

Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of this antidumping duty order 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 order on barium chloride from the People's Republic of China. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rate in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. Pursuant to section 751(c)(6)(A)(iii) of the Act, any subsequent five-year review of this order will be initiated not later than the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation of this order.

Normally, the effective date of continuation of a finding, order, or suspension agreement will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the Notice of Continuation. As provided in 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4), the Department normally will issue its determination to continue a finding, order, or suspended investigation not later than seven days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the Commission's determination concluding the sunset review and immediately thereafter will publish its notice of continuation in the **Federal Register**. In the instant case, however, the Department's publication of the Notice of Continuation was delayed. The Department has explicitly indicated that the effective date of continuation of this finding is March 10, 1999, seven days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the Commission's determination. As a result, pursuant to sections 751(c)(2) and 751(c)(6)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of this order not later than February 2004.

Dated: July 30, 1999.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

[A-570-002]

Continuation of Antidumping Duty Order: Chloropicrin From the People's Republic of China

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

ACTION: Notice of continuation of antidumping duty order: chloropicrin from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: On March 9, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department"), pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act from 1930, as amended ("the Act"), determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on chloropicrin from the People's Republic of China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping (64 FR 11440 (March 9, 1999)). On April 7, 1999, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty order on chloropicrin from the People's Republic of China would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (64 FR 16998 (April 7, 1999)). Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(e)(4), the Department is publishing notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty order on chloropicrin from the People's Republic of China.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Scott E. Smith or Melissa G. Skinner, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone: (202) 482-6397 or (202) 482-1560, respectively.

EFFECTIVE DATE: April 14, 1999.

Background

On November 2, 1998, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted, a sunset review (63 FR 58709 and 63 FR 58761, respectively) of the antidumping duty order on chloropicrin from the People's Republic of China pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of this review, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty order would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margin likely to prevail were the order to be revoked (see

Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Chloropicrin from the People's Republic of China, 64 FR 11440 (March 9, 1999)).

On April 7, 1999, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty order on chloropicrin from the People's Republic of China 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 *Chloropicrin from the People's Republic of China*, 64 FR 16998 (April 7, 1999), and USITC Pub. 3175, Inv. No. 731-TA-130 (Review) (April 1999)).

Scope

The merchandise covered by this antidumping duty order is chloropicrin, also known as trichloronitromethane from the People's Republic of China. A major use of the product is as a pre-plant soil fumigant. Chloropicrin is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) item number 2904.90.50. The HTS item number is provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written product description remains dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of this antidumping duty order 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 order on chloropicrin from the People's Republic of China. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rate in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. Pursuant to section 751(c)(6)(A)(iii) of the Act, any subsequent five-year review of this order will be initiated not later than the fifth anniversary of the effective date of continuation of this order.

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however, the Department's publication of the Notice of Continuation was delayed. The Department has explicitly indicated that the effective date of continuation of this order is April 14, 1999, seven days after the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of the Commission's determination. As a result, pursuant to sections 751(c)(2) and 751(c)(6)(A) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of this order not later than March 2004.

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Joseph A. Spetrini,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-003]

Final Results of Expedited Sunset Review: Cotton Shop Towels From the People's Republic of China

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of expedited sunset review: cotton shop towels from the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: On January 4, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department") initiated a sunset review of the antidumping duty order on cotton shop towels from the People's Republic of China (64 FR 364) pursuant to section 751(c) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). On the basis of a notice of intent to participate and adequate substantive comments filed on behalf of a domestic interested party and inadequate response (in this case, no response) from respondent interested parties, the Department determined to conduct an expedited review. As a result of this review, the Department finds that revocation of the antidumping order would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping at the levels indicated in the Final Results of Review section of this notice.

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EFFECTIVE DATE: August 5, 1999.

Statute and Regulations

This review was conducted pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Act. The Department's procedures for the conduct of sunset reviews are set forth in *Procedures for Conducting Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*, 63 FR 13516 (March 20, 1998) ("Sunset Regulations"). Guidance on methodological or analytical issues relevant to the Department's conduct of sunset reviews is set forth in the Department's Policy Bulletin 98:3—*Policies Regarding the Conduct of Five-year ("Sunset") Reviews of Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Orders*; *Policy Bulletin*, 63 FR 18871 (April 16, 1998) ("Sunset Policy Bulletin").

Scope

The merchandise subject to this antidumping duty order is cotton shop towels from the People's Republic of China. Shop towels are absorbent industrial wiping cloths made from a loosely woven fabric. The fabric may be either 100-percent cotton or a blend of materials. Shop towels are currently classifiable under item numbers 6307.10.2005 and 6307.10.2015 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedules of the United States (HTSUS). Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and customs purposes, our written description of the scope of this proceeding remains dispositive.¹

This review covers imports from all manufacturers and exporters of Chinese shop towels.

History of the Order

On August 16, 1983, the Department issued its amended final determination of sales at less than fair value in the investigation of cotton shop towels from the People's Republic of China (48 FR 37055). The Department published weighted average dumping margins of 30.1 percent for China National Textile Import & Export Corporation and 37.2 percent for China National Arts & Crafts Import & Export Corporation. The Department also published a weighted average dumping margin of 36.2 percent for all other Chinese manufacturers/exporters.

¹ The Department determined that certain 18"x30" dish towels (02/19/93) are within the scope of the order. Pursuant to court remand, the Department determined that certain cotton shop towels, hemmed or cut and hemmed in Honduras, are within the scope of the order (1/18/94). The Department determined that the following products are outside the scope of the order: towels assembled in Canada from cotton grey fabric from the People's Republic of China (8/21/90).

The antidumping duty order on cotton shop towels from the People's Republic of China was published in the **Federal Register** on October 4, 1983 (48 FR 45277). Since that time, the Department has conducted six administrative reviews.² The order remains in effect for all manufacturers and exporters of the subject merchandise.

Background

On January 4, 1999, the Department initiated a sunset review of the antidumping duty order on cotton shop towels from the People's Republic of China (64 FR 364), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. The Department received a Notice of Intent to Participate on behalf of Milliken & Company ("Milliken") on January 19, 1999, within the deadline specified in § 351.218(d)(1)(i) of the *Sunset Regulations*. We received a complete substantive response from Milliken on February 3, 1999, within the 30-day deadline specified in the *Sunset Regulations* under § 351.218(d)(3)(i). Milliken claimed interested party status under section 771(9)(C) of the Act, as a domestic producer of shop towels. In addition, Milliken stated that it was the petitioner in the original investigation. We did not receive a substantive response from any respondent interested party to this proceeding. As a result, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(e)(1)(ii)(C), the Department determined to conduct an expedited, 120-day, review of this order.

The Department determined that the sunset review of the antidumping duty order on cotton shop towels from the People's Republic of China is extraordinarily complicated. In accordance with section 751(c)(5)(C)(v) of the Act, the Department may treat a review as extraordinarily complicated if it is a review of a transition order (*i.e.*, an order in effect on January 1, 1995). Therefore, on May 3, 1999, the Department extended the time limit for

² See *Shop Towels of Cotton From the People's Republic of China; Final Results of Administrative Review of Antidumping Order*, 50 FR 26020 (June 24, 1985); *Shop Towels of Cotton From the People's Republic of China; Final Results of Administrative Review of Antidumping Order*, 55 FR 7756 (March 5, 1990); *Shop Towels of Cotton From the People's Republic of China; Final Results of Administrative Review of Antidumping Order*, 56 FR 4040 (February 1, 1991); *Shop Towels of Cotton From the People's Republic of China; Final Results of Administrative Review of Antidumping Order*, 56 FR 60969 (November 29, 1991); *Shop Towels of Cotton From the People's Republic of China; Final Results of Administrative Review of Antidumping Order*, 57 FR 30466 (July 9, 1992); and *Shop Towels of Cotton From the People's Republic of China; Final Results of Administrative Review of Antidumping Order*, 57 FR 43695 (September 22, 1992).