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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service

[Docket No. 97-106-1]

Availability of an Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: We are advising the public that an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared by the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service relative to the proposed release into the environment of nonindigenous species of wasps for use as biological control agents to suppress the Pink Hibiscus Mealybug. The environmental assessment provides a basis for our conclusion that the

release into the environment of the biological control agents will not present a risk of introducing plant pests into the United States or disseminating plant pests within the United States and will not have a significant impact on the quality of the human environment. Based on its finding of no significant impact, the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service has determined that an environmental impact statement need not be prepared.

ADDRESSES: Copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact are available for public inspection at USDA, room 1141, South Building, 14th Street and Independence Avenue SW., Washington, DC, between 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday, except holidays. Persons wishing to inspect those documents are requested to call ahead on (202) 690-2817 to facilitate entry into the comment reading room.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Dr. Dale E. Meyerdirk, Senior Staff Officer, Pink Hibiscus Mealybug Program, PPQ, APHIS, 4700 River Road Unit 135, Riverdale, MD 20737-1236, (301) 734-5667. For copies of the environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact, write to Dr. Meyerdirk at the same address. Please refer to the title of the environmental assessment when ordering copies.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: As a part of a biological control project to suppress the Pink Hibiscus Mealybug (PHM) (*Maconellicoccus hirsutus*) (Homoptera: Pseudococcidae), the Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) is proposing to release nonindigenous wasps in the genus *Leptomastix* in the continental United States and its Caribbean territories. PHM is currently established on the islands of St. Thomas, St. Croix, and St. John in the U.S. Virgin Islands and on Vieques of Puerto Rico. However, we anticipate that PHM will spread to other U.S. territories in the Caribbean and to the mainland United States. As PHM spreads, nonindigenous wasps in the genus *Leptomastix*, which have controlled PHM in Egypt, would be released in affected areas to suppress PHM. PHM is a devastating pest of cocoa, grapes, fiber crops, hibiscus, and many other field crops and ornamental plants.

To provide the public with documentation of APHIS' review and analysis of the environmental impact and plant pest risk associated with releasing these biological control agents into the environment, we have prepared an environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact relative to the release into the environment of the following biological control agents:

Organisms	Title of environmental assessment	Date of finding of no significant impact
<i>Leptomastix</i> spp.	"Field Releases of Nonindigenous Species of <i>Leptomastix</i> (Hymenoptera: Encyrtidae) for Biological Control of Pink Hibiscus Mealybug, <i>Maconellicoccus hirsutus</i> (Homoptera: Pseudococcidae)" (September 1997).	10/14/97

The environmental assessment and finding of no significant impact have been prepared in accordance with: (1) The National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, as amended (NEPA) (42 U.S.C. 4321 *et seq.*), (2) regulations of the Council on Environmental Quality for implementing the procedural provisions of NEPA (40 CFR parts 1500-1508), (3) USDA regulations implementing NEPA (7 CFR part 1b), and (4) APHIS' NEPA Implementing Procedures (7 CFR part 372).

Done in Washington, DC, this 5th day of November 1997.

Terry L. Medley,

Administrator, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-405-802]

Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate From Finland; Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Extension of Time Limit

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

ACTION: Notice of extension of time limit.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce (the Department) is extending the time limit of the final results of the antidumping duty administrative review of Cut-to-Length Carbon Steel Plate from Finland. This review covers the period August 1, 1995 through July 31, 1996.

EFFECTIVE DATE: November 12, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Linda Ludwig, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement, Group III, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; telephone (202) 482-3833.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: Due to unforeseen circumstances facing the Department at this time, it is not practicable to complete this review within the original time limit. The Department is extending the time limit for completion of the final results until December 15, 1997, in accordance with Section 751(a)(3)(A) of the Trade and Tariff Act of 1930, as amended by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act of 1994 (19 U.S.C. 1675 (a)(30(A))). See memorandum to Robert S. La Russa from Joseph A. Spetrini regarding the extension of case deadline, dated November 3, 1997.

Dated: November 4, 1997.

Joseph A. Spetrini,

Deputy Assistant Secretary Enforcement Group III.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-570-803]

Heavy Forged Hand Tools, Finished or Unfinished, With or Without Handles, From the People's Republic of China; Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Reviews

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

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

SUMMARY: In response to requests by the petitioner and five exporters of the subject merchandise, the Department of Commerce is conducting administrative reviews of the antidumping orders on heavy forged hand tools, finished or unfinished, with or without handles, from the People's Republic of China. These reviews cover five exporters of the subject merchandise, Tianjin

Machinery Import & Export Corporation, Fujian Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Corporation, Shandong Machinery Import & Export Corporation, Liaoning Machinery Import & Export Corporation, and Shandong Huarong General Group Corporation. The period of review is February 1, 1996 through January 31, 1997.

We have preliminarily determined that sales have been made below normal value. If these preliminary results are adopted in our final results, we will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess antidumping duties on appropriate entries. 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: November 12, 1997.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

Matthew Blaskovich or James Terpstra, AD/CVD Enforcement, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington D.C. 20230; telephone (202) 482-5831/3965.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise stated, 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 references to the provisions codified at 19 CFR Part 353 (April 1997). Although the Department of Commerce's new regulations, codified at 19 CFR part 351 (62 FR 27296, May 19, 1997), do not govern these proceedings, citations to those regulations are provided, where appropriate, to explain current Departmental practice.

Background

On February 19, 1991, the Department of Commerce (Department) published in the **Federal Register** (56 FR 6622) the antidumping duty orders on heavy forged hand tools, finished or unfinished, with or without handles (certain heavy forged hand tools or HFHTs) from the People's Republic of China (PRC). On February 3, 1997, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (62 FR 4978) a notice of opportunity to request administrative reviews of these antidumping duty orders. In accordance with 19 CFR

353.22(a), on February 21 and 25, 1997, three exporters of the subject merchandise, Tianjin Machinery Import & Export Corporation (TMC), Fujian Machinery & Equipment Import & Export Corporation (FMEC), and Shandong Machinery Import & Export Corporation (SMC), requested that the Department conduct administrative reviews of their exports of axes/adzes; bars/wedges; hammers/sledges; and picks/matlocks. On February 26, 1997, another exporter, Liaoning Machinery Import & Export Corporation (LMC), requested that the Department conduct an administrative review of its exports of bars and wedges. Also on February 26, 1997, Olympia Industrial, Inc., a U.S. importer of the subject merchandise, requested administrative reviews of Shandong Huarong General Group Corporation's (Shandong Huarong) exports of bars/wedges and FMEC's exports of axes/adzes; bars/wedges; hammers/sledges; and picks/matlocks. On February 28, 1997, the petitioner, WVS Corporation, formerly known as Woodings-Verona Tool Works, Inc., requested administrative reviews of SMC's and FMEC's exports of axes/adzes; bars/wedges; hammers/sledges; and picks/matlocks and TMC's exports of axes/adzes and hammers/sledges.

We published the notice of initiation of these reviews on March 18, 1997 (62 FR 12793). In its May 16, 1997 response to Section A of the Department's questionnaire, TMC withdrew its request for a review of bars/wedges and picks/matlocks because it did not export these products during the period of review. Because TMC withdrew its request within the time limit provided by the Department's regulations at 19 CFR section 353.22(a)(5), the Department is terminating its review of bars/wedges and picks/matlocks with respect to TMC. The Department is conducting these administrative reviews in accordance with section 751 of the Act.

Scope of Reviews

Imports covered by these reviews are shipments of HFHTs from the PRC comprising the following classes or kinds of merchandise: (1) Hammers and sledges with heads over 1.5 kg (3.33 pounds) (hammers/sledges); (2) bars over 18 inches in length, track tools and wedges (bars/wedges); (3) picks/matlocks; and (4) axes/adzes.

HFHTs include heads for drilling, hammers, sledges, axes, mauls, picks, and matlocks, which may or may not be painted, which may or may not be finished, or which may or may not be imported with handles; assorted bar