

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**Submission for OMB Review;
Comment Request**

The Department of Commerce (DOC) has submitted to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for clearance the following proposal for collection of information under the provisions of the Paperwork Reduction Act (44 U.S.C. Chapter 35).

Agency: National Institute of Standards and Technology.

Title: Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program Evaluation Pilot Survey.

Agency Form Number: None.

OMB Approval Number: N/A.

Type of Request: New Collection.

Burden: 213 hours.

Number of Respondents: 850.

Avg. Hours Per Response: 15 minutes.

Needs and Uses: The Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program is a nationwide network of services and support for smaller manufacturers giving them access to new technologies, resources, and expertise. The goal of the program is to improve the global competitiveness of U.S. manufacturing establishments. This collection will measure the impact of these centers on the nation's manufacturers.

Affected Public: Businesses or other for-profit organizations.

Frequency: On occasion.

Respondent's Obligation: Voluntary.

OMB Desk Officer: Virginia Huth, (202) 395-6929.

Copies of the above information collection proposal can be obtained by calling or writing Linda Engelmeier, DOC Forms Clearance Officer, (202) 482-3272, Department of Commerce, Room 5327, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230 (or via the Internet at LEngelme@doc.gov).

Written comments and recommendations for the proposed information collection should be sent within 30 days of publication of this notice to Virginia Huth, OMB Desk Officer, Room 10236, New Executive Office Building, 725 17th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20503.

Dated: July 15, 1999.

Linda Engelmeier,

Departmental Forms Clearance Officer, Office of the Chief Information Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

**International Trade Administration
[A-122-833]****Amended Preliminary Antidumping
Determination: Live Cattle From
Canada**

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gabriel Adler or Kris Campbell, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement 5, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-1442 or (202) 482-3813, respectively.

**Amendment of Preliminary
Determination**

The Department of Commerce (the Department) is amending the preliminary determination in the antidumping investigation of live cattle from Canada. This amended preliminary determination results in revised antidumping rates.

On June 30, 1999, the Department issued its affirmative preliminary determination in this proceeding. *See Notice of Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Live Cattle from Canada*, 64 FR 36847 (July 8, 1999). In the preliminary determination, we provided notice that we were considering issuing an amended preliminary determination based on the following facts:

Immediately prior to the date of the determination (on June 29th and 30th), the respondents filed revised U.S., home market, and cost databases. Our initial examination of the information indicates that, for at least one company, the antidumping rate calculated using such data may differ significantly from the rates listed below. We will examine this data further and, if we find that the errors corrected result in a rate that differs substantially from the rates as calculated for this preliminary determination, we may issue an amended preliminary determination for any such company.

Id. at 36848.

On July 1, 1999, we confirmed that the corrections contained in the revised data filed prior to the preliminary determination result in a substantial change to the antidumping rate for one company (Schaus). This company's June 30th filing corrected a number of errors, found in preparing for verification, to the company's U.S., home market, and cost databases, including omissions of

cost items that had previously resulted in significantly understated costs prior to the correction of these errors. The company's corrected data results in a change to its antidumping rate from 5.43 percent to 15.69 percent.

On July 12, 1999, Schaus filed a submission indicating that it was ceasing its participation in this investigation. In this submission, Schaus stated that, "[f]rom the very beginning of this investigation, Schaus has sought to cooperate to the best of its ability" but that it was unable to continue due to resource constraints. *See Letter from Schaus Land & Cattle Company to the Department*, July 12, 1999, at 1-2. Schaus also stated its intent to withdraw certain information from the record in this investigation, specifying that it wished to withdraw "its responses to Sections B, C, and D of the Department's questionnaire and its supplemental submissions pertaining to those sections." *Id.*

Given that Schaus declined, subsequent to the preliminary determination, to cooperate further in this proceeding, we may determine for the final determination that Schaus will be subject to the facts available. However, their withdrawal after the preliminary determination does not prevent corrections of the preliminary determination to accurately reflect the information on the record at the time it was made. To do otherwise would allow manipulation of the administrative process in a manner that prevents the determination of accurate antidumping rates, and would thwart the proper administration of the antidumping law. Accordingly, we are implementing the corrections referred to in our preliminary determination, based on the significant corrections to errors in Schaus's data as provided in its June 30th submission. In so doing, we have determined that under these facts (*i.e.*, a pre-preliminary correction by the respondent of significant errors as acknowledged in the Department's Notice of Preliminary Determination, which results in a corrected rate that differs substantially from the prior rate, and Schaus's post-preliminary withdrawal of information), correction of the preliminary antidumping duty rate is warranted.

Therefore, we are amending our preliminary determination to revise the antidumping rate for Schaus, along with the corresponding correction to the "all others" rate, as listed below. Suspension of liquidation will be revised accordingly and parties shall be notified of this determination, in accordance with sections 733(d) and (f) of the Act.

The revised weighted-average dumping margins are as follows:

Exporter/producer	Weighted-average margin percentage
Cor Van Raay	4.49
Groenenboom	3.90
JGL	3.94
Pound Maker	*0.18
Riverside/Grandview	6.81
Schaus	15.69
All Others	5.57

*de minimis.

This determination is published pursuant to sections 733(d) and 777(i)(1) of the Act.

Dated: July 16, 1999.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-046]

Polychloroprene Rubber From Japan: Notice of Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of rescission of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: On January 25, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polychloroprene rubber from Japan for Denki Kagaku Kogyo K.K. ("Denka") and Tosoh Corporation ("Tosoh"). See 64 FR 3682. This review was requested by the petitioner, DuPont Dow Elastomers L.L.C. ("DuPont"), and covers the period December 1, 1997 through November 30, 1998. We are now rescinding this review as a result of DuPont's timely withdrawal of its request for an administrative review for Denka and the non-shipper status of Tosoh.

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 23, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Nova Daly or Thomas Futtner, Group II, Office 4, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW.,

Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-0989 or 482-3814, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

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 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 as codified at 19 CFR part 351 (1998).

Background

On December 31, 1998, the petitioner, DuPont, requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on polychloroprene rubber from Japan for the period December 1, 1997 through November 30, 1998, covering two producers and/or exporters: Denka and Tosoh. No other interested party requested that the Department conduct an administrative review. We published a notice of initiation of the antidumping duty administrative review for these companies on January 25, 1999 (64 FR 3682).

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of polychloroprene rubber, an oil resistant synthetic rubber also known as polymerized chlorobutadiene or neoprene, currently classifiable under items 4002.42.00, 4002.49.00, 4003.00.00, 4462.15.21 and 4462.00.00 of the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* ("HTSUS"). HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and for the U.S. Customs Service purposes. The written descriptions remain dispositive.

Rescission of 1997/1998 Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

On February 26, 1999, in response to the Department's questionnaire, Tosoh stated that it had made no shipments to the United States of the subject merchandise during the period of review ("POR"). The Department independently confirmed with the U.S. Customs Service that there were no shipments from Tosoh during the POR. Therefore, in accordance with § 351.213(d)(3) of the Department's regulations, and consistent with our practice, we are treating this firm as a non-shipper for purposes of this review, and are rescinding this review with respect to Tosoh (see, e.g. *Certain Welded Carbon Steel Pipe and Tube From Turkey: Final Results and Partial Rescission of Antidumping*

Administrative Review, 63 FR 35190, 35191 (June 29, 1998)). On March 15, 1999, the petitioner filed a letter with the Department withdrawing its request that the Department conduct an administrative review of Denka sales. This withdrawal complies with § 351.213(d)(1) of the Department's regulations which grants parties 90 days from the publication of the notice of initiation of review to withdraw their request for review. Because of the non-shipper status of one company, Tosoh, and DuPont's timely request for the termination of the review for Denka, the Department is rescinding this review in its entirety in accordance with § 351.213(d) of our regulations.

This notice is in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act and § 351.213(d) of the Department's regulations.

Dated: July 20, 1999.

Robert S. LaRussa,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

University of Illinois at U/C; Decision on Application for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instrument

This decision is made pursuant to Section 6(c) of the Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Materials Importation Act of 1966 (Pub. L. 89-651, 80 Stat. 897; 15 CFR part 301). Related records can be viewed between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC.

Docket Number: 99-009. **Applicant:** University of Illinois at U/C, Urbana, IL 61801. **Instrument:** Confocal Microscope Attachment. **Manufacturer:** Witec GmbH, Germany. **Intended Use:** See notice at 64 FR 31540, June 11, 1999.

Comments: None received. **Decision:** Approved. No instrument of equivalent scientific value to the foreign instrument, for such purposes as it is intended to be used, is being manufactured in the United States. **Reasons:** This is a compatible accessory for an existing instrument purchased for the use of the applicant. The National Institutes of Health advises in its memorandum dated June 8, 1999, that the accessory is pertinent to the intended uses and that it knows of no comparable domestic accessory.