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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),

where the Department disregarded the highest margin as adverse BIA because the margin was based on another company's uncharacteristic business expense resulting in an unusually high margin).

In this case, the Department has preliminarily determined to assign to Rhone Poulenc a margin of 60 percent, the margin calculated in the original less-than-fair-value (LTFV) investigation using information provided by Rhone Poulenc (see *Anhydrous Sodium Metasilicate from France; Final Determination of Sales at Less Than Fair Value*, 45 FR 77498 (November 24, 1980)). There is no evidence of circumstances indicating that this margin is not appropriate.

Preliminary Results of the Review

As a result of this review, the Department preliminarily determines that a margin of 60 percent exists for Rhone Poulenc for the January 1, 1995 through December 31, 1995 period.

Parties to the proceeding may request disclosure within 5 days of the date of publication of this notice. Any interested party may request a hearing within 10 days of publication. Any hearing, if requested, will be held 44 days after the publication of this notice, or the first workday thereafter. Interested parties may submit case briefs within 30 days of the date of publication of this notice. Rebuttal briefs, which must be limited to issues raised in the case briefs, may be filed not later than 37 days after the date of publication. The Department will publish a notice of final results of this administrative review, which will include the results of its analysis of issues raised in any such comments.

The Department will determine, and the Customs Service will assess, antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Upon completion of this review, the Department will issue appraisement instructions directly to the Customs Service.

Furthermore, the following deposit rates will be effective upon publication of the final results of these administrative reviews for all shipments of ASM from France entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the publication date, as provided for by section 751(a)(2)(C) of the Act: (1) The cash deposit rate for Rhone Poulenc will be the rate established in the final results of this review; (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 LTFV 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 LTFV 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 rates, when imposed, shall remain in effect until publication of the final results of the next administrative review.

This notice also serves as a preliminary 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 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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Certain Forged Steel Crankshafts From the United Kingdom; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review

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

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

SUMMARY: In response to requests from interested parties, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on certain forged steel crankshafts from the United Kingdom. This review covers one producer/exporter of this merchandise to the United States for the review period September 1, 1993 through August 31, 1994.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below the foreign market value (FMV).

We invite interested parties to comment on these preliminary results. Parties who submit arguments in this proceeding are requested to submit with the argument (1) a statement of the issue and (2) a brief summary of the argument.

EFFECTIVE DATE: June 18, 1996.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: J. David Dirstine or Lyn Johnson, 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 and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute and to the Department's regulations are references to the provisions as they existed on December 31, 1994.

Background

On September 2, 1994, the Department published in the Federal Register a notice of "Opportunity to Request Administrative Review" (59 FR 45664) of the antidumping duty order on certain forged steel crankshafts from the United Kingdom. We received a request from UES Ltd.-Forgings Division (UEF) to review its sales to the United States. On October 13, 1994, in accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(c) (1994), we initiated an administrative review of this order for UES Ltd.-Forgings Division covering the period September 1, 1993 through August 31, 1994 (59 FR 51939).

The Department has now conducted this administrative review in accordance with section 751 of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended (the Tariff Act).

Scope of Review

Imports covered by this review are certain forged steel crankshafts. The term "crankshafts," as used in this review, includes forged carbon or alloy steel crankshafts with a shipping weight between 40 and 750 pounds, whether machined or unmachined. These products are currently classifiable under item numbers 8483.10.10.10, 8483.10.10.30, 8483.10.30.10, and 8483.10.30.50 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS). Neither cast crankshafts nor forged crankshafts with shipping weights of less than 40 pounds or more than 750 pounds are subject to this review. The HTS item numbers are