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Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 7, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

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Time Limits

Statutory Time Limits

Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), requires the Department to make a preliminary determination within 245 days after the last day of the anniversary month of an order for which a review is requested and a final determination within 120 days after the date on which the preliminary determination is published. However, if it is not practicable to complete the review within these time periods, section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act allows the Department to extend the time limit for the preliminary determination to a maximum of 365 days and for the final determination to 180 days (or 300 days if the Department does not extend the time limit for the preliminary determination) from the date of publication of the preliminary determination.

Background

On July 29, 1999, the Department published a notice of initiation of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on Sparklers from the People's Republic of China, covering the period June 1, 1998, through May 31, 1999 (64 FR 41075). The preliminary results are currently due no later than February 29, 2000.

Extension of Time Limit for Preliminary Results of Review

We determine that it is not practicable to complete the preliminary results of this review within the original time limit. Therefore, the Department is extending the time limit for completion of the preliminary results until no later than March 31, 2000. See Decision Memorandum from Thomas Futtner to Holly A. Kuga, dated February 29, 2000, which is on file in the Central Records Unit, Room B-099 of the main Commerce building. We intend to issue the final results no later than 120 days after the publication of the preliminary results notice.

This extension is in accordance with section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Act.

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Holly A. Kuga,

Acting Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, Group II.

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Continuation of Antidumping Duty Orders: Sulfur Chemicals (Sodium Thiosulfate) From the United Kingdom, Germany, and the People's Republic of China

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

ACTION: Notice of Continuation of Antidumping Duty Orders: Sodium Thiosulfate from the United Kingdom, Germany, and the People's Republic of China.

SUMMARY: On December 30, 1999, the Department of Commerce ("the Department"), pursuant to sections 751(c) and 752 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), determined that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on sodium thiosulfate from the United Kingdom, Germany, and the People's Republic of China ("PRC") is likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping (64 FR 73515, December 30, 1999). On February 24, 2000, the International Trade Commission ("the Commission"), pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, determined that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on sodium thiosulfate from the United Kingdom, Germany, and the PRC would be likely to lead to continuation or recurrence of material injury to an industry in the

United States within a reasonably foreseeable time (65 FR 9298, February 24, 2000). Therefore, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.218(f)(4), the Department is publishing notice of the continuation of the antidumping duty orders on sodium thiosulfate from the United Kingdom, Germany, and the PRC.

EFFECTIVE DATE: March 7, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Kathryn B. McCormick or Melissa G. Skinner, Office of Policy for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Ave., NW, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-1930 or (202) 482-1560, respectively.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Background

On July 1, 1999, the Department initiated, and the Commission instituted, sunset reviews (64 FR 35588 and 64 FR 35687, respectively) of the antidumping duty orders on sodium thiosulfate from the United Kingdom, Germany, and the PRC, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act. As a result of its reviews, the Department found that revocation of the antidumping duty orders would likely lead to continuation or recurrence of dumping and notified the Commission of the magnitude of the margins likely to prevail were the orders to be revoked (*see Final Results of Expedited Sunset Reviews: Sulfur Chemicals (Sodium Thiosulfate) from the United Kingdom, Germany, and the People's Republic of China*, 64 FR 73515 (December 30, 1999)).

On February 24, 2000, the Commission determined, pursuant to section 751(c) of the Act, that revocation of the antidumping duty orders on sodium thiosulfate from the United Kingdom, Germany, and the PRC 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 Sodium Thiosulfate from the United Kingdom, Germany, and the People's Republic of China*, 65 FR 9298 (February 24, 2000) and USITC Publication 3279 (February 2000), Investigation Nos. 731-TA-465, 466, 468 (Review)).

Scope

The merchandise covered by the antidumping duty orders includes all grades of sodium thiosulfate, in dry or liquid form, used primarily to dechlorinate industrial waste water, from the United Kingdom, Germany, and the PRC. The chemical composition of sodium thiosulfate is Na₂S₂O₃. Currently, subject merchandise is

classifiable under item number 2832.30.1000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States ("HTSUS"). The above HTSUS subheading is provided for convenience and customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Determination

As a result of the determinations by the Department and the Commission that revocation of the antidumping duty orders 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 orders on sodium thiosulfate from the United Kingdom, Germany, and the PRC. The Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to continue to collect antidumping duty deposits at the rates in effect at the time of entry for all imports of subject merchandise. The effective date of continuation of this order will be the date of publication in the **Federal Register** of this Notice of Continuation. Pursuant to section 751(c)(2) and 751(c)(6) of the Act, the Department intends to initiate the next five-year review of these orders not later than February 2005.

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Joseph A. Spetrini,

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: 00-002. Applicant: The Regents of the University of Michigan, 417 Space Research, Ann Arbor, MI 48109-2143. Instrument: Analytical Electron Microscope, Model JEM-2010F. Manufacturer: JEOL Ltd., Japan. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for investigations of microstructure and microchemistry of metals, ceramics, semi-conductors, polymers and biomaterials to relate the micro-and chemical properties of materials and compare with macroscopic properties. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in the courses MSE 562 Electron Microscopy I, MSE 220 Introduction to Materials and Manufacturing, and MSE 250 Principles of Engineering Materials. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: January 31, 2000.

Docket Number: 00-003. Applicant: University of North Dakota, Physics Department, Cornell Street, Witmer Hall, Room 213, Grand Forks, ND 58202-7129. Instrument: Scanning Tunneling Microscope, Model STM 25. Manufacturer: Omicron Associates, Germany. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used for investigating the structural, electronic and superconducting properties of advanced materials of technological interest (both conducting and insulating materials). During these studies the instrument will be used to image individual atoms on the surface of materials and characterize important structural features. In addition, the instrument will be used for educational purposes in the courses: PHYS428: Modern Physics Laboratory, PHYS437: Introductory Solid State, PHYS499: Senior Honors, PHYS536: Solid State Physics II and PHYS590: Research. In these courses students will have the opportunity to do state-of-the-art experiments in a wide range of research fields. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 10, 2000.

Docket Number: 00-004. Applicant: Michigan Technological University, Department of Civil and Environmental Engineering, 1400 Townsend Drive, Houghton, MI 49931. Instrument: Automatic Thin Section Machine. Manufacturer: Dansk Beton Teknik A/S, Denmark. Intended Use: The instrument is intended to be used to prepare thin sections of portland cement concrete and clinker, asphalt concrete, aggregate or other materials by precisely grinding the material to a desired thickness with little to no damage. The prepared specimens are then examined in an optical petrographic microscope and/or

scanning electron microscope. The analysis of thin sections allows for the optical properties of the material to be assessed thus determining the crystallography and mineralogy. The objectives of these investigations will primarily focus on the evaluation of these civil engineering materials for the purpose of characterization, identifying deterioration mechanisms and improving performance. Application accepted by Commissioner of Customs: February 18, 2000.

Frank W. Creel,

Director, Statutory Import Programs Staff.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

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North Pacific Fishery Management Council; Public Meeting

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of committee meeting.

SUMMARY: The North Pacific Fishery Management Council's (NPFMC) Halibut Charter Individual Fishing Quota (IFQ) Committee will meet in Anchorage, AK.

DATES: The meeting will be held on March 22-23, 2000.

ADDRESSES: The meeting will be held at the Clarion Suites, 325 W. 8th Avenue, Anchorage, AK.

Council address: North Pacific Fishery Management Council, 605 W. 4th Ave., Suite 306, Anchorage, AK 99501-2252.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Jane DiCosimo, NPFMC, 907-271-2809.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Wednesday, March 22, and continue through Thursday, March 23. This will be the first meeting of the newly-appointed committee. The committee's charge is to begin development of preliminary elements and options for a potential IFQ program for Alaskan halibut charter fisheries. The committee will report its progress to the NPFMC in April.

Although non-emergency issues not contained in this agenda may come before this committee for discussion, in accordance with the Magnuson-Stevens Fishery Conservation and Management Act, those issues may not be the subject