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SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

This action has been reviewed and determined not to be a rule or regulation as defined in Executive Order 12866 and Departmental Regulation 1512-1; therefore, the Executive Order and Departmental Regulation do not apply to this action.

In the September 3, 1996, Federal Register (61 FR 46432), GIPSA asked persons interested in providing official services in the geographic areas assigned to Springfield and Alabama to submit an application for designation. Applications were due by October 3, 1996. Springfield and Alabama, the only applicants, each applied for designation to provide official services in the entire area currently assigned to them.

Since Springfield and Alabama were the only applicants for the respective areas, GIPSA did not ask for comments on the applicants.

GIPSA evaluated all available information regarding the designation criteria in Section 7(f)(l)(A) of the Act; and according to Section 7(f)(l)(B), determined that Springfield and Alabama are able to provide official services in the geographic areas for which they applied. Effective April 1, 1997, and ending February 29, 2000,

Springfield is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the September 3, 1996, Federal Register. Effective March 1, 1997, and ending February 29, 2000, Alabama is designated to provide official services in the geographic area specified in the September 3, 1996, Federal Register.

Interested persons may obtain official services by contacting Springfield at 217-522-5233, and Alabama at 334-415-2531.

AUTHORITY: Pub. L. 94-582, 90 Stat. 2867, as amended (7 U.S.C. 71 *et seq.*)

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Director, Compliance Division

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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.

ACTION: Notice of Opportunity to Request Administrative Review of Antidumping or Countervailing Duty Order, Finding, or Suspended Investigation.

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, may request, in accordance with § 353.22 or § 355.22 of the Department of Commerce (the Department) Regulations (19 CFR 353.22/355.22 (1993)), 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 1997, interested parties may request administrative review of the following orders, findings, or suspended investigations, with anniversary dates in February for the following periods:

	Period
ANTIDUMPING PROCEEDINGS	
Austria: Railway Track Maintenance Equipment, A-433-064	2/1/96-1/31/97
Brazil: Stainless Steel Bar, A-351-825	2/1/96-1/31/97
Canada: Racing Plates, A-122-050	2/1/96-1/31/97
Germany: Sodium Thiosulfate, A-428-807	2/1/96-1/31/97
India:	
Forged Stainless Steel Flanges, A-533-809	2/1/96-1/31/97
Stainless Steel Bar, A-533-810	2/1/96-1/31/97
Japan:	
Benzyl Paraben, A-588-816	2/1/96-1/31/97
Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings, A-588-602	2/1/96-1/31/97
Mechanical Transfer Presses, A-588-810	2/1/96-1/31/97
Melamine, A-588-056	2/1/96-1/31/97
Stainless Steel Bar, A-588-833	2/1/96-1/31/97
South Korea:	
Business Telephone Systems, A-580-803	2/1/96-1/31/97
Stainless Steel Butt-Weld Pipe Fittings, A-580-813	2/1/96-1/31/97
Taiwan: Forged Stainless Steel Flanges, A-583-821	2/1/96-1/31/97
The People's Republic of China:	
Axes/adzes, A-570-803	2/1/96-1/31/97
Bars/wedges, A-570-803	2/1/96-1/31/97
Coumarin, A-570-830	2/1/96-1/31/97
Hammers/sledges, A-570-803	2/1/96-1/31/97
Manganese Metal, A-570-840	6/14/95-1/31/97
Paint Brushes, A-570-501	2/1/96-1/31/97
Picks/mattocks, A-570-803	2/1/96-1/31/97
Sodium Thiosulfate, A-570-805	2/1/96-1/31/97
The United Kingdom: Sodium Thiosulfate, A-412-805	2/1/96-1/31/97

	Period
COUNTERVAILING PROCEEDINGS	
None	
SUSPENSION AGREEMENTS	
Venezuela: Cement, A-307-803	2/1/96-1/31/97

In accordance with §§ 353.22(a) and 355.22(a) of the regulations, an interested party as defined by § 353.2(k) may request in writing that the Secretary conduct an administrative review. The Department has changed its requirements for requesting reviews for countervailing duty orders. Pursuant to 19 CFR 355.22(a) of the regulations, an interested party must specify the individual producers or exporters covered by the order or suspension agreement for which they are requesting a review, (Interim Regulations, 60 FR 25130, 25137 (May 11, 1995)). Therefore, for both antidumping and countervailing duty reviews, the interested party must specify for which individual producers or exporters covered by an antidumping finding or an antidumping or countervailing duty order it is requesting a review, and the requesting party must state why it desires the Secretary to review those particular producers or exporters. 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.

Seven copies of the request should be submitted to the Assistant Secretary for Import Administration, International Trade Administration, Room B-099, 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 Enforcement, Attention: Sheila Forbes, in room 3065 of the main Commerce Building. Further, in accordance with § 353.31(g) or § 355.31(g) 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 1997. If the Department does not receive, by the last day of February 1997, 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 Customs Service 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 warehouse, 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 28, 1997.

Jeffrey P. Bialos,

Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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Porcelain-on-Steel Cooking Ware From the People's Republic of China; 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 a request by an importer of the subject merchandise, the Department of Commerce (the Department) is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on porcelain-on-steel (POS) cooking ware from the People's Republic of China (PRC). The review covers one manufacturer/ exporter of the subject merchandise and its affiliated third-country reseller in Hong Kong and the period December 1, 1994 through November 30, 1995. The review preliminarily indicates the existence of a dumping margin during the period of review.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value (NV). If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results of administrative review, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties on all appropriate entries. Interested parties are invited to comment on these preliminary results.

EFFECTIVE DATE: February 3, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Judy Kornfeld or Kelly Parkhill, Office of CVD/AD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue NW., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

Applicable Statute

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the statute are references to the provisions as of 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).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On December 2, 1986, the Department published in the Federal Register the antidumping duty order on POS cooking ware from the PRC (51 FR 43414). On December 4, 1995, the Department published in the Federal Register a notice of opportunity to request an administrative review of this antidumping duty order (60 FR 62070). On February 27, 1995, in accordance with 19 CFR 353.22(a), an importer of the subject merchandise to the United States, CGS International, requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of Clover Enamelware Enterprise, Ltd. of China (Clover), a manufacturer/exporter, and its third-country reseller Lucky Enamelware Factory Ltd. of Hong Kong (Lucky). We published the notice of initiation of this review covering the