

parties did not submit case briefs or request a hearing. In summary, all parties commenting on the Rescission Memo supported the Department's preliminary decision to rescind these reviews, and there have been no changes since the Department placed its Rescission Memo on the record of this administrative review.

Scope of Review

The merchandise under review is honey from the PRC. The products covered are natural honey, artificial honey containing more than 50 percent natural honey by weight, preparations of natural honey containing more than 50 percent natural honey by weight, and flavored honey. The subject merchandise includes all grades and colors of honey whether in liquid, creamed, comb, cut comb, or chunk form, and whether packaged for retail or in bulk form. The merchandise under review is currently classifiable under item 0409.00.00, 1702.90.90 and 2106.90.99 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 under review is dispositive.

Rescission, in Part, of First Administrative Review

We provided interested parties with an opportunity to comment on our preliminary determination to rescind the administrative reviews of Anhui, Inner Mongolia, Shanghai Xiuwei, Sichuan Dubao, and Wuhan. As noted above, we received responses from Wuhan, Inner Mongolia, and Anhui in support of the Department's decision to rescind their respective administrative reviews. As discussed in detail in our Rescission Memo, because Anhui and Inner Mongolia made no entries, exports or sales of subject merchandise to the United States during the POR, we determined that these companies were non-shippers. Furthermore, because Wuhan, Shanghai Xiuwei, and Sichuan Dubao made no entries, exports or sales of subject merchandise to the United States not currently under review in their respective new shipper reviews, the Department determined to treat these companies as new shippers not subject to this administrative review. In accordance with §§ 351.213(d)(3) and 351.214(j)(1) of the Department's regulations, we are rescinding our administrative reviews of Anhui, Inner Mongolia, Shanghai Xiuwei, Sichuan Dubao, and Wuhan. *See, e.g., Certain Non-Frozen Apple Juice Concentrate from the People's Republic of China:*

Final Results of 1999–2001 Administrative Review and Partial Rescission of Review, 67 FR 68987 (November 14, 2002); *see also, Frozen Concentrated Orange Juice from Brazil: Final Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 67 FR 40913 (June 14, 2002)).

This notice also serves as a reminder to parties subject to an administrative protective order (APO) of their responsibility concerning the disposition of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 351.305. 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 are sanctionable violations.

This determination is issued and published pursuant to sections 751(a) and 777(i) of the Act.

Dated: July 22, 2003.

Richard O. Weible,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration [A–570–863]

Honey From the People's Republic of China: Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of First Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

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

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit for the preliminary results of the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on honey from the People's Republic of China until no later than December 31, 2003. The period of review for those entities with an affirmative critical circumstances finding is February 10, 2001, through November 30, 2002. For all other companies, the period of review is May 11, 2001, through November 30, 2002.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 2003.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Angelica Mendoza or Brandon Farlander at (202) 482–3019 or (202) 482–0182, respectively; Antidumping

and Countervailing Duty Enforcement Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), and section 351.213(h)(1) of the Department's regulations require the Department to issue the preliminary results of an administrative review within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of the order or suspension agreement for which the administrative review was requested, and final results of review within 120 days after the date on which the notice of the preliminary results was published in the **Federal Register**. However, if the Department determines that it is not practicable to complete the review within this time period, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and § 351.213(h)(2) of our regulations allow the Department to extend the 245-day period to 365 days and the 120-day period to 180 days.

Background

On December 10, 2001, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** an antidumping duty order covering honey from the People's Republic of China (PRC). *See Notice of Amended Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value and Antidumping Duty Order; Honey from the People's Republic of China*, 66 FR 63670 (December 10, 2001). On December 17, 2002, the Department published a *Notice of Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation*, 67 FR 77222 (December 17, 2002). On December 31, 2002, the American Honey Producers Association and the Sioux Honey Association (collectively, petitioners) in this proceeding, requested, in accordance with § 351.213(b) of the Department's regulations, an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on honey from the PRC covering the period May 11, 2001, through November 30, 2002.¹

The petitioners requested that the Department conduct an administrative

¹ On January 27, 2003, in a memorandum to the file, we determined that the POR for entities with affirmative findings of critical circumstances to be February 10, 2001, through November 30, 2002. *See* Memorandum to the File from Angelica L. Mendoza through Donna L. Kinsella, dated January 27, 2003 for further details.

review of entries of subject merchandise made by ten PRC producers/exporters, which included Shanghai Eswell Enterprise Co., Ltd. (Shanghai Eswell), Zhejiang Native Produce and Animal By-Products Import & Export Corp., a.k.a. Zhejiang Native Produce and Animal By-Products Import and Export Group Corporation (Zhejiang), and Wuhan Bee Healthy Co., Ltd. (Wuhan). We also received a timely request from Zhejiang (active respondent in the original investigation) that the Department conduct an administrative review of entries of subject merchandise it exported to the United States during the period of review (POR). On January 22, 2003, the Department initiated an administrative review for all of these companies. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews and Requests for Revocation in Part*, 68 FR 3009 (January 22, 2003).

On February 20, 2003, the Department issued antidumping duty questionnaires to all ten PRC producers/exporters of the subject merchandise. On April 4, 2003, we received responses to Section A of our antidumping duty questionnaires from Zhejiang and Wuhan. On April 18, 2003, we received responses to Sections C and D of our antidumping duty questionnaires from Zhejiang and Wuhan.

On April 22, 2003, petitioners submitted a withdrawal of request for review for Shanghai Eswell. On May 6, 2003, the Department rescinded, in part, the administrative review of the antidumping duty order on honey with respect to Shanghai Eswell. *See Honey from the People's Republic of China: Notice of Partial Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 68 FR 23963 (May 6, 2003).

Extension of Time Limits for Preliminary Results

Pursuant to section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h) of the Department's regulations, we determine that it is not practicable to complete this administrative review within the statutory time limit of 245 days. The Department finds that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this administrative review within this time limit because we need additional time to research the appropriate surrogate value used to value raw honey. Additionally, the Department is analyzing the Indian financial statements currently on the record to determine the appropriate surrogate financial ratios to use in our calculation of normal value. Therefore, in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act and section 351.213(h)(2) of

the Department's regulations, the Department is extending the time limit for the completion of these preliminary results by an additional 120 days. The preliminary results will now be due no later than December 31, 2003. The final results will, in turn, be due 120 days after the date of issuance of the preliminary results, unless extended.

Dated: July 21, 2003.

Richard O. Weible,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[C-507-501]

Notice of Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review: In-shell Pistachios from the Islamic Republic of Iran

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

ACTION: Notice of Rescission of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On April 16, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) initiated an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on in-shell (raw) pistachios from the Islamic Republic of Iran (Iran), covering one manufacturer/exporter of the subject merchandise, Rafsanjan Pistachio Producers Cooperative (RPPC), and the period January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002. *See Initiation of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Administrative Reviews*, 68 FR 19498 (April 21, 2003). This review has now been rescinded due to petitioners'¹ withdrawal of their request for an administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 25, 2003

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Darla Brown or Eric B. Greynolds, AD/CVD Enforcement, Office VI, Group II, Import Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, Room 4012, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-2849 or (202) 482-6071, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 31, 2003, the Department received a timely request from the CPC

for an administrative review of the countervailing duty order on in-shell (raw) pistachios from Iran. On April 16, 2003, the Department initiated an administrative review of this order for the period January 1, 2002, through December 31, 2002. On July 9, 2003, the CPC submitted a timely letter requesting to withdraw their request for the above-referenced administrative review.

Scope of the Review

The product covered by this administrative review is in-shell (raw) pistachio nuts from which the hulls have been removed, leaving the inner hard shells and edible meat, as currently classifiable in the Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States (HTSUS) under item number 0802.50.20.00. The HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description of the scope of this proceeding is dispositive.

Rescission of Review

On July 9, 2003, the CPC submitted a letter requesting to withdraw its request for the above-referenced administrative review. *See* letter from the CPC to the Department dated July 9, 2003, on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099, main building of the Department of Commerce. This letter was timely filed within 90 days of the publication notice of initiation of the requested review.

Having accepted the CPC's request, the Department hereby rescinds the administrative review of in-shell (raw) pistachios from Iran for the period January 1, 2002, to December 31, 2002. *See* 19 CFR section 351.213(d)(1). The Department will issue appropriate assessment instructions to the U.S. Bureau of Customs and Border Protection (Customs) within 15 days of publication of this notice.

This notice is in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended, and section 351.213(d) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: July 21, 2003.

Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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¹ Petitioners are the California Pistachios Commission (CPC) and its members.