

States and Puerto Rico. The Agricultural Marketing Act of 1946 (7 U.S.C. 1621–1627) directs and authorizes the Secretary of Agriculture to collect, tabulate, and disseminate statistics on marketing agricultural products including market supplies, storage stocks, quantity, quality and condition of such products in various positions in the marketing channel, utilization of sub-products shipment, and unloads. The Agricultural Marketing Service will collect information using forms TB–26, Tobacco Stocks Report, and TB–39, Quarterly Report of Manufacture and Sales of Snuff, Smoking, and Chewing Tobacco.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information on the total supply of unmanufactured tobacco available to domestic manufacturers and to monitor the size, growth, or decline of the market. The data is required for the calculation of production quotas for individual types of tobacco under the Agricultural Adjustment Act of 1938. Without the information USDA would not be able to disseminate marketing information as directed and authorized in the Act.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit.

Number of Respondents: 81.

Frequency of Responses: Reporting; quarterly.

Total Burden Hours: 298.

Agricultural Marketing Service

Title: Almonds Grown in California, Marketing Order 981.

OMB Control Number: 0581–0071.

Summary of Collection: Marketing Order No. 981 (7 CFR Part 981), regulates the handling of almonds grown in California and emanates from enabling legislation (the Agricultural Marketing Agreement Act of 1937, Secs. 1–19, 48 Stats. 31, as amended; 7 U.S.C. 601–674). This legislation, hereinafter referred to as the act, was designed to permit regulation of certain agricultural commodities for the purpose of providing orderly marketing conditions in interstate commerce and improving returns to growers. Regulations apply to almonds shipped within and outside of the production area to any market, except those specifically exempt. The Order also authorizes the establishment of production research and marketing research and development projects, including paid advertising. California accounts for all of the U.S. almond production, approximately 70% of which is exported. The Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) will collect information using several forms submitted by growers and handlers.

Need and Use of the Information: AMS will collect information so industry statistics may be published, for program compliance reasons and to determine industry support for programs or changes thereto and determine qualifications. Without the information the Board would not be able to carry out the purposes of the Act and the Order.

Description of Respondents: Business or other for-profit; Farms.

Number of Respondents: 7,658.

Frequency of Responses: Recordkeeping; Reporting: On occasion; Monthly.

Total Burden Hours: 2,638.

Nancy B. Sternberg,

Departmental Clearance Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Foreign Agricultural Service

Assessment of Fees for Dairy Import Licenses for the 2000 Quota Year

AGENCY: Foreign Agricultural Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: This notice announces that the fee to be charged for the 2000 tariff-rate quota (TRQ) year for each license issued to a person or firm by the Department of Agriculture authorizing the importation of certain dairy articles which are subject to tariff-rate quotas set forth in the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States (HTS) will be \$130.00 per license.

EFFECTIVE DATE: January 1, 2000.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard P. Warsack, Dairy Import Quota Manager, Import Policies and Programs Division, STOP 1021, U.S. Department of Agriculture, 1400 Independence Avenue, SW., Washington, DC 20250–1021 or telephone at (202) 720–9439 or e-mail at warsack@usda.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The Dairy Tariff-Rate Import Licensing Regulation promulgated by the Department of Agriculture and codified at 7 CFR 6.20–6.36 provides for the issuance of licenses to import certain dairy articles which are subject to TRQs set forth in the HTS. Those dairy articles may only be entered into the United States at the in-quota TRQ tariff rates by or for the account of a person or firm to whom such licenses have been issued and only in accordance with the terms and conditions of the regulation.

Licenses are issued on a calendar year basis, and each license authorizes the

license holder to import a specified quantity and type of dairy article from a specified country of origin. The use of licenses by the license holder to import dairy articles is monitored by the Dairy Import Quota Manager, Import Licensing Group, Import Policies and Programs Division, Foreign Agricultural Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Customs Service.

The Regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) provides that a fee will be charged for each license issued to a person or firm by the Licensing Authority in order to reimburse the Department of Agriculture for the costs of administering the licensing system under this Regulation.

The Regulation at 7 CFR 6.33(a) also provides that the Licensing Authority will announce the annual fee for each license and that such fee will be set out in a notice to be published in the **Federal Register**. Accordingly, this notice sets out the fee for the licenses to be issued for the 2000 calendar year.

Notice

The total cost to the Department of Agriculture of administering the licensing system during 1999 has been determined to be \$335,352 and the estimated number of licenses expected to be issued is 2,582. Of the total cost, \$173,357 represent staff and supervisory costs directly related to administering the licensing system during 1999; \$50,320 represents the total computer costs to monitor and issue import licenses during 1999; and \$111,675 represents other miscellaneous cost, including travel, postage, publications, forms, a new FAX machine, and an ADP system contractor.

Accordingly, notice is hereby given that the fee for each license issued to a person or firm for the 2000 calendar year, in accordance with 7 CFR 6.33, will be \$130.00 per license.

Issued at Washington, DC the 30th day of June, 1999.

Richard P. Warsack,

Licensing Authority.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Bureau of Export Administration

Materials Technical Advisory Committee; Notice of Partially Closed Meeting

The Materials Technical Advisory Committee will meet July 22, 1999, 10:30 a.m., Herbert C. Hoover Building, Room 3733, 14th Street between

Constitution & Pennsylvania Avenues, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Committee advises the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Export Administration with respect to technical questions that affect the level of export controls applicable to materials and related technology.

Agenda

General Session

1. Opening remarks by the Chairman.
2. Presentation of papers and comments by the public.
3. Presentation on status of Western Group discussions at the Ad Hoc Group negotiations regarding protocol for the Biological Weapons Convention (BWC).
4. Discussion of comments provided on draft documents on Declaration Format and Triggers for the BWC.

Executive Session

5. Discussion of matters properly classified under Executive Order 12958, dealing with U.S. export control programs and strategic criteria related thereto.

The General Session of the meeting will be open to the public and a limited number of seats will be available. Reservations are not required. To the extent time permits, members of the public may present oral statements to the Committee. Written statements may be submitted at any time before or after the meeting. However, to facilitate distribution of public presentation materials to the Committee members, the materials should be forwarded prior to the meeting to the address below: Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter, BXA MS: 3876, U.S. Department of Commerce, 15 St. & Pennsylvania Ave., N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

The Assistant Secretary for Administration, with the concurrence of the delegate of the General Counsel, formally determined on February 24, 1998, pursuant to section 10(d) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, as amended, that the series of meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee and of any Subcommittee thereof dealing with the classified materials listed in 5 U.S.C. 552(c)(1) shall be exempt from the provisions relating to public meetings found in section 10(a)(1) and (a)(3) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act. The remaining series of meetings or portions thereof will be open to the public.

A copy of the Notice of Determination to close meetings or portions of meetings of the Committee is available for public inspection and copying in the Central Reference and Records Inspection Facility, Room 6020, U.S.

Department of Commerce, Washington, D.C. For more information call Ms. Lee Ann Carpenter at (202) 482-2583.

Dated: July 1, 1999.

Lee Ann Carpenter,
Committee Liaison Officer.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

International Trade Administration

[A-421-805]

Preliminary Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review; Aramid Fiber Formed of Poly Para-Phenylene Terephthalamide From the Netherlands

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

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

EFFECTIVE DATE: July 8, 1999.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce ("the Department") is conducting an administrative review of the antidumping duty order on aramid fiber formed of poly para-phenylene terephthalamide ("PPD-T aramid") from the Netherlands in response to requests by respondent, Akzo Nobel Aramid Products, Inc. and Aramid Products V.o.F. ("Akzo") and petitioner, E.I. DuPont de Nemours and Company. This review covers sales of this merchandise to the United States during the period June 1, 1997, through May 31, 1998, by Akzo. The results of the review indicate the existence of dumping margins for the above period.

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

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Russell Morris, Office of AD/CVD Enforcement VI, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20230; Telephone: (202) 482-1775.

The Applicable Statute and Regulations

Unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended ("the Act"), are references to the provisions effective January 1, 1995, the effective date of the amendments made to the Act by the Uruguay Round Agreements Act ("URAA"). In addition,

unless otherwise indicated, all citations to the Department's regulations are to the regulations at 19 CFR Part 351 (April 1998).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

The Department published in the **Federal Register** the antidumping duty order on PPD-T aramid from the Netherlands on June 24, 1994 (59 FR 32678). On June 10, 1998, we published in the **Federal Register** (63 FR 31717) a notice of "Opportunity to Request an Administrative Review" of this order covering the period June 1, 1997, through May 31, 1998.

In accordance with 19 CFR 351.213(b), Akzo and petitioner requested that we conduct an administrative review for the aforementioned period. On July 28, 1998, the Department published a notice of "Initiation of Antidumping Review" (63 FR 40258). The Department is now conducting this administrative review pursuant to section 751 of the Act.

Scope of Review

The products covered by this review are all forms of PPD-T aramid from the Netherlands. These consist of PPD-T aramid in the form of filament yarn (including single and corded), staple fiber, pulp (wet or dry), spun-laced and spun-bonded nonwovens, chopped fiber, and floc. Tire cord is excluded from the class or kind of merchandise under review. This merchandise is currently classifiable under the *Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States* ("HTSUS") item numbers 5402.10.3020, 5402.10.3040, 5402.10.6000, 5503.10.1000, 5503.10.9000, 5601.30.0000, and 5603.00.9000. The HTSUS item numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description of the scope remains dispositive.

Transactions Reviewed

In accordance with section 751 of the Act, the Department is required to determine the normal value ("NV") and export price ("EP") or constructed export price ("CEP") of each entry of subject merchandise. See Section 751(a)(2)(A). Because there can be a significant lag between entry date and sale date for CEP sales, it has been the Department's practice to examine U.S. CEP sales during the period of review ("POR"). See *Gray Portland Cement and Clinker From Japan; Final Results of Antidumping Duty Administrative Review*, 58 FR 48826 (1993) (the Department did not consider ESP (now CEP) entries which were sold after the