

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Oswald Stender, 808-523-6203, or Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-3435). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, June 7, 1996.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the New Jersey Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the New Jersey Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 1:00 p.m. on Monday, July 1, 1996, at the New Jersey State House, Room 319, West State Street, Trenton, New Jersey 08625. The purpose of the meeting is to plan future program activities.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Ki-Taek Chun, Director of the Eastern Regional Office, 202-376-7533 (TDD 202-376-8116). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, June 7, 1996.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-427-098]

Anhydrous Sodium Metasilicate From France; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

ACTION: Notice of Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review.

SUMMARY: On March 8, 1996, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published the preliminary results of administrative review of the antidumping duty order on anhydrous sodium metasilicate (ASM) from France (61 FR 9425). The review covers Rhone Poulenc Chimie de Base (Rhone Poulenc), a manufacturer/exporter of ASM, and shipments of this merchandise to the United States during the period from January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994. The Department gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on our preliminary results. No comments were received. Therefore, the final results are the same as the preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 18, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Ross or Richard Rimlinger, Office of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-4733.

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 made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations, as amended by the interim regulations published in the Federal Register on May 11, 1995 (60 FR 25130).

Background

The Department initiated the January 1, 1994 through December 31, 1994 administrative review for Rhone Poulenc on February 15, 1995 (60 FR 8629) at the request of the petitioner, the PQ Corporation. On March 8, 1996, the Department issued the preliminary

results for this administrative review (61 FR 9425).

Scope of Review

Imports covered by the review are shipments of ASM, a crystallized silicate (Na_2SiO_3) which is alkaline and readily soluble in water. Applications include waste paper de-inking, ore-flotation, bleach stabilization, clay processing, medium or heavy duty cleaning, and compounding into other detergent formulations. This merchandise is classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedules (HTS) item numbers 2839.11.00 and 2839.19.00. The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Final Results of Review

The Department gave interested parties an opportunity to comment on its preliminary results. The Department did not receive any comments. Accordingly, for reasons discussed in the preliminary results, the Department has, pursuant to section 776 of the Act, used facts available. As discussed in the preliminary results, the Department used as facts available the 60-percent margin calculated in the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation using information provided by Rhone Poulenc. For a discussion of the reasons for application of facts available, see *Anhydrous Sodium Metasilicate from France: Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 61 FR 9425 (March 8, 1995).

The Department will determine, and the Customs Service will assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Furthermore, the following deposit requirements will be effective for all shipments of the subject merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date of these final results of this administrative review, as provided by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) the cash deposit rate for Rhone Poulenc will be 60 percent; (2) for companies not covered in this review, but covered in previous reviews or the original LTFV investigation, the cash deposit rate will continue to be the company-specific rate published for the most recent period; (3) if the exporter is not a firm covered in this review, a prior review, or the original investigation, but the manufacturer is, the cash deposit rate will be the rate established for the most recent period for the manufacturer of the merchandise; and (4) if neither the exporter nor the manufacturer is a firm covered in this or any previous review or the original investigation, the

cash deposit rate will be 60 percent, the "All Others" rate established in the LTFV investigation (45 FR 77498, November 24, 1980).

These deposit requirements will remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice also serves as a final reminder to importers of their responsibility under 19 CFR 353.26 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 administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)) and 19 CFR 353.22.

Dated: June 11, 1996.

Robert S. LaRussa,
Acting Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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Anhydrous Sodium Metasilicate From France; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

AGENCY: Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of preliminary results of antidumping duty administrative review.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on anhydrous sodium metasilicate (ASM) from France in response to a request by the petitioner, the PQ Corporation. This review covers Rhone Poulenc Chime de Base (Rhone Poulenc), a manufacturer/exporter of ASM, and shipments of this merchandise to the United States during the period from January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995.

Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit argument are requested to submit with each argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 18, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Ross or Richard Rimlinger, Office

of Antidumping Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-4733.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Tariff Act of 1930 (the Act) by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act (URAA). In addition, unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the current regulations, as amended by the interim regulations published in the Federal Register on May 11, 1995 (60 FR 25130).

Background

The Department published in the Federal Register on January 26, 1996 (61 FR 2488) a "Notice of Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" of the antidumping duty order on ASM from France (46 FR 1667, January 7, 1981). On January 29, 1996, the petitioner requested an administrative review of Rhone Poulenc, a manufacturer/exporter of ASM. The Department initiated the review on February 20, 1996 (61 FR 6347). The Department is now conducting this review in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of the Review

Imports covered by the review are shipments of ASM, a crystallized silicate (Na_2SiO_3) which is alkaline and readily soluble in water. Applications include waste paper de-inking, ore-flotation, bleach stabilization, clay processing, medium or heavy duty cleaning, and compounding into other detergent formulations. This merchandise is classified under Harmonized Tariff Schedules (HTS) item numbers 2839.11.00 and 2839.19.00. The HTS item numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Use of Facts Otherwise Available

The Department preliminarily determines, in accordance with section 776(a) of the Act, that the use of facts available is appropriate for Rhone Poulenc because it did not respond to the antidumping questionnaire. The Department sent Rhone Poulenc a questionnaire on February 28, 1996 with a deadline of April 25, 1996 for providing information necessary to

conduct a review of any shipments that the firm may have made to the United States during the period of review. Rhone Poulenc failed to provide the information that has been requested by the administering authority. Therefore, pursuant to section 776(a) of the Act, the Department must base its determination on the facts available. Furthermore, because Rhone Poulenc failed to cooperate by not responding to the questionnaire, it is appropriate to use an inference adverse to the interests of Rhone Poulenc in selecting from the facts available, in accordance with section 776(b) of the Act.

Section 776(b) authorizes the Department to use an inference adverse to the interests of that respondent in choosing the facts available. Section 776(b) also authorizes the Department to use as adverse facts available information derived from the petition, the final determination, a previous administrative review, or other information placed on the record. Because information from prior proceedings constitutes secondary information, section 776(c) provides that the Department shall, to the extent practicable, corroborate that secondary information from independent sources reasonably at its disposal. The Statement of Administrative Action provides that "corroborate" means simply that the Department will satisfy itself that the secondary information to be used has probative value.

To corroborate secondary information, the Department will, to the extent practicable, examine the reliability and relevance of the information to be used. However, unlike other types of information, such as input costs or selling expenses, there are no independent sources for calculated dumping margins. The only source for margins is administrative determinations. Thus, in an administrative review, if the Department chooses as total adverse facts available a calculated dumping margin from a prior segment of the proceeding, it is not necessary to question the reliability of the margin for that time period. With respect to the relevance aspect of corroboration, however, the Department will consider information reasonably at its disposal as to whether there are circumstances that would render a margin not relevant. Where circumstances indicate that the selected margin is not appropriate as adverse facts available, the Department will disregard the margin and determine an appropriate margin (see *Fresh Cut Flowers from Mexico; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 61 FR 6812 (February 22, 1996),