

**(5) Competitive Criteria**

Information that shows how the proposal is responsive to the selection criteria specified in the Notice.

**(6) Lender Certification**

A commitment letter signed by the lender, on the lender's letterhead, indicating that the lender will make a loan to the borrower for the proposed project, under specified terms and conditions subject only to the issuance of a guarantee by the Agency.

The deadline for the submission of a complete application and application fee is 90 days from the date of notification of response selection. If the application and fee are not received by the appropriate State Office within 90 days from the date of notification, the selection is subject to cancellation, thereby allowing another response that is ready to proceed with processing to be selected. The State Office has the ability to extend this 90 day deadline for receipt of an application only for good cause.

**Obligation of Program Funds:** The Agency will only obligate funds to projects that meet the requirements for obligation, including having undergone a satisfactory environmental review in accordance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) and having submitted the \$2,500 application fee and completed Form RD 3565-1 for the selected project.

**Conditional Commitment:** Once required documents for obligation and the application fee are received and all NEPA requirements have been met, the USDA Rural Development State Office will issue a conditional commitment, which stipulates the conditions that must be fulfilled before the issuance of

a guarantee, in accordance with 7 CFR 3565.303.

**Issuance of Guarantee:** The USDA Rural Development Office will issue a guarantee to the lender for a project in accordance with 7 CFR 3565.303. No guarantee can be issued without a complete application, review of appropriate certifications, satisfactory assessment of the appropriate level of environmental review, and the completion of any conditional requirements.

**Non-Discrimination Statement**

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Dated: January 29, 2008.

**James C. Alsop,**

*Acting Administrator, Rural Housing Service.*

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**DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE****International Trade Administration****Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation; Opportunity To Request Administrative Review**

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

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:**

Sheila E. Forbes, Office of AD/CVD Operations, Customs Unit, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230, telephone: (202) 482-4697.

**Background**

Each year during the anniversary month of the publication of an antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspension of investigation, an interested party, as defined in section 771(9) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Act), may request, in accordance with section 351.213 (2004) of the Department of Commerce (the Department) Regulations, that the Department conduct an administrative review of that antidumping or countervailing duty order, finding, or suspended investigation.

**Opportunity to Request a Review:** Not later than the last day of February 2008,<sup>1</sup> interested parties may request administrative review of the following orders, findings, or suspended investigations, with anniversary dates in February for the following periods:

	Period
<b>Antidumping Duty Proceedings</b>	
<b>BRAZIL:</b>	
Stainless Steel Bar, A-351-825 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Frozen Warmwater Shrimp, A-351-838 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
<b>ECUADOR:</b> Frozen Warmwater Shrimp, A-331-802 .....	2/1/07-8/14/07
<b>FRANCE:</b> Uranium, A-427-818 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
<b>INDIA:</b>	
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, A-533-817 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Forged Stainless Steel Flanges, A-533-809 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Frozen Warmwater Shrimp, A-533-840 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Stainless Steel Bar, A-533-810 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Certain Preserved Mushrooms, A-533-813 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
<b>INDONESIA:</b>	
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, A-560-805 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Certain Preserved Mushrooms, A-560-802 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
<b>ITALY:</b>	
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, A-475-826 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings, A-475-828 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08

<sup>1</sup> Or the next business day, if the deadline falls on a weekend, federal holiday or any other day when the Department is closed.

	Period
JAPAN:	
Carbon Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings, A-588-602 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, A-588-847 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Stainless Steel Bar, A-588-833 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
MALAYSIA: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings, A-557-809 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
MEXICO: Welded Large Diameter Line Pipe, A-201-828 .....	2/1/07-2/26/07
PHILIPPINES: Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings, A-565-801 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
REPUBLIC OF KOREA:	
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, A-580-836 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings, A-580-813 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
TAIWAN: Forged Stainless Steel Flanges, A-583-821 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
THAILAND: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp, A-549-822 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA:	
Axes/adzes, A-570-803 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Bars/wedges, A-570-803 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Certain Preserved Mushrooms, A-570-851 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Frozen Warmwater Shrimp, A-570-893 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Hammers/sledges, A-570-803 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Natural Bristle Paint Brushes and Brush Heads, A-570-501 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
Picks/mattocks, A-570-803 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
SOCIALIST REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM: Frozen Warmwater Shrimp, A-552-802 .....	2/1/07-1/31/08
<b>Countervailing Duty Proceedings</b>	
INDIA:	
Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, C-533-818 .....	1/1/07-12/31/07
Prestressed Concrete Steel Wire Strand, C-533-829 .....	1/1/07-12/31/07
INDONESIA: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, C-560-806 .....	1/1/07-12/31/07
ITALY: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, C-475-827 .....	1/1/07-12/31/07
REPUBLIC OF KOREA: Certain Cut-to-Length Carbon-Quality Steel Plate, C-580-837 .....	1/1/07-12/31/07
<b>Suspension Agreements</b>	
None.	

In accordance with section 351.213(b) of the regulations, an interested party as defined by section 771(9) of the Act, may request in writing that the Secretary conduct an administrative review. For both antidumping and countervailing duty reviews, the interested party must specify the individual producers or exporters covered by an antidumping finding or an antidumping or countervailing duty order or suspension agreement for which it is requesting a review, and the requesting party must state why it desires the Secretary to review those particular producers or exporters.<sup>2</sup> If the interested party intends for the Secretary to review sales of merchandise by an exporter (or a producer if that producer also exports merchandise from other suppliers) which were produced in more than one country of origin and each country of origin is subject to a separate order, then the interested party must state specifically, on an order-by-order basis, which exporter(s) the request is intended to cover.

<sup>2</sup> If the review request involves a non-market economy and the parties subject to the review request do not qualify for separate rates, all other exporters of subject merchandise from the non-market economy country who do not have a separate rate will be covered by the review as part of the single entity of which the named firms are a part.

Please note that, for any party the Department was unable to locate in prior segments, the Department will not accept a request for an administrative review of that party absent new information as to the party's location. Moreover, if the interested party who files a request for review is unable to locate the producer or exporter for which it requested the review, the interested party must provide an explanation of the attempts it made to locate the producer or exporter at the same time it files its request for review, in order for the Secretary to determine if the interested party's attempts were reasonable, pursuant to 19 CFR 351.303(f)(3)(ii).

As explained in *Antidumping and Countervailing Duty Proceedings: Assessment of Antidumping Duties*, 68 FR 23954 (May 6, 2003), the Department has clarified its practice with respect to the collection of final antidumping duties on imports of merchandise where intermediate firms are involved. The public should be aware of this clarification in determining whether to request an administrative review of merchandise subject to antidumping findings and orders. See also the Import Administration Web site at <http://ia.ita.doc.gov>.

Six copies of the request should be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International

Trade Administration, Room 1870, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street & Constitution Avenue, NW., Washington, DC 20230. The Department also asks parties to serve a copy of their requests to the Office of Antidumping/Countervailing Operations, Attention: Sheila Forbes, in room 3065 of the main Commerce Building. Further, in accordance with section 351.303(f)(1)(i) of the regulations, a copy of each request must be served on every party on the Department's service list.

The Department will publish in the **Federal Register** a notice of "Initiation of Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation" for requests received by the last day of February 2008. If the Department does not receive, by the last day of February 2008, a request for review of entries covered by an order, finding, or suspended investigation listed in this notice and for the period identified above, the Department will instruct the U.S. Customs and Border Protection to assess antidumping or countervailing duties on those entries at a rate equal to the cash deposit of (or bond for) estimated antidumping or countervailing duties required on those entries at the time of entry, or withdrawal from use, for consumption and to continue to collect the cash deposit previously ordered.

This notice is not required by statute but is published as a service to the international trading community.

Dated: January 24, 2008.

**Stephen J. Claeys,**

*Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.*

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## DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

### International Trade Administration

[A-570-908]

#### Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Sodium Hexametaphosphate From the People's Republic of China

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

**DATES:** *Effective Date:* February 4, 2008.

**SUMMARY:** On September 14, 2007, the Department of Commerce (the "Department") published its preliminary determination of sales at less than fair value ("LTFV") in the antidumping investigation of sodium hexametaphosphate ("SHMP") from the People's Republic of China ("PRC"). The period of investigation ("POI") is July 1, 2006, through December 31, 2006. We invited interested parties to comment on our preliminary determination of sales at LTFV. The final dumping margins for this investigation are listed in the "Final Determination Margins" section below.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Erin Begnal or Scot Fullerton, 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) 482-1386, respectively.

#### Final Determination

We determine that SHMP from the PRC is being, or is likely to be, sold in the United States at LTFV as provided in section 735 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"). The estimated margins of sales at LTFV are shown in the "Final Determination Margins" section of this notice.

#### SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

##### Case History

The Department published its preliminary determination of sales at LTFV on September 14, 2007. See *Preliminary Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value: Sodium Hexametaphosphate from the People's*

*Republic of China*, 72 FR 52544 (September 14, 2007) ("*Preliminary Determination*").

On September 11, 2007, Hubei Xingfa Chemicals Group ("Hubei Xingfa") requested a 60-day extension of the final determination. On September 28, 2007, the Department published the postponement of the final determination. See *Postponement of Final Determination of Antidumping Duty Investigation: Sodium Hexametaphosphate from the People's Republic of China*, 72 FR 55176 (September 28, 2007). On September 28, 2007, Hubei Xingfa withdrew from participating in the investigation.<sup>1</sup>

On September 17, 2007, the Department received an allegation from Petitioners that the Department made clerical errors in its *Preliminary Determination*.<sup>2</sup> On October 25, 2007, the Department found that it had made a clerical error with regard to its preliminary determination calculation for Hubei Xingfa, but found that the error was not "significant" to warrant amending the *Preliminary Determination*.<sup>3</sup>

We invited parties to comment on the *Preliminary Determination*. On November 19, 2007, the Petitioners<sup>4</sup> filed a case brief.

#### Analysis of Comments Received

All issues raised in the case and rebuttal briefs by parties to this investigation are addressed in the "Investigation of Sodium Hexametaphosphate from the People's Republic of China: Issues and Decision Memorandum," dated January 28, 2008, which is hereby adopted by this notice ("Issues and Decision Memorandum"). A list of the issues which parties raised and to which we respond in the Issues and Decision Memorandum is attached to this notice as an Appendix. The Issue and Decision Memorandum is a public document and is on file in the Central Records Unit ("CRU"), Main Commerce

<sup>1</sup> See Letter from Greenberg Traurig to the Department of Commerce, regarding "Sodium Hexametaphosphate from the People's Republic of China: Withdrawal from Participation," dated September 28, 2007 ("Hubei Xingfa Withdrawal Letter").

<sup>2</sup> See Letter from Williams Mullen to the Department of Commerce, regarding "Sodium Hexametaphosphate from China: Clerical Error Comments," dated September 17, 2007.

<sup>3</sup> See Memorandum to James C. Doyle, Director, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9 through Scot T. Fullerton, Program Manager, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, from Erin Begnal, Senior International Trade Analyst, AD/CVD Operations, Office 9, regarding "Antidumping Duty Investigation of Sodium Hexametaphosphate from the People's Republic of China: Allegation of Ministerial Errors," dated October 25, 2007 ("Ministerial Error Memo").

<sup>4</sup> ICL Performance Products, LP and Innophos, Inc.

Building, Room B-099, and is accessible on the Web at <http://www.trade.gov/ia>. The paper copy and electronic version of the memorandum are identical in content.

#### Changes Since the Preliminary Determination

Based on our analysis of comments received, we have made changes in our margin calculations for the separate rate respondents. Additionally, because Hubei Xingfa refused to participate in verification, we determined to apply total adverse facts available ("AFA") to Hubei Xingfa. As AFA, we found that Hubei Xingfa did not demonstrate that it was entitled to a separate rate, and is therefore part of the PRC entity. See *Adverse Facts Available* below.

#### Scope of Investigation

The merchandise subject to this investigation is sodium hexametaphosphate ("SHMP"). SHMP is a water-soluble polyphosphate glass that consists of a distribution of polyphosphate chain lengths. It is a collection of sodium polyphosphate polymers built on repeating NaPO<sub>3</sub> units. SHMP has a P<sub>2</sub>O<sub>5</sub> content from 60 to 71 percent. Alternate names for SHMP include the following: Calgon; Calgon S; Glassy Sodium Phosphate; Sodium Polyphosphate, Glassy; Metaphosphoric Acid; Sodium Salt; Sodium Acid Metaphosphate; Graham's Salt; Sodium Hex; Polyphosphoric Acid, Sodium Salt; Glass H; Hexaphos; Sodaphos; Vitrafos; and BAC-N-FOS. SHMP is typically sold as a white powder or granule (crushed) and may also be sold in the form of sheets (glass) or as a liquid solution. It is imported under heading 2835.39.5000, HTSUS. It may also be imported as a blend or mixture under heading 3824.90.3900, HTSUS. The American Chemical Society, Chemical Abstract Service ("CAS") has assigned the name "Polyphosphoric Acid, Sodium Salt" to SHMP. The CAS registry number is 68915-31-1. However, SHMP is commonly identified by CAS No. 10124-56-8 in the market. For purposes of the investigation, the narrative description is dispositive, not the tariff heading, CAS registry number or CAS name.

The product covered by this investigation includes SHMP in all grades, whether food grade or technical grade. The product covered by this investigation includes SHMP without regard to chain length i.e., whether regular or long chain. The product covered by this investigation includes SHMP without regard to physical form, whether glass, sheet, crushed, granule,