

Filmax, Filati, and Rubfil also held pioneer status. However, these companies experienced a tax loss during the period of review and, therefore, did not benefit from this program.

To calculate the benefit, we determined the tax savings from this program during the review period and divided that by total exports. On this basis, we determine the net bounty or grant from this program to be 0.28 percent *ad valorem* during the review period.

II. Programs Preliminarily Determined Not To Be Used

We also examined the following programs and preliminarily determine that the exporters of extruded rubber thread did not use them with respect to exports of the subject merchandise to the United States during the review period:

- Investment Tax Allowance.
- Abatement of Five Percent of Taxable Income Due to Location in a Promoted Industrial Area.
- Allowance of a Percentage of Net Taxable Income Based on the f.o.b. Value of Export Sales.
- Double Deduction of Export Credit Insurance Payments.
- Abatement of Taxable Income of Five Percent of Adjusted Income of Companies Due to Capital Participation and Employment Policy Adherence.
- Preferential Financing for Bumiputras.
- Abatement of Income Tax Based on the Ratio of Export Sales to Total Sales.
- Industrial Building Allowance.
- Double Deduction for Export Promotion Expenses.

III. Program Preliminarily Found to be Terminated Abatement of Five Percent of the Value of Indigenous Malaysian Materials Used in Exports

This program was terminated effective January 1, 1993, and provided no residual benefits to manufacturers and exporters in Malaysia of extruded rubber thread. See *Final Results of First Review*.

Preliminary Results of Review

For the period January 1, 1993, through December 31, 1993, we preliminarily determine that the net bounty or grant to be 1.00 percent *ad valorem*.

If the final results of this review remain the same as these preliminary results, the Department intends to instruct the U.S. Customs Service to assess countervailing duties at 1.00 percent of the f.o.b. invoice price on shipments of the subject merchandise exported on or after January 1, 1993, and on or before December 31, 1993.

The Department also intends to instruct the Customs Service to collect a cash deposit of estimated countervailing duties of 1.00 percent for all firms on shipments of this merchandise entered, or withdrawn from warehouse, for consumption on or after the date of publication of the final results of this administrative review.

Parties to this proceeding may request disclosure of the calculation methodology and interested parties may request a hearing not later than 10 days after date of publication of this notice. Interested parties may submit written arguments in case briefs on these preliminary results within 30 days of the date of publication. Rebuttal briefs, limited to arguments raised in case briefs, may be submitted seven days after the time limit for filing the case brief. Any hearing, if requested, will be held seven days after the scheduled date for submission of rebuttal briefs. Copies of case briefs and rebuttal briefs must be served on interested parties in accordance with 19 CFR 355.38(e).

Representatives of parties to the proceeding may request disclosure of proprietary information under administrative protective order no later than 10 days after the representative's client or employer becomes a party to the proceeding, but in no event later than the date the case briefs, under section 355.38(c), are due.

The Department will publish the final results of this administrative review including the results of its analysis of issues raised in any case or rebuttal brief or at a hearing.

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 355.22.

Dated: May 15, 1995.

Susan G. Esserman,
Assistant Secretary for Import
Administration.

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Lamb Meat From New Zealand; Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review and Revocation of Countervailing Duty Order

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

ACTION: Notice of final results of countervailing duty administrative review and revocation of countervailing duty order.

SUMMARY: On March 1, 1995, the Department of Commerce (the Department) published in the **Federal Register** its preliminary results of administrative review of the countervailing duty order on lamb meat from New Zealand for the period April 1, 1992, through March 31, 1993. We have completed this review and determine the net subsidy to be 0.0013 percent *ad valorem* for all companies. In accordance with 19 CFR 355.7, any rate less than 0.5 percent *ad valorem* is *de minimis*. We will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to liquidate, without regard to countervailing duties, all shipments of this merchandise as indicated above. In addition, because the requirements for revocation of the order have been met by the Government of New Zealand (GONZ) pursuant to 19 CFR 355.25(a)(1), the Department is revoking the countervailing duty order. **EFFECTIVE DATE:** May 22, 1995.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Gayle Longest or Kelly Parkhill at the Office of Countervailing Compliance, Import Administration, International Trade Administration, U.S. Department of Commerce, 14th Street and Constitution Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20230; telephone: (202) 482-2786.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Background

On March 1, 1995, the Department published in the **Federal Register** (60 FR 11072) the preliminary results of its administrative review of the countervailing duty order on lamb meat from New Zealand and intent to revoke the countervailing duty order. We invited interested parties to comment on the preliminary results and intent to revoke. We received no comments.

The review covered the period April 1, 1992, through March 31, 1993. The review involved 9 companies and the following programs which we verified have been terminated:

- (1) Livestock Incentive Scheme (LIS)
- (2) Regional Development Suspensory Loan Scheme (RDSL)
- (3) Export Assistance Grant Scheme (EAGS)
- (4) The Export Market Development Taxation Incentive (EMDTI)
- (5) Export Suspensory Loan Scheme (ESLS)
- (6) Export Programme Grant Scheme (EPGS / Export Programme Suspensory Loan Scheme (EPSLS))

Scope of Review

Imports covered by this review are shipments of lamb meat, other than prepared, preserved, or processed, from

New Zealand. This merchandise is currently classifiable under item numbers 0204.10.0000, 0204.22.2000, 0204.23.2000, 0204.30.0000, 0204.42.2000, and 0204.43.2000 of the Harmonized Tariff Schedule (HTS). The HTS numbers are provided for convenience and Customs purposes. The written description remains dispositive.

Revocation of the Countervailing Duty Order

According to 19 CFR 355.25(b), a government meets the minimum threshold requirement for revocation of an order if, in requesting the third consecutive administrative review of the order, the government submits a certification that the government has abolished all subsidy programs for the subject merchandise for a period of three consecutive years, and that the government will not reinstate the abolished programs or substitute other countervailable programs. Under 19 CFR 355.25(a)(1)(i), the Department must have also found that there was no net subsidy for the subject merchandise in the two consecutive administrative reviews prior to the year in which the government requests revocation, and in the third consecutive administrative review, the Department must also determine that there is no net subsidy. If the foregoing threshold requirements are met, and the Department determines in the review during which revocation has been requested that the government has eliminated all subsidies on the subject merchandise for the third consecutive year, and is not likely to substitute or replace formerly countervailable programs with new subsidies, then the Department will revoke the order.

Based upon certification by the GONZ, as well as the Department's administrative determinations, we have determined that the GONZ has abolished all subsidy programs for lamb meat for a period of three consecutive years. In addition, the GONZ has certified that it will not reinstate the abolished programs or substitute other countervailable programs. We therefore determine that there is no likelihood that the GONZ will substitute or replace formerly countervailable programs with new subsidies. Accordingly, we are revoking the countervailing duty order.

Calculation Methodology for Assessment and Cash Deposit Purposes

We calculated the bounty or grant from the LIS, (the only terminated program with residual benefits), on a country-wide basis by treating the loan amounts forgiven in prior years as

grants and allocated those amounts over five years, the average useful life of breeding stock. This methodology is described in § 355.49(g) of *Countervailing Duties; Notice of Proposed Rulemaking and Request for Public Comments* (51 FR 23366, 233385; May 31, 1989). Because the 1988 grant under this program was allocated over five years, we find that a benefit was conferred during the review period; however, this is the last year of the five-year benefit stream and no further benefits will be provided under these LIS loans. The discount rate chosen was the average interest rate on overdrafts during the year in which the loans were forgiven.

The methodology and discount rate are the same used in previous administrative reviews (see e.g. *Lamb Meat from New Zealand; Preliminary Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review* (56 FR 27243; June 13, 1991) and *Lamb Meat from New Zealand; Final Results of Countervailing Duty Administrative Review* (56 FR 38423; August 13, 1991)). We added the value of the benefits from the grants and multiplied the results by a factor determined to represent the value of lamb meat as a percentage of the total value of all livestock production. We then divided that result by the total value of lamb meat production during the review period. The country-wide rate calculated using this methodology was *de minimis*, as defined by 19 CFR § 355.7.

Final Results of Review

For the period April 1, 1992, through March 31, 1993, we determine the net subsidy to be 0.0013 percent *ad valorem* for all companies. In accordance with 19 CFR § 355.7, any rate less than 0.5 percent *ad valorem* is *de minimis*.

Therefore, the Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to liquidate, without regard to countervailing duties, all shipments of this merchandise exported on or after April 1, 1992, and before March 31, 1993; in addition, the Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to refund with interest any deposits of estimated duties on such entries.

We have determined that the GONZ has met the requirements for revocation of the countervailing duty order pursuant to 19 CFR § 355.25(a)(1) and 19 CFR § 355.25(b)(1). Therefore, the Department will instruct the U.S. Customs Service to terminate suspension of liquidation on entries of the subject merchandise and to liquidate, without regard to countervailing duties, such merchandise exported on or after April 1, 1993, the

first day after the period reviewed herein. We will also instruct the Customs Service to refund any deposits of estimated duties on such entries.

Administrative Protective Order (APO)

This notice serves as the only reminder to parties subject to APO of their responsibilities concerning the return or destruction of proprietary information disclosed under APO in accordance with 19 CFR 353.34(d). Failure to comply is a violation of the APO.

This administrative review and notice are in accordance with section 751(a)(1) of the Tariff Act (19 U.S.C. 1675(a)(1)), 19 CFR 355.22, and 19 CFR 355.25.

Dated: May 15, 1995.

Susan G. Esserman,

Assistant Secretary for Import Administration.

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Announcement of Opportunities for Research Funding in the National Estuarine Research Reserve System for Fiscal Year 1996

AGENCY: Sanctuaries and Reserves Division (SRD), Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management (OCRM), National Ocean Service (NOS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Department of Commerce (DOC).

ACTION: Notice.

SUMMARY: The Sanctuaries and Reserves Division of the Office of Ocean and Coastal Resource Management is soliciting proposals for funding research within the National Estuarine Research Reserve System. The focus of funding for the upcoming annual grant period is the restoration of estuarine and estuarine-like ecosystems. This notice sets forth funding priorities, selection criteria, and procedures for proposal submission.

DATES: All pre-proposals must be postmarked no later than July 14, 1995. Notification regarding the disposition of the pre-proposals will be issued on or about September 1, 1995. Final proposals must be postmarked no later than November 1, 1995.

ADDRESSES: Dr. Dwight Trueblood, Research Coordinator, Sanctuaries and Reserves Division, NOAA/Office of