

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of all gauges of raw, pretreated, or primed polyethylene terephthalate film, sheet, and strip, whether extruded or coextruded. The films excluded from this review are metallized films and other finished films that have had at least one of their surfaces modified by the application of a performance-enhancing resinous or inorganic layer of more than 0.00001 inches (0.254 micrometers) thick. Roller transport cleaning film which has at least one of its surfaces modified by the application of 0.5 micrometers of SBR latex has also been ruled as not within the scope of the order.

PET film is currently classifiable under Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS) subheading 3920.62.00.00. The HTS subheading is provided for convenience and for U.S. Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive as to the scope of the product coverage.

The review covers the period July 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998. The Department is conducting this review in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act.

Final Results of Review

We determine that a margin of 0.00 percent exists for Hyosung for the period July 1, 1998 through December 31, 1998. We will disclose calculations performed in connection with these final results of review within 5 days of publication of this notice.

We will instruct the U.S. Customs Service not to assess antidumping duties on entries of the subject merchandise from Hyosung for the period of review.

Furthermore, the following deposit requirements shall be required for all shipments of PET film from the Republic of Korea entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of these final results of this new shipper review, as provided by section 751(a)(1) of the Act: (1) For Hyosung the cash deposit will be zero; (2) For merchandise exported by manufacturers or exporters not covered in this review but covered in the less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation or a previous administrative review, the cash deposit will continue to be the most recent rate published in the final determination or final results of review for which the manufacturer or exporter received a company-specific rate; (3) If the exporter is not a firm covered in this review or the original investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate

will be that established for the manufacturer of the merchandise in the final results of the most recent review or the LTFV investigation; and (4) If neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous review, the cash deposit rate will be 21.5%, the "all others" rate established in the LTFV investigation.

This notice serves as the 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 double antidumping duties.

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

This new shipper review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(2)(B) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.214(d).

Dated: October 20, 1999.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-588-028]

Roller Chain, Other Than Bicycle From Japan: Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review and Intent To Revoke Finding, Rescission of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews, and Termination of Scope Inquiry

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

ACTION: Notice of initiation and preliminary results of changed circumstances review and intent to revoke finding, rescission of

antidumping administrative reviews, and termination of scope inquiry.

SUMMARY: In response to a request from the petitioner, the American Chain Association ("ACA"), the Department of Commerce ("the Department") is initiating a changed circumstances review and issuing this notice of preliminary changed circumstances review results and intent to revoke the antidumping finding on roller chain from Japan. Moreover, because the petitioner is no longer interested in maintaining the finding after April 1, 1997, we have preliminarily determined to revoke the finding retroactive to this date. In addition, in response to the petitioner's and respondents' withdrawal requests for the ongoing 1997-1998 and 1998-1999 administrative reviews, the Department is rescinding these administrative reviews of the finding. Finally, we are terminating a scope inquiry associated with the 1997-1998 Sugiyama Chain Company, Ltd., administrative review.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 27, 1999.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Zev Primor or Tom Futtner, AD/CVD Enforcement Group II, Office 4, Import Administration-Room B099, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-4114 or (202) 482-3814, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

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's regulations are to the regulations codified at 19 CFR Part 351 (April 1998).

Background

On October 13, 1999, the ACA requested that the Department conduct a changed circumstances review to revoke the antidumping finding on roller chain from Japan retroactive to April 1, 1997. The petitioner stated that circumstances have changed such that the petitioner no longer has an interest in maintaining the antidumping finding. Additionally, the petitioner indicated that it represents virtually all roller chain producers in the United States accounting for over 90 percent of the U.S. roller chain production.

The petitioner also requested that, given the pendency of the ongoing administrative review of the finding, the Department initiate and complete the changed circumstances review on an expedited basis.

Furthermore, on October 13, 1999, the petitioner filed a withdrawal of its request for administrative reviews covering the periods of April 1, 1997, through March 31, 1998, and April 1, 1998, through March 31, 1999. Between October 14–18, 1999, Daido Kogyo Company, Ltd. Daido Tsusho Company, Ltd., Daido Corporation, Enuma Chain Manufacturing Company, Sugiyama Chain Company, Ltd., Izumi Chain Manufacturing Company, Ltd., Oriental Chain Company, R.K. Excel Company, Ltd., and Tsubakimoto Chain Company, Ltd., the respondents in this proceeding, also filed a withdrawal of their requests for administrative reviews covering the above-mentioned periods. Additionally, Sugiyama Chain Company, Ltd., requested a termination of a scope inquiry associated with its 1997–1998 administrative review. Given that the petitioner's and respondents' withdrawal and rescission requests were filed after the 90-day period for withdrawing a request for a review, the parties asked the Department to exercise its regulatory discretion under 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1) to rescind the above-mentioned reviews.

Scope of Review

The merchandise subject to this review is roller chain, other than bicycle, from Japan. The term "roller chain, other than bicycle," as used in this review, includes chain, with or without attachments, whether or not plated or coated, and whether or not manufactured to American or British standards, which is used for power transmissions and/or conveyance. This chain consists of a series of alternately-assembled roller links and pin links in which the pins articulate inside from the bushings and the rollers are free to turn on the bushings. Pins and bushings are press fit in their respective link plates. Chain may be single strand, having one row of roller link, or multiple strand of roller links. Such chain may be either single or double pitch and may be used as power transmission or conveyor chain. This review also covers leaf chain, which consists of a series of link plates alternately assembled with pins in such a way that the joint is free to articulate between adjoining pitches. This review further covers chain model numbers 25 and 35. Roller chain is currently classified under the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTSUS)

subheading 7315.11.00 through 7619.90.00. Although the HTSUS subheadings are provided for convenience and Customs purposes, the written description remains dispositive.

On March 24, 1998, the Department determined that certain models of silent timing chain produced and exported by Kaga for use in automobiles are outside the scope of the antidumping finding. (*See Final Scope Ruling: Kaga's Request for Scope Ruling on Automotive Silent Timing Chain*, March 24, 1998, on file in the Central Records Unit (CRU) in room B–099 of the Main Commerce Building).

Initiation and Preliminary Results of Changed Circumstances Review and Intent To Revoke Finding

Pursuant to section 751(d)(1) of the Act, the Department may revoke, in whole or in part, an antidumping findings based on a review under section 751(b) of the Act (*i.e.*, changed circumstances review). Section 751(b)(1) of the Act requires a changed circumstances review to be conducted upon receipt of a request containing sufficient information concerning changed circumstances.

The Department's regulations at 19 CFR 351.216(d) require the Department to conduct a changed circumstances review in accordance with 19 CFR 351.221, if the Department determines that there exist changed circumstances sufficient to warrant a review. Section 782(h) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.222(g)(10)(i) provide further that the Department may revoke a finding, in whole or in part, if it concludes that the finding under review is no longer of interest to producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product. In addition, in the event that the Department concludes that expedited action is warranted, 19 CFR 351.221(c)(3)(ii) permits the Department to combine the notices of initiation and preliminary results.

The ACA is a domestic interested party as defined by section 771(9)(E) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.102(b) and was the petitioner in the less-than-fair-value ("LTFV") investigation of this proceeding. Based on the ACA's October 13, 1999, submission, we preliminarily determine that the ACA represents producers accounting for substantially all of the production of the domestic like product. In light of the affirmative statement by the ACA of no interest in the continued application of the antidumping finding on roller chain from Japan, we are initiating this changed circumstances review. Further, based on the request by the petitioner and its affirmative statement of no

interest dating back to April 1, 1997, we have determined that expedited action is warranted, and have combined our notices of initiation and preliminary results. Moreover, we have preliminarily determined that there are changed circumstances sufficient to warrant revocation of the finding in whole. Consequently, we are hereby notifying the public of our intent to revoke in whole the antidumping finding on roller chain from Japan retroactive to April 1, 1997.

If final revocation of the finding occurs, we intend to instruct the Customs Service to end the suspension of liquidation and to refund any estimated antidumping duties collected for all unliquidated entries of roller chain from Japan on or after April 1, 1997, in accordance with 19 CFR 351.222(g)(4). We will also instruct the Customs Service to pay interest on such refunds in accordance with section 778 of the Act. The current requirement for a cash deposit of estimated antidumping duties will continue until publication of the final results of this changed circumstances review.

Rescission of Administrative Reviews and Scope Inquiry

On October 13, 1999, and between October 14–18, 1999, respectively, the petitioner and respondents withdrew their requests for administrative reviews for the periods April 1, 1997, through March 31, 1998 and April 1, 1998 through March 31, 1999. These withdrawal requests cover all requests received for administrative reviews during the 1997–1998 and 1998–1999 review segments. In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(d)(1), we are rescinding these reviews because the parties withdrew their requests for reviews and no other interested party requested that the Japanese respondents be reviewed. Although parties to the proceeding did not file their withdrawal requests within 90 days of the publication of initiation of the requested review, we are exercising the Department's discretion to rescind a review after 90 days because it is reasonable to do so. In this case, the petitioner concomitantly has filed a request for a changed circumstances review and revocation of the finding based on a lack of domestic interest dating back to April 1, 1997, the month the requests were filed for the 1997–1998 administrative review. Given the lack of domestic interest prior to the date of initiatives of the 1997–1998 review, we have determined that it is reasonable to rescind both reviews based on the petitioner's and respondents' requests for terminations of these reviews. Finally, we are

terminating a scope inquiry associated with the 1997–1998 administrative review of Sugiyama Chain Company, Ltd.

Public Comment

Any interested party may request a hearing within 10 days of publication of this notice. Any hearing, if requested, will be held no later than 28 days after the date of publication of this notice. Written comments from interested parties may be submitted not later than 14 days after the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal comments to written comments, limited to issues raised in those comments, may be filed not later than 21 days after the date of publication of this notice. All written comments shall be submitted in accordance with 19 CFR 351.303. Persons interested in attending the hearing should contact the Department for the date and time of the hearing. The Department will publish the final results of this changed circumstances review, including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any written comments.

This notice is in accordance with section 751(b)(1) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.216 and 351.222.

Dated: October 21, 1999.

Richard W. Moreland,

Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

Applications for Duty-Free Entry of Scientific Instruments

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), we invite comments on the question of whether instruments of equivalent scientific value, for the purposes for which the instruments shown below are intended to be used, are being manufactured in the United States.

Comments must comply with 15 CFR 301.5(a)(3) and (4) of the regulations and be filed within 20 days with the Statutory Import Programs Staff, U.S. Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. 20230. Applications may be examined between 8:30 A.M. and 5:00 P.M. in Room 4211, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Docket Number: 99–023. Applicant: University of Vermont, Given Building, Room E219, Burlington, VT 05405. *Instrument:* Microforge, Model MF–830. *Manufacturer:* Narishige Scientific Instrument Lab., Japan. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used for polishing glass microelectrodes during studies of the electrical properties of Dorsal Root Ganglion and other neuronal and non-neuronal tissues. Experiments are designed to characterize the difference between the sodium and potassium channel currents among experimental and control animals. The objective of the studies is to find a correlation between the electrical properties and the properties of the inflamed bladder tissue. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* September 30, 1999.

Docket Number: 99–024. Applicant: University of Vermont, Given Building, Room E219, Burlington, VT 05405. *Instrument:* Glass Microelectrode Puller, Model PP–830. *Manufacturer:* Narishige Scientific Instrument Lab., Japan. *Intended Use:* The instrument is intended to be used to pull glass capillary tubes to a point fine enough to allow one to seal a small piece of cell membrane in the resulting microscopic opening in studies of the electrical properties of Dorsal Root Ganglion and other neuronal and non-neuronal tissues. Experiments are designed to characterize the difference between the sodium and potassium channel currents among experimental and control animals. The objective of the studies is to find a correlation between the electrical properties and the properties of the inflamed bladder tissue. *Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs:* September 30, 1999.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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COMMITTEE FOR THE IMPLEMENTATION OF TEXTILE AGREEMENTS

Announcement of Import Restraint Limits for Certain Cotton, Wool and Man-Made Fiber Textile Products Produced or Manufactured in the Federative Republic of Brazil

October 21, 1999.

AGENCY: Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements (CITA).

ACTION: Issuing a directive to the Commissioner of Customs establishing limits.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Roy Unger, International Trade Specialist, Office of Textiles and Apparel, U.S. Department of Commerce, (202) 482–4212. For information on the quota status of these limits, refer to the Quota Status Reports posted on the bulletin boards of each Customs port, call (202) 927–5850, or refer to the U.S. Customs website at <http://www.customs.ustreas.gov>. For information on embargoes and quota re-openings, call (202) 482–3715.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Authority: Section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended.

The import restraint limits for textile products, produced or manufactured in Brazil and exported during the period January 1, 2000 through December 31, 2000 are based on limits notified to the Textiles Monitoring Body pursuant to the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC).

In the letter published below, the Chairman of CITA directs the Commissioner of Customs to establish the 2000 limits.

A description of the textile and apparel categories in terms of HTS numbers is available in the CORRELATION: Textile and Apparel Categories with the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (see **Federal Register** notice 63 FR 71096, published on December 23, 1998). Information regarding the 2000 CORRELATION will be published in the **Federal Register** at a later date.

Troy H. Cribb,

Chairman, Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements.

Committee for the Implementation of Textile Agreements

October 21, 1999.

Commissioner of Customs,
Department of the Treasury, Washington, DC 20229.

Dear Commissioner: Pursuant to section 204 of the Agricultural Act of 1956, as amended (7 U.S.C. 1854); Executive Order 11651 of March 3, 1972, as amended; and the Uruguay Round Agreement on Textiles and Clothing (ATC), you are directed to prohibit, effective on January 1, 2000, entry into the United States for consumption and withdrawal from warehouse for consumption of cotton, wool and man-made fiber textile products in the following categories, produced or manufactured in Brazil and exported during the twelve-month period beginning on January 1, 2000 and extending through December 31, 2000, in excess of the following levels of restraint: