other things, its certifications. On February 22, 2001, Groupstars responded to the Department's letter by clarifying and correcting these inconsistencies. Also on February 22, 2001, petitioner objected to the Department providing Groupstars with an opportunity to correct its request for review and restated its argument that respondent's request for review is deficient and thus, a review should not be initiated. On February 27, 2001, Groupstars clarified that it was requesting the review on behalf of Groupstars Chemical Co., Ltd.

(Shandong) People's Republic of China, the producer/exporter of the merchandise.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(i) and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(A), Groupstars' January 30, 2001 request for review, as corrected in its February 22, 2001 submission, certified that it did not export the subject merchandise to the United States during the POI and that it is not affiliated with any company which exported subject merchandise to the United States during the POI. Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(B), Groupstars' corrected request certified that its export activities are not controlled by the central government of the PRC.

In addition, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iv), Groupstars' request contained documentation establishing: the date after the POI on which Groupstars first shipped the subject merchandise for export to the United States, the volume of that shipment, and the date of the first sale to an unaffiliated customer in the United States.

It is the Department's usual practice in cases involving non-market economies to require that a company seeking to establish eligibility for an antidumping duty rate separate from the country-wide rate provide de jure and de facto evidence of an absence of government control over the company's export activities. See *Certain Preserved Mushrooms from the People's Republic of China: Initiation of New Shipper Antidumping Duty Review*, 65 FR 17257 (March 31, 2000). Accordingly, we will issue a separate rates questionnaire to the above-named respondent. If the respondent provides sufficient evidence that it is not subject to either de jure or de facto government control with respect to its exports of potassium permanganate, this review will proceed. If, on the other hand, Groupstars does not meet its burden to demonstrate its eligibility for a separate rate, then Groupstars will be deemed to be affiliated with other companies that exported during the POI. This review will then be terminated due to failure of the exporter or producer to meet the requirements of section 751(a)(2)(B)(i)(II) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(b)(2)(iii)(B).

Initiation of Review

The antidumping duty order on potassium permanganate from the PRC has a January anniversary month. See *Antidumping Duty Order: Potassium Permanganate From the People's Republic of China*, 49 FR 3897 (January 31, 1984). The Department received Groupstars' request for review on

January 30, 2001. The Department's regulations provide that it will initiate a new shipper review in the calendar month immediately following the anniversary month if the request for the review is made during the six-month period ending with the end of the anniversary month. See 19 CFR 351.214(d)(1).

Although Groupstars' request may have been deficient in some respects, at the Department's request, Groupstars promptly clarified and corrected the deficiencies in its request prior to the Department's deadline for initiating this review, i.e. prior to the end of the month immediately following the anniversary month (February). With respect to petitioner's allegation of affiliation, the Department will examine this issue during the course of this review.

In accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(d), we are initiating a new shipper review of the antidumping duty order on potassium permanganate from the PRC. We intend to issue the preliminary results of this review not later than 180 days after the date on which the review is initiated.

Pursuant to 19 CFR 351.214(g)(1)(i)(A) of the Department's regulations, the period of review ("POR") for a new shipper review initiated in the month immediately following the anniversary month will be the twelve-month period immediately preceding the anniversary month. Therefore, the POR for this new shipper is:

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Subject to receipt of an adequate separate rates questionnaire response from the respondent, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to suspend liquidation of unliquidated entries of subject merchandise from the above company and 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 the company listed above, until the completion of the review.

Interested parties must submit applications for disclosure under administrative protective order 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 351.214.

Dated: February 28, 2001.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary, For Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-533-813]

Certain Preserved Mushrooms from India: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

SUMMARY: In response to timely requests by three manufacturer/exporters and petitioners,¹ on March 30, 2000, the Department of Commerce published a notice of initiation of an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain preserved mushrooms from India with respect to twelve companies: Agro Dutch Foods Ltd., Alpine Biotech Ltd., Dinesh Agro Products Ltd., Flex Foods Ltd., Himalya International Ltd., Hindustan Lever Ltd. (formerly Ponds India Ltd.), Mandeep Mushrooms Ltd., Premier Mushroom Farms, Saptarishi Agro Industries Ltd., Techtran Agro Industries Limited, Transchem Ltd., and Weikfield Agro Products Ltd.

On June 22, 2000, we received a timely submission from the petitioners to withdraw their request for administrative review for Alpine Biotech, Ltd., Dinesh Agro Products Ltd., Flex Foods Ltd., Mandeep Mushrooms Ltd., Premier Mushroom Farms, Saptarishi Agro Industries Ltd., and Transchem Ltd. On July 18, 2000, the Department published a notice of partial rescission of the antidumping duty administrative review with respect to the above-mentioned companies (65 FR 44522). The period of review is August 5, 1998, through January 31, 2000.

We preliminarily determine that sales have been made below normal value. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. If these preliminary results are adopted in

¹ The petitioners are the Coalition for Fair Preserved Mushroom Trade which includes the American Mushroom Institute and the following domestic companies: L.K. Bowman, Inc., Modern Mushroom Farms, Inc., Monterey Mushrooms, Inc., Mount Laurel Canning Corp., Mushrooms Canning Company, Southwood Farms, Sunny Dell Foods, Inc., and United Canning Corp.