

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**International Trade Administration**

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Wax and Wax/Resin Thermal Transfer Ribbons From France, Japan, and the Republic of Korea; Notice of Postponement of Preliminary Determinations in Antidumping Duty Investigations

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

ACTION: Notice of postponement of preliminary determinations in antidumping duty investigations.

SUMMARY: The Department of Commerce is postponing the preliminary determinations in the antidumping duty investigations of wax and wax/resin thermal transfer ribbons from France, Japan and the Republic of Korea from November 6, 2003 until no later than December 16, 2003. These postponements are made pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Tariff Act of 1930, as amended.

EFFECTIVE DATE: October 21, 2003

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Mark Hoadley (France) at (202) 482-3148, Cheryl Werner (Japan) at (202) 482-3208, or Fred Baker (Republic of Korea) at (202) 482-2924, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

On June 27, 2003, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published a notice of initiation of these antidumping duty investigations covering the period from April 1, 2002 through March 31, 2003 (68 FR 38305). The notice of initiation stated that the Department would issue preliminary determinations no later than 140 days after the date of initiation. See 68 FR 38308. Presently, the preliminary determinations in these investigations are due on November 6, 2003.

Postponement of Preliminary Determinations

Pursuant to section 733(b)(1)(A) of the Act, the Department shall make a preliminary determination in an investigation of an antidumping duty order within 140 days after the date on which the Department initiates the investigation. The Act further provides, however, that the Department may extend the 140-day period to 190 days

if the petitioner makes a timely request for an extension. On October 3, 2003, the petitioner made timely requests pursuant to 19 CFR 351.205(e) for 40-day postponements, pursuant to section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, of the preliminary determinations in these investigations. Petitioner stated that postponements of the preliminary determinations are necessary due to the complexity of the issues involved in these cases, such as model matching/product characteristics, and also the timing of the respondents' submissions and supplemental questionnaire responses.

Under section 733(c)(1)(A) of the Act, if the petitioner makes a timely request for an extension of the period within which the preliminary determination must be made under subsection (b)(1), then the Department may postpone making the preliminary determination under subsection (b)(1) until not later than the 190th day after the date on which the administering authority initiates an investigation. Therefore, in accordance with petitioner's requests for postponements, the Department is postponing the preliminary determinations in these investigations for 40 days for the reasons stated in petitioner's requests. These preliminary determinations will now be due no later than December 16, 2003.

This notice is issued and published pursuant to section 733(c)(2) of the Act and 19 CFR 351.205(f).

Dated: October 14, 2003.

James J. Jochum,
Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE**National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration**

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Small Takes of Marine Mammals Incidental to Specified Activities; Oceanographic Survey in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean Near Bermuda

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Notice of extension of comment deadline.

SUMMARY: Under the Marine Mammal Protection Act (MMPA), on October 9, 2003, NMFS published a notice of receipt of an application for the

harassment of marine mammals incidental to conducting an oceanographic survey in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean near Bermuda. By this document, NMFS announces an extension of the comment deadline.

DATES: Comments and information must be received no later than November 10, 2003.

ADDRESSES: Comments should be addressed to the Chief, Marine Mammal Conservation Division, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service, 1315 East-West Highway, Silver Spring, MD 20910-3226. A copy of the application may be obtained by writing to this address or by telephoning the contact listed here. Comments cannot be accepted if submitted via e-mail or the Internet.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Sarah C. Hagedorn, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, (301) 713-2322, ext 117.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:**Background**

Section 101(a)(5)(A) of the MMPA (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*) directs the Secretary of Commerce (Secretary) to allow, upon request, the incidental, but not intentional taking of marine mammals by U.S. citizens who engage in a specified activity (other than commercial fishing) within a specified geographical region if certain findings are made and regulations are issued.

On October 9, 2003 (68 FR 58308), NMFS announced that it had received an application from the Lamont-Doherty Earth Observatory (LDEO) for an Incidental Harassment Authorization to take small numbers of marine mammals, by harassment, incidental to conducting an oceanographic survey in the Northwest Atlantic Ocean near Bermuda. Under the MMPA, NMFS requested comments on its proposal to issue an authorization to LDEO to incidentally take, by harassment, small numbers of several species of marine mammals for a limited period of time within the next year. By this document, NMFS extends the comment period on the application and its preliminary determination until November 10, 2003.

Dated: October 14, 2003.

Donna Wieting,

Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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